

Pemayetv Emahakv, Inc.  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Web Ex

November 09, 2022

Present: Marcellus W. Osceola, Jr., Mitchell Cypress, Mariann Billie, Christopher Osceola, Lee Zepeda, Tracy Downing, Bryan Granie, Michele Thomas, Matthew Galvin, Rosanna Bencosme

Chairman Marcellus Osceola called the meeting to order. Lee Zepeda gave the invocation followed by roll call. Board Member Larry L. Howard was not present. Chairman Osceola moved to item number four and asked all board members to review the August 15, 2022 minutes. Chairman Osceola asked for any comments or concerns. None being expressed he then asked for a motion to approve. Motion was made by Christopher Osceola, seconded by Mariann Billie, and approved by all.

Chairman Osceola introduced item number five, a resolution to approve the Service Agreement Between the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School, Ratification. Ms. Downing presented the resolution. Chairman Osceola pointed out a correction, then called for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Mariann Billie, seconded by Christopher Osceola, and approved by all.

Chairman Osceola introduced item number six, a resolution to approve the Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School 2022 – 2023 King & Walker Representation Letter, Ratification. Ms. Downing presented the resolution. Chairman Osceola asked for questions or comments. There were no questions or comments, so he asked for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Mariann Billie, seconded by Christopher Osceola, and approved by all.

#### Discussion Items

##### PECS High School Discussion –

Ms. Downing reported with the recent resolution that included language for an expansion, if desired, she had discussions with Executive Administrative Office, Charter School Associates and the Glades County School District as to what an expansion would look like. Two options were discussed. The first option would be to utilize the two modulars vacated by the Culture Department to provide a virtual lab. The second option would be to hire certified teachers for each subject and offer a more traditional classroom setting. That would require twenty-eight additional teachers, this would also require a new building. Ms. Downing stated she will survey parents and students to see the amount of interest in expanding. Chairman Osceola shared several concerns he felt would need answers to before pursuing an expansion. One would be a plan for a permanent structure, second would be buy in from the students and third a discussion on the cost. Michele Thomas mentioned the possibility of an expansion to focus on the high risk for drop out group. Mariann Billie agreed to this concept. Michele Thomas

reported the high school bus has more students on it each year and the newest bus purchased has the most seating capacity and that bus is used on the high school route.

PECS and Ahfachkee Students Sharing Ideas –

Ms. Downing reported PECS have been invited to Ahfachkee School to participate in a book study, have lunch, and share ideas. She stated she is excited for students to meet and share their thoughts and ideas with one another. Mariann Billie expressed she was happy the two school could be meeting. Chairman Osceola did as well and stated maybe in the future our schools could do the same with Miccosukee School.

Bus Auction –

Ms. Downing reported after receiving two new buses she has been in contact with the transportation supervisor in Okeechobee, and with his help she would be listing our two old buses plus an old handicap van for auction. Chairman Osceola asked if these items were Tribal assets or school assets to which Ms. Downing responded all were school access.

Native American Heritage Month –

Ms. Downing reported faculty and students are excited about the Native American Heritage Month activities plans on campus and are extremely excited about the invitation to the Native American Heritage Month Reception at the Governor's Mansion in Tallahassee on November 30. Ms. Downing stated she is waiting on more details from Mr. Shore's office to begin planning. The invitation included both PECS and Ahfachkee School. Everyone is looking forward to working together to plan, once more details are provided.

This concluded all discussion items. Mariann Billie motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mitchell Cypress, and approved by all present.