

**Minutes of the Board of Directors  
One Room School House Project, Inc.**

Meeting Date: 2-26-15  
Time: 3:00 PM  
Location: 4180 NE 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
Gainesville, FL 32609

Call to Order: Ms. Valantis called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.  
Roll Call was taken.

Members Present: Arthur Newman  
Cheryl Valantis  
Juniper DiGiovanni

In attendance: *Neil Drake*  
*Brett Beckett*  
*Michele Borst*

Mr. Beckett presented the Board with a budget request. The request reflects the need for new curriculum at many grade levels in support of common core standards, some improvements to the school's security, outdoor facilities and enhancements to the educational technology component. Specifically, the school needs fencing to keep neighborhood adolescents off campus, some security cameras, lighting, coverings for the courts so that physical education can be held in inclement weather, and more classroom computers to keep up with the demand for on line curriculum. While there is some funding built into the budget, another eighty to one hundred thousand dollars of reserve funding is requested to bring all these areas up to standards.

Mr. Drake announced that Mr. Beckett will be stepping down as principal at the end of the year to pursue other educational interests.

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Dr. Newman suggested that Mr. Drake begin a search for Mr. Beckett's replacement as soon as possible.

Ms. Valantis reported that efforts to secure a mortgage loan for the purchase of the facilities should be put on hold as the bankers that the school has been working with are worried about the total lack of uncertainty and confusion regarding school grades and future consequences to charter schools.

Mr. Drake presented the 15-16 school calendar that is based on the changes he had outlined at the last board meeting. It puts virtually all of our school days in front of the state testing.

Mr. Drake discussed with the board how initiatives in the school improvement plan have been implemented and how they are affecting performance. He said that the emphasis on math and math tutoring has been very helpful, in particular Mr. Torres' implementation of a standards based computer program that presents individualized content to each student and tracks student progress.

Mr. Drake reported that he is still pursuing a suitable facility to house the VPK program but has so far been unsuccessful.

Ms. Valantis welcomed Ms. Borst, who has recently completed her training, to the board.

Mr. Drake reported on some new hires of teacher/tutors that will help increase tutoring services prior to the state testing and act as substitutes for the rest of the school year.

**Treasurers Report:** Dr. Newman presented the board with the most recent financial information.

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**ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Adopt Minutes:**

Motion: Adopt the minutes from the Board Meeting of 10-30-14 as they have been recorded.

Second: Valantis  
Vote: Yea - 3  
No - 0

Motion Carries

**2. New Board Member :** Ms. Valantis presented Ms. Michele Borst to the board for consideration as a member. The Board interviewed Ms. Borst.

Motion: Elect Michele Borst to the Board of Directors as a full member.  
(Newman)

Second: Valantis  
Vote: Yea - 3  
No - 0

Motion Carries

**3. Enrollment Dates:**

Motion: The board approves the following enrollment dates for the 2015-16 school year: February 27, 2015, March 15, 2015, June 8, 2015, July 24, 2015  
The board will approve more dates as needed. (Valantis)

Second: Newman  
Vote: Yea - 4  
No - 0

Motion Carries

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**4. Calendar:** Mr. Drake presented the board with a calendar for the 2015-16 school year. It reflects changes the district has made to its calendar. The calendar shall be updated as needed administratively based on local or state requirements.

Motion: The board approves the changes submitted for the 2015-16 calendar. (Valantis)

Second: Borst

Vote: Yea - 4  
No - 0

Motion Carries

**5. Reserve Funding for Improvements:** The Board reviewed the budget amendments presented by Mr. Beckett and Mr. Drake that reflect current enrollment and staffing and requests for improvements to safety on campus, new curriculum needs, and more educational technology needs.

Motion: The Board of Directors approves the expenditure of up to \$100,000.00 of reserve funds for curriculum, improvements to campus security, safety, facility utility and educational technology. (Newman)

Second: Borst

Vote: Yea - 4  
No - 0

Motion Carries

**6. Principal Search and Recommendation:** The board discussed the most effective way to find and hire a new principal.

Motion: Mr. Drake will search for a new principal for the school both within the current school personnel and outside the school. He will make a recommendation to the board when he is satisfied that qualified candidates have been located. (Valantis)

Second: Newman

Vote: Yea - 4  
No - 0


Motion Carries

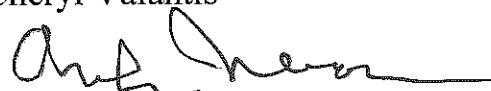
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MEMBERS CONCERNS

- **Next Meeting:** Ms. Valantis requested that the board have its annual meeting in early June.

These minutes were faithfully recorded by Cheryl Valantis, President.  
We agree that these minutes honestly and faithfully represent the business of the Board of Directors at their meeting on 2-26-15.

  
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Cheryl Valantis

  
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Arthur Newman

  
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