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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

3434 North Monroe St.

Tallahassee, FL 32303

Wednesday, August 27th , 2025

5:00 pm

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the agenda items
3. Public Remarks
4. Principal Remarks
5. Approval of last board meeting minutes
6. Approval of out-of-field teachers
7. Approval of school budget and School Financials
8. Approval of the audit draft statement and authorize the board chair, principal and business office to approve the final audit within 5% change margin for 2024-2025 audit
9. Title-I Update
10. Closure of the meeting

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Additional Information
- Board members present -
Dr. Dogan Tozoglu, Dr. Ugur Baslanti, Mr. Bill Gladwin

Issues/Items motioned and voted on by Governing Board Members:

1. The Board meeting was called to order at 5:11 pm
2. **Approval of the agenda items** – Dr. Tozoglu moved to approve them as they are presented. Dr. Baslanti 2nd the motion. The Board unanimously approved the agenda item.
3. **Public Remarks** – There were no public remarks.
4. **Principal Remarks** – Principal Ozsahin stated that, as of today, we have 606 students enrolled. Our goal is 640. In fact, we reached that number a month ago. However, a significant number of students have since left the school, and not enough new students have enrolled. Currently, including students still in the enrollment process, we can say we have around 610 students. We are hopeful of reaching our goal of 640.
Regarding academic performance, Principal Ozsahin said, “Unfortunately, we received a C grade again this year. To improve and achieve better academic results, we have strengthened our academic team. Ms. Pago, who previously worked with us and had left, has now returned. We now have two Deans of Academics — one for elementary school and one for middle school. This structure will allow us to focus better on teaching and learning. We are hopeful for improved results next year.”
On staffing, the principal noted: “We had hired the necessary staff months ago, but some members have recently left. We are currently working to fill the positions of music teacher, computer teacher, and paraprofessionals.
Principal Ozsahin informed the board that exams have been ongoing for the past two weeks and will be completed this week.
He also highlighted recent and upcoming parent events: “Last week, we hosted a welcome picnic for our families, with over 400 participants. The atmosphere was truly wonderful. We will also be hosting

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a Grandparents' Dance in the coming days. As we strive to build a strong school community, our family engagement activities will continue throughout the year.

After Principal Ozsahin's remarks, Dr. Tozoglu added the following: As a Title 1 school, kids come from all over, so moving them from Level C is challenging. Level C is not a bad grade, but of course, our goals are aiming higher. Improvements in student performance take time. I'm glad Ms. Pago is back; she has worked with us for a long time and will make a great contribution. Parents are happy with what we provide and tend to stay with us. I really appreciate it.

5. **Approval of Last Board meetings minutes (05/21/2025)** – Dr. Tozoglu moved to approve the agenda items as it is presented. Dr. Baslanti 2nd the motion. **The Board unanimously approved the agenda item.**
6. **Approval of out-of-field teachers-** Dr. Tozoglu explained that this is a routine item every year. The school should send this list to the parents. All these teachers have certification and are eligible to teach, but they need to take endorsement or ESOL courses if they have ESOL students in their classrooms. These courses are provided by the district and need to be completed by the schoolteachers. Dr. Tozoglu moved to approve the agenda items as it is presented. Dr., Baslanti 2nd the motion. **The Board unanimously approved the agenda item.**
7. **Approval of school budget and School Financials-** Mr. Yakisikli stated that currently, we are receiving FTE funding based on 620 students. However, the projected budget is based on 640 students. Now, we have 606 students, and our goal is to reach 640 by the FTE count date. Mr. Yakisikli also mentioned that the increase in income does not directly correlate with the increase in expenses. Dr. Tozoglu agreed and added that there is currently a budget deficit. Although we have some savings, we may need to revisit the budget throughout the year to explore ways to make cuts or reallocate funding. He emphasized that we are short of 35 students, which needs to be addressed. Dr. Tozoglu moved to approve the agenda items as it is presented. **The Board unanimously approved the agenda item.**
8. **Approval of the audit draft statement and authorize the board chair, principal and business office to approve the final audit within 5% change margin for 2024-2025 audit-** Dr. Tozoglu stated that the reason we are doing this now is that, although the final audit will come later, we have

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a deadline to submit the audit by the end of September. To meet this deadline, we are including this item, which involves reviewing the initial numbers. These figures typically don't change much — it's mainly the written report that will follow later. This audit gives us a snapshot of where we stood last year in terms of income and expenditure. Overall, we are in a good position — we have over a million dollars in our bank account, and there are no concerning issues at this time. Dr. Tozoglu moved to approve the Approval of the audit draft statement and authorize the board chair, principal, and business office to approve the final audit for within 5 % change margin for 2024-2025 audit. **The Board unanimously approved the agenda item.**

9. **Title-I Update-** Mr. Yakisikli said that we submitted our Title I plan for this year and it was approved. He stated that we have \$440,000 in Title I grants this year, based on student numbers. This is \$50,000 less than last year, but it's likely to increase throughout the year. Dr. Tozoglu added that the federal government is cutting or freezing some funding, which has created uncertainty.
10. **Closure of the meeting** – Dr. Tozoglu moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:37



Dr. Dogan Tozoglu, President