

Oceanside Collegiate Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
580 Faison Rd
Mt Pleasant, SC
October 26, 2021
4:00pm

- Call to order - Chair Marvin Arnsdorff called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. Board members in attendance were Nora Howard, Sandra Patrick, Greg Smith, Gary Nestler, Danny Johnson, Chris Swisher. Others in attendance were Cristina Brown, Tyler Turner, Mark Meyer. Attending by phone is Mike Miller.
- Mission Statement- Chair Marvin Arnsdorff read the mission statement. Oceanside Collegiate Academy will serve high school students in a safe, small, family-centered setting who seek the opportunity and challenge of a rigorous curriculum, high academic standards, outstanding athletics while earning up to two years of college credit while in high school.
- Approval of Agenda - Nora Howard moved to approve the agenda, Danny Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Approval of Minutes for 9-21-21 & 10-5-21 - Kira Perdue moved to approve the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Sandra Patrick. Motion passed unanimously.
- Public Comment/Introduction of Guests - Michelle Crawford - her son is sophomore. Concerned about the method in which board is handling Erskine issues. Does not like the misinformation that has been put out. Wants to know why the board didn't know about the meeting the governor called. She said that the board needs to be managing the EMO.
- Athletic Director - girls swimming won the state championship- They were clapped in on red carpet. The boys swimming finished 2nd. Turf field is underway-the clearing and grading has started. Girls' tennis and volleyball have games tonight. Football's last regular season game is this Friday. OCA has rented CCSD stadium for playoff game. Shark or treat is tomorrow from 5:30-7:30 on campus. Nov 6 will have 1st annual midnight madness. Chris Singleton will speak. Basketball starts Nov 1. The class of 2021 wall of fame will be mounted next week. Boys and Girls Club Rugby is coming to OCA. See attached report
- Principal's Report - Cristina Brown - see attached - ESSR 1 federal grants claims are complete, and OCA is waiting for reimbursement. ESSR 2 claims are for \$54K, Geer grants are for salaries and software. She is working on guidelines for ESSR 3 funds. School improvement plan has 3 goals- 1. increase algebra 1 on EOC, 2. increase outside professional development to assist with content areas, 3. develop reteach/retake policy. Working with Charleston County Library for all 9th graders to receive library cards so they can access databases for research. Free reading Fridays for kids to select their own books to read. Lottery took place, invitations have been sent, 382 waitlist. 1st shark talk will be held at the Wando library-just for students who received an invitation to attend OCA from lottery.
- Financial Report - Mike Miller - read by Marvin Arnsdorff on behalf of Mike Miller who was unavailable. See attached. Mike Miller later reported that at end of 2020 fiscal year, OCA had a profit of \$1.65Million. Cash balance on the report is just prior to monthly allocations. As of today, there is just under \$4million in the bank and should be about to pay for practice field.
- Chairman's Report - Marvin Arnsdorff- Nov 29-Dec1 is the public charter school alliance will hold an in-person conference in Charleston. Introduction of Superintendent of Limestone Charter Association- Mrs. Angel Malone - leader in public education for over 21 yrs. She is the Director of Career and Technical Education for the SC Dept of Education. She has overseen all secondary and post-secondary Career and Technology Education programs and has managed a budget of over \$60million. She founded and served as principal of Orangeburg High School for Health Professions. She plans to give

compassionate authorization. Limestone Charter Association's job to support the schools so they can fulfill their goals and the authorizer is to manage the intent of the law for schools and district that governs. Growth is important, she wants to foster innovation. The job of the association is to provide oversight, leadership and partnership for academics, operations, finance. Partnership needs transparent communication. Oversight and support behind it-experience of building the school Nora Howard asked Mrs. Malone "Obviously you are well suited for the position you hold. If OCA chooses Limestone as its authorizer, are you going to cooperatively work with our EMO Pinnacle Management Group? Also, if you accept OCA's contract with the EMO and our school charter, will you try and change either agreement as other authorizers have tried to do once OCA becomes affiliated with Limestone?" Mrs. Malone replied that she will work with the school for oversight, but it is ultimately the board's responsibility to manage the EMO, being mindful of ensuring fiscal responsibility by the EMO. Michelle Crawford wanted to know why Ms. Malone was at the meeting. She was invited by the Chair to attend and to provide info on Limestone Charter Association. If the attendees have any further questions, they should submit them via the board email provided.

Dr. Arnsdorff reported that on the SC School report card from 2021-OCA outperformed district and state on English, algebra, biology, us history EOC exams, 100 pass rate on high school civics exams, 99% on time graduation. OCA has received clean audit for several consecutive years and has a healthy financial fund.

- Erskine update- OCA has been cooperating with CIE for the last 18 mos. Kira Perdue gave explanation that, as with most boards, there is a reason for executive session. It is a standard procedure. Another effort to communicate with CIE will be made and the board will go into executive session because there are contractual and legal issues to discuss. Also, no votes can be taken in executive session. Greg Smith acknowledged that he joined the board because he is a strong proponent of the school and that he liked the business model and mission. He joined board after son graduated because the school has outperformed other schools in the area across the board. He has full confidence that this school will not close, and this board will insure this doesn't happen.
- Greg Smith moved to go into executive session, seconded by Sandra Patrick. Motion passed unanimously. Board went into executive session.
- Nora Howard moved to come out of executive session, seconded by Gary Nestler. Motion passed unanimously. Board came out of executive session. No votes were taken in executive session.
- Nora Howard moved to adjourn, seconded by Kira Perdue. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.