

**Oglethorpe Charter School  
Governing Board Meeting  
Agenda  
October 26, 2020**

**Open Session**

**5:00 p.m.**

**1. Welcome**

**Lisa Reavis**

**2. Approve Agenda**

**3. Approval of September Meeting Minutes**

**4. Financial Report**

**Thomas C Buchanan**

**5. Presidents Report**

**Lisa Reavis**

**6. Administrators Report**

**Kevin Wall**

# OGLETHORPE CHARTER SCHOOL

## Governing Board Meeting September 28, 2020

**Board Members Present:** Lisa Reavis, Patrick Dean, Connor Buchanan, Regina Rahimi, Chris Hintz, Dawn Deppen, Jonathan Brown, Matt Dowling, Shenequa Gresham, Sam Carter

**Board Members Absent:** Dwayne Dawson, Jon Cohen

**Principal Present:** Kevin Wall

**Others Present:** None

**Open Session:** Called to order at 5:00 pm by Lisa Reavis

**Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda: Regina Rahimi  
Motion to second: Dawn Deppen  
Motion unanimously passed

**Approval of August meeting minutes:**  
Motion to approve: Connor Buchanan  
Motion to second: Chris Hintz  
Motion unanimously passed

**Financial Report through August, 2020 was presented by Connor Buchanan**

**President's Report:** Lisa Reavis turned this portion of the meeting over to Kevin Wall to discuss the return of a portion of 6<sup>th</sup> graders to in person learning beginning Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Principal's Report:** Mr. Wall stated out of 152 registered 6<sup>th</sup> graders, 47 of them chose to return to in person learning two days per week beginning Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. He said we have the teachers in place, and we have a safety plan in place.

We will be sending a survey out shortly to all parents of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students requesting their preference on in person learning or virtual learning. The date to begin offering in person learning for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders is October 28<sup>th</sup>. Parents will be given 5 days to submit their survey. We currently have three 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers willing to teach in person. All the others have chosen to teach virtually. We have the staffing for 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We have a mask wearing policy, in which all students will wear a mask at all times when they are in the building. The consequence for not wearing a mask would be the student would resume virtual learning.

Chris Hintz stated we must support our teachers with the current teaching system between virtual and in person. They are having to use all different methods of instruction.

Lisa Reavis suggested the board come together for an informational meeting in two weeks to check on the status of in person 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

## **Committee Reports**

**Governance and Accountability:** Chair, Patrick Dean – none.

**Nomination Committee:** Chair, Jon Cohen - none

**Academic Committee:** Chair, Regina Rahimi with Chris Hintz - none

**Other Business:** None.

**Parent, Guest, Teacher, and Staff Comments:** None.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cathy Vogel  
Oglethorpe Charter School

# OGLETHORPE CHARTER SCHOOL

## Informal Governing Board Meeting October 12, 2020

**Board Members Present:** Lisa Reavis, Patrick Dean, Connor Buchanan, Regina Rahimi, Chris Hintz, Dawn Deppen, Jonathan Brown, Matt Dowling, Shenequa Gresham, Jon Cohen

**Board Members Absent:** Dwayne Dawson, Sam Carter

**Principal Present:** Kevin Wall

**Others Present:** None

**Open Session:** Called to order at 5:00 pm by Lisa Reavis

**Agenda:** None

**President's Report:** Lisa Reavis opened the session stating this is an informal meeting to follow up on the status of the 6<sup>th</sup> graders, who began in-person learning October 5<sup>th</sup>. She requested Mr. Wall to address the board.

**Principal's Report:** Mr. Wall stated we had a successful start with 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The students were great with social distancing and wearing masks.

Mr. Wall also shared the results of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade surveys indicating how many students requested in-person learning versus virtual.

7<sup>th</sup> grade traditional: out of 152 students, 29 requested in-person learning.

7<sup>th</sup> grade looping: out of 150 students, 27 requested in-person learning.

8<sup>th</sup> grade: out of 150 students, 44 requested in-person learning.

The issue we are facing, is we don't have enough teachers returning to the building to accommodate in person learning for these 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. This is basically a no-win situation. We either force all of the teachers to return to the building for in person learning, which would risk the strong possibility of losing many of them. Or we put all students in a virtual learning model, which would upset many parents. Or finally, we utilize the number of teachers we have to accommodate as many students while still maintaining social distancing. I propose we do the following: Accept 16 students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade traditional and put the remaining 11 students on a waiting list. Accept 16 students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade looping and put the remaining 13 students on a waiting list. We can accept 27 students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and put the remaining 17 students on a waiting list. This would give us an 8 to 1 student to teacher ratio.

Patrick Dean asked how the returning students were determined from the group. Mr. Wall stated Sped students and students on a 504 plan would be offered first and the remaining students would be drawn on a lottery basis.

Mr. Wall requested the Board to consider a hazard pay stipend to the employees returning to the building. Chris Hintz stated we must support our teachers with the current teaching system between virtual and in person, as these teachers are performing double duties. He also felt the hazard pay stipend was great motivation. Jon Cohen felt this was a good working plan, but felt the stipend should be distributed to all employees, and not just the employees returning to the building.

Motion to offer teachers/staff \$500 hazard pay for returning to the building. At the next board meeting future hazard pay stipends will be revisited pending budget review:

Chris Hintz

Motion to second: Matt Dowling

All in favor: Lisa Reavis, Patrick Dean, Connor Buchanan, Regina Rahimi, Chris Hintz, Dawn Deppen, Jonathan Brown, Matt Dowling, Shenequa Gresham

All opposed: Jon Cohen

Motion passed.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Governance and Accountability:** Chair, Patrick Dean – none.

**Nomination Committee:** Chair, Jon Cohen - none

**Academic Committee:** Chair, Regina Rahimi with Chris Hintz - none

**Other Business:** None.

**Parent, Guest, Teacher, and Staff Comments:** None.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cathy Vogel  
Oglethorpe Charter School

To: OCS Governing Board  
From: Kevin Wall  
Date: October 26, 2020

**Congratulations Kenneth Harlin:** Kenneth has been selected to represent Oglethorpe Charter School as the October Student of the Month. Kenneth is a high performing 8<sup>th</sup> grader taking 3 high school classes this year (9<sup>th</sup> Comp Lit, 9<sup>th</sup> Math and 9<sup>th</sup> Physical Science). He currently is on pace for high honor roll with his current grades. Kenneth is involved in all aspects of school life at Oglethorpe. He is a member of the FBLA Leadership Club and plays on the Titan Basketball Team. Kenneth plans on going to South Effingham College and Career Academy for high school and play basketball for South Effingham High School. Kenneth would like to use his basketball talents and attend the basketball strong University of Kentucky. He does have an excellent back up plan if scholarship collegiate basketball does not take place. His plans will be to attend Georgia Tech and major in engineering. Kenneth enjoys building and creating things and feels like he will be a good fit for engineering in the future. Kenneth naturally admires both of his parents, but he also admires Labron James for his incredible work ethic and great mindset. We all know Kenneth is on an upward trajectory for success academically and athletically. **Great Kid!**

**In-person Learning Update:** Oglethorpe Charter School welcomed back forty-three 6<sup>th</sup> grade in-person learners on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. The school system voted to begin phase 3 of hybrid learning at the October 7<sup>th</sup> school board meeting. That means that 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will have an option to continue to stay in the virtual learning setting full time or do the in-person hybrid learning option. There are many details related to all aspects of the total reopening of schools for in-person learning that will continually change as we move forward. When busing starts back, we will have to probably change our schedule again to accommodate when the buses arrive and depart. I know these are difficult times for families and school staff because of all the un-knowns. Please continue to be patient with us as we move forward in this school year.

**Titan Talks:** In-person learning for OCS 6<sup>th</sup> graders began on October 6<sup>th</sup>. 43 (6<sup>th</sup> graders) are now attending in-person on Monday and Tuesday. In-person learning will begin on October 26<sup>th</sup> for 32 (7<sup>th</sup> graders) and 32 (8<sup>th</sup> graders). A waiver for attendance has been placed on the OCS web site that will need to be signed and turned in to the school. You can print the waiver, sign the waiver, and scan it back to [cynthia.glover@sccpss.com](mailto:cynthia.glover@sccpss.com) or you can drop it off personally at the school between 7:15 and 12:00 Monday – Friday. The hours for in-person learning will be from 8:10 – 12:25 on Monday and Tuesday only. We are going to make our 2 in-person days of learning during election week on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Oglethorpe Charter School is one of the polling sites and the last time we had the Presidential election, we had all our parking spaces filled up with voters prior to the teachers arriving. I am sure this year will see a huge turnout as well. If your child is attending in-

person learning, breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge. Bus transportation will not be provided. Students can be dropped off no earlier than 8:10 and must be picked up by 12:40. Failure to pick your child up by 12:40 could result in returning full time to the virtual learning setting. Students are required to wear school uniforms, and they are required to wear a mask While on the OCS campus. Students will need to bring bottle water or a clear water container to school. A touchless drinking fountain has now been retrofitted to the existing water fountains. Lastly, your child must bring a fully charged device with ear buds to school every day. We are asking all parents to remain patient and flexible as we navigate the changes that will be taking place over the next several months. When busing is finally offered again, that will sure bring about more scheduling changes.

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