

**MINUTES OF
ORANGE BEACH CITY SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 7, 2022 – 1:30 P.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** Robert Stuart called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.
- II. INVOCATION** Robert Stuart
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. ROLL CALL**

Present: Robert Stuart
 Nelson Bauer
 Shannon Robinson
 Tracie Stark

Absent: Randy McKinney

There being a quorum present, the meeting was opened for the transaction of business.

V. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Motion made (Bauer/Stark) to approve the agenda with one additional item.

1. Approval of engagement letter appointing Adams and Reese, L.L.P., to serve as School Board Attorney.

Vote unanimous in favor.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

1. Election of School Board President, Vice President, and Secretary.

Motion made (Bauer/Robinson) to elect Robert Stuart as School Board President. Motion carried (3-0-1), Stuart abstained.

Motion made (Stark/Robinson) to elect Nelson Bauer as School Board Vice President. Motion carried (3-0-1), Bauer abstained.

Motion made (Robinson/Bauer) to elect Tracie Stark as School Board Secretary. Motion carried (3-0-1), Stark abstained.

2. Establish time and place for next meetings or work sessions.

Discussion followed. Board members agreed to meet on Tuesday, April 12; Wednesday, April 13; and Thursday, April 14 at 1:30 P.M. in Council Chambers.

3. Establish/discuss mission statement.

Discussion followed. Tracie Stark listed the four pillars of academics, skill acquisition, character development, and citizenship. Mary Courtney, 27188 Blue Marlin Drive, Orange Beach Middle/High School Student Success Consultant, read drafted vision and mission statements. Mr. Stuart asked Ms. Courtney to email the Board with final versions for review at the next meeting on Tuesday, April 12.

4. Approval to establish general fund bank account with Bryant Bank and approval of resolution for the same.

Ford Handley, City Finance Director, proposed opening two accounts – one for general expenses and one for payroll. Nash Campbell, Attorney, recommended three signatories – Ford Handley, City Finance Director; Robert Stuart, School Board President; and a yet-to-be-determined Chief School Financial Officer (CSFO) Consultant.

Motion made (Bauer/Robinson) to approve the item. Motion carried (4-0).

5. Approve membership with AASB (Alabama Association of School Boards).

Nash Campbell, Attorney, explained that the School Board must be a member of AASB in order to obtain insurance through the Trust. He stated that dues will be waived until the City School System begins collecting tax revenue.

Motion made (Robinson/Stark) to approve the item. Motion carried (4-0).

6. Approval of agreement with ATBE (Alabama Trust for Boards of Education).

Motion made (Bauer/Robinson) to approve the item. Motion carried (4-0).

7. ADDITION: Approval of engagement letter appointing Adams and Reese, L.L.P., to serve as School Board Attorney.

Motion made (Robinson/Bauer) to approve the item. Motion carried (4-0).

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. School Board Members reviewed questions received from parents and school employees. Ms. Stark wanted to reassure the public that the Board is looking at all questions submitted and is working hard to get answers.
2. Lance Alexander, City IT Consultant, discussed board emails, school technology and infrastructure. Marc Anderson, City Special Projects Coordinator, stated that www.orangebeachcityschools.org has been set up and currently redirects to an informational page on the city's website. Mr. Stuart stated that a presence on social media will need to be established.
3. School Board Members discussed tuition for non-resident/out-of-district students. Ford Handley, City Finance Director, will bring options for consideration at the next board meeting on Tuesday, April 12.
4. Nash Campbell, Attorney, suggested creating a "Council Liaison" position for the City.
Motion made (Bauer/Robinson) to appoint Mayor Tony Kennon as Council Liaison. Motion carried (4-0).
5. Ms. Stark informed the rest of the Board that there is a deadline of April 15th for teacher transfers. She stated that Baldwin County has indicated that they may be flexible with the date. Mr. Stuart stated that this item would be added to the agenda on Tuesday, April 12.
6. Mary Catherine Law, Orange Beach Elementary School Principal, gave an overview of issues and deadlines surrounding the 2022-2023 Pre-K program. School Board Members agreed that this item needs to be discussed during negotiations with the County. There was also interest in seeking an additional unit, looking at expanding facilities to the Orange Beach Recreation Center, and accommodations for special needs students.
7. Mr. Alexander inquired about licensing of school software. The School Board gave their approval for Mr. Alexander to move forward with discussions with the County to obtain an inventory of existing equipment and software. Mr. Handley stated that he would bring the purchase of financial software to the Board for consideration next week.

8. Officer Matt Simmons, Orange Beach High School Resource Officer, recommended that the Board consider upgrades to the school security camera system.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made (Bauer/Robinson) to enter into executive session to discuss the good name and character of certain individuals of interest. Motion carried (4-0). Mr. Stuart stated that the Board would not reconvene following the executive session.

Time in: 3:07 P.M.

IX. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the council, motion made (Robinson/Stark) to adjourn. Vote unanimous in favor

Time: 4:35 P.M.

APPROVED this the 12th day of April, 2022.

Robert Stuart
President