

OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 27,2023

Meeting opened with prayer.

In attendance: Cindy Elsberry, Deborah Loesch, Alex Cisneros, Jon Walker, Stephen Gerhing, Cindy Blackwell, Eric Arrell, and Hannah Atwood. Also in attendance: Adam Anderle.

Discussion of adding six- man tackle football to Junior High School Athletics led by Adam Anderle, coach. Training will be done for all coaches on concussions, AED use, general safety, etc. Athletes will have new, updated equipment. There will be a designated trainer at all games. Release forms will be signed by the parents. The insurance is covered by the insurance company of Oak Street Baptist Church. Adam will commit to coaching for three years. Motion made to sanction Junior High six-man tackle football for Open Door Christian School. Seconded and approved.

Financial Report presented by Alex Cisneros and discussed. Report shows a negative Operating Net Income currently which is projected for July and August also. Financial Report accepted.

Safety door update presented by Jon Walker. The safety doors have been installed in the Elementary Building. Awaiting installation of Pre-K Building doors.

New High School building renovation discussed. A donation of \$17,500 has been given to go towards renovations by Brazos Valley Church. A renovation committee is being formed by Oak Street to oversee the renovations and obtain bids for the work. Plan for classrooms that will be used in the Elementary Building for 2023-24 school year presented by Hannah Atwood. Brazos Valley Church has asked that the Driver Family be recognized. Motion made that a plaque be made to put on the outside of the Junior High Building to recognize the Driver Family. Seconded and approved.

Principal Report presented by Hannah Atwood. Current enrollment is 149 students. Discussed employing Marcos Gonzalez as P.E. teacher. Motion made to hire Marcos Gonzalez as P.E. teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Seconded and approved.

Election of Open Door School Board Officers for 2023-24 school year discussed. Motion made to amend the Open Door Christian School Board Policies to extend the office of President for the 2023-24 school year. Seconded and approved. Officers for the 2023-24 school year are:

President: Cindy Elsberry

Vice President: Eric Arrell

Secretary: Cindy Blackwell

Treasurer: Alex Cisneros

Motion made to accept these as Open Door Christian School Board Officers. Seconded and approved. Motion made to amend the Open Door School Board policy to read that it is preferable that a school board member not be the spouse of an employee of Open Door. Seconded and approved. Stephen Gehring abstained from voting.

Traffic control requests to the City of Graham discussed. Cindy Elsberry will set up a time to go before the City of Graham City Counsel to request installing speed bumps and flashing traffic lights on Oak and First Streets, in addition to moving the crosswalk on Oak Street in front of the Jr. High.

Installation of locks for classroom doors discussed. Stephen Gehring will ask LeAnne and Loyall Watkins to discuss this and develop a plan for lock installation.

Home School student participation in STEM, computer Science for High School, Art, and choir for 2nd-8th grades discussed. Motion made to charge Homeschool students a fee of \$200/semester per student for STEM and Art for 2nd-8th grade students and for High School computer Science students and a charge of \$50/year per student for Choir. Seconded and approved.

Next Board meeting scheduled for August 7, 2023.

Motion made to adjourn open meeting to Executive session. Seconded and approved.

Open Meeting reconvened.

Motion made to hire Valerie Todd as Director of Fundraising. Seconded and approved.

Motion made to allow teacher stipends for teachers for professional development if teachers are participating in continuing education. Seconded and approved. Stephen Gehring abstained from voting.

Motion made to accept adjusted teacher salary matrix as presented by Alex Cisneros. Seconded and approved. Stephen Gehring abstained from voting.

Motion made to move \$75,000 from the Misti Ayers Scholarship Fund to a CD for up to one year with the ability to roll over. Seconded and approved.

Motion made to move \$100,000 from the Open Door Christian School General Fund to a CD for up to one year with the ability to roll over. Seconded and approved.

Motion made to increase the tuition for the 2024-25 school year to \$6,000 for Pre-K, \$5,800 for 1st-8th, and \$6,200 for 9th-12th grades. Seconded with 5 yes votes and 2 nays. Amendment to the motion to increase the tuition 15% for 2024-25 school year and 15% for 2025-26 school year. Seconded with 2 yes votes and 5 nays. First motion accepted.

Motion made to adjourn meeting. Seconded and approved. Meeting closed with prayer.

Submitted by:

Cindy Blackwell- Secretary