Minutes of June 25, 2018, OMI Board Meeting

Members Present: Mr. Arnold Grisham, MG David Baldwin, BG James Gabrielli, Mr. Joe Wire, Mr. David Clisham, Mr. Bill Bowen, Mr. Steve Samuel, and VADM Jody Breckenridge. Members Absent: Mr. Baxter Rice and Mr. Buzz Breedlove. Staff: Mrs. Johnna Grell Superintendent, Chief Charles, Ms. Estephanie Fuentes, Mr. Mark Basnage, Ms. Jocelyn Zylstra, Ms. Cesley Frost, Mr. Prince Jordan, Mr. Isaiah Ware, and Miss Destiny Duncan. Public: Mr. Biffwayne Clark.

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Mr. Arnold Grisham at 3:30 P.M.

2. Mr. Arnold Grisham moved to reorder the agenda to address action items 8.1-9.3 before Oral Reports.

2.A A Revision/Adoption/Ordering of Agenda: Motion to approve Samuel Second: Breckenridge. Vote unanimous.


4. CMSgt Charles presented the Charter School Management Corporation (CSMC) Budget to the Board. CMSgt Charles informed the Board of the new computer software OMI will be using. CSMC has a computer software that can be accessed on real time to check any changes to the finances. This software also improves where items or personnel will be categorized to help avoid any incorrect category for the future. Superintendent Johnna Grell chimed in informing of changes in different outside contracts that are now available in house. Motion to approve Breckenridge, Second: Gabrielli. Vote unanimous.

5. Superintendent Johnna Grell presented the START Program Revision to the Board. Mrs. Grell informed the Board about the new salary scale for instructional staff and two-year contract for the Tier II teachers. Motion to approve Samuel, Second: Bowen. Vote unanimous. VADM Jody Breckenridge abstained from voting.

6. Superintendent Johnna Grell presented the OMI Alumni Family to the Board. Mrs. Grell informed the Board about having family members of OMI alumni being granted priority in our admissions process. OMI wants to revise the enrollment policy for this matter in order to grant priority to both staff member and alumni families. Motion to adjourn meeting by Breckenridge, Second: Samuel. Vote unanimous.

7. Mrs. Jocelyn Zylstra, Director of Marketing and Communication, presented the Grizzlies on the Green to the Board. Grizzlies on the Green Golf Tournament will be held on September 4, 2018 at the Sequoyah Country Club. This golf tournament is to help raise funds for the Oakland Military Institute College Bound Scholarship Program. OMI gives all graduating seniors a college scholarship worth up to $1,400 each. This upcoming academic school year OMI will be welcoming 110 incoming 6th graders. The goal is to raise $154,000 for the scholarship funds.
7.A  Dr. Arika Brown, Director of Dual Enrollment, presented the Dual Enrollment to the Board. Dr. Brown informed the Board about the secured partnership with Peralta Colleges through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). OMI is currently working with Merritt College but planning to expand into Berkeley City College, College of Alameda, and Laney College per student course interest. The Dual Enrollment/SHODEM is free to high school seniors who are enrolled in 11 units or less. Students who are enrolled in the dual high school and college credit earn 3 Peralta Units and 10 OUSD credits.

7.B  Superintendent Johnna Grell presented the Organizational Chart to the Board. Mrs. Grell informed the Board the changes she made in the Organizational Chart. She integrated the military into the chart; MG Baldwin shared that OMI has been tasked with becoming the flagship model for how OMI wants to organize and partner with the Guard so it could be replicated. OMI can potentially be a resource for other Guard schools that are opening to help guide that. Commandant will now have both civilian and military staff reporting to him. Some military staff will be reporting to a civilian to have a different input.

7.C  Superintendent Johnna Grell presented a partial draft of the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) annual update. The LCAP is based on the review of OMI students and school performance; focusing on improving academic performance, increasing positive campus culture, and inspiring all students with more culturally relevant and engaging experiences.

8.  Mr. Biffwayne Clark presented the Wifi/Connectivity Proposal to the Board. Mr. Clark informed the Board the proposal his company, Coefficient Technologies, is offering to OMI. Coefficient Technologies, LLC is an Information Technologies company that provides IT products and services. Mr. Clark’s team can serve as the Information Technology staff by providing system administration and network support services in the following capabilities: Desktop Management, IT operations, Network Management, Technology Management, Backups Storage, and Recovery, Cyber Security, Network upgrades and improvement recommendations.

9.  Mr. Mark Basnage presented the Technology Proposal to the Board. Mr. Basnage informed the Board of everything his organization, MakeKnowledge, has incorporated to OMI. MakeKnowledge has worked with OMI for many years bringing the STEM and CTE program. MakeKnowledge also established many partnerships for OMI cadets.

10.  After hearing the two proposals, the Board approved the Superintendent’s recommendation to transition maintenance of the school’s IT infrastructure to Coefficient Technologies, while hopefully retaining Mr. Basnage in his educational role.

11.  Motion to adjourn meeting by Wire, Second: Breckenridge. Vote unanimous.
