



Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School  
School Board Meeting  
**Wednesday, August 24, 2023, 10:30 am**  
100 East Harney Pond Rd, Okeechobee, FL

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:34 am by Chairman Marcellus W. Osceola

Invocation given by Lee Zepeda

*Present:* Chairman Marcellus W. Osceola, Larry Howard, Mariann Billie, Christopher Osceola, Lee Zepeda, Tracy Downing, Michele Thomas, Matthew Galvin, Jeannette Merced, Rosanna Bencosme, Mike Strader, Brian Strader, and Stephanie Tedders

II. Approval of April 26, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve 4/26/23 Board Minutes made by Larry Howard and seconded by Mariann Billie.

Motion unanimously carried.

III. Public Comment

None.

IV. Action Items

A. Resolution #5- 2023-2024 Staff Roster

**Staff Roster**

- a) Please note the error on line 25. It should read 2023-2024.

Motion with the correction acknowledged made by Larry Howard and seconded by Christopher Osceola. **Ayes- All Present- Motion Carried 4-0**

B. Resolution #6 Code of Student Conduct

**Relevant Sections which includes changes:**

- a) "Bullying and Harassment" section of the general information section:  
Rationale: The new phone number for the Bullying Hotline was added (Pg 10).
- b) "Inappropriate Dress" section of the Violations Chart: Rationale: The sentence "Any clothing that depicts drugs/alcohol and/or gangs is not allowed." was added to this section based on the decision of the PTSO (pg 20).
- c) "Violations Against Property" section of the Violations Chart.  
Rationale: The property value increased from \$300 to \$750 to determine

if an incident would be reported as a SESIR based on changes made by FLDOE in the SESIR incident definitions as of January 2023 (pg 29).

- d) “Violence” section of the Violations Chart: Rationale: “Simple Battery” replaced “Physical Attack” based on changes made by FLDOE in the SESIR incident definitions as of January 2023 (Pg 30).
- e) “Authority of School Bus”: Rational: The word “Driver” was added to the end of the subtitle (Pg 33)

Motion made by Larry Howard seconded by Christopher Osceola. **Ayes- All Present- Motion Carried 4-0**

C. Resolution #7 2023-24 Resolution: Operating Budget

Motion made by Mariann Billie seconded by Christopher Osceola.  
**Ayes- All Present- Motion Carried 4-0**

D. Resolution #8: Consent for the Release of Information by The Seminole Tribe of Florida Executive Administrative Office to Its Departments

The Seminole Tribe of Florida’s Executive Director of Administration wishes to coordinate and establish a line of communication between/among the Pemaayev Emahakv Charter School (“PECS”) and other Seminole Tribe of Florida Tribal Departments, which report directly to the Executive Administrative Office (EAO); and The information released between/among the PECS and other Seminole Tribe of Florida Tribal Departments will include: current health status and medical information, or other contagious situations (athlete’s foot, head lice, etc.), educational status, disciplinary status, conduct information, socio-emotional status, departmental incident reports, extracurricular activities, and basic contact information for the express purpose of providing programming, services or participation opportunities with the Seminole Tribe of Florida Tribal Department(s).

Motion made by Larry Howard seconded by Christopher Osceola.  
**Ayes- All Present- Motion Carried 4-0**

E. Resolution: Ratification #9 King and Walker PEI Audit Engagement Letter

Motion made by Larry Howard seconded by Mariann Billie.  
**Ayes- All Present- Motion Carried 4-0**

V. Topics for Discussion

A. **Discussion Item: Enrollment**

Enrollment is currently at 328. A few of our grade levels are at capacity

B. Discussion Item: Proposed Capital Project

- 1. **Background:** The existing school has seen a significant growth in student population. With the development of the Flowing Well Community and other housing development projects, it is projected that the current facilities will not

be able to meet the needs of the Brighton Community. Some of the current classrooms are at capacity.

2. **Description of Work/Intended Results:** The new 2 or 3-story building will be built west of the expanded cafeteria and will require the removal of the two trailers that currently occupy the space. The facility will have 16 classrooms with storage. By adding a 16 classroom building, the school can add one teacher to each grade level (PreK-8th Grade) and plan on accommodating high school students in some capacity in the future. The project will also include the expansion of the driveway at the front of the school and paving of the perimeter road with a widened area to park the school buses.
3. Board recommendations: Procure the land between Pemayetv and Flowing well for future expansion. Chairman Marcellus W. Osceola mentioned the need to prepare for the future and stay ahead of enrollment.

C. Discussion Item: Assessment Data and School Grade Prediction

Our overall ELA proficiency rate was 66%, our Math proficiency rate was 86%, Science was 68%, Algebra I was 100%, and our Civics proficiency rate was 100%. While school grades won't come back until the end of our first semester, we can be proud of how well our students did and how much they learned. That is a tribute to our educators, our parents, our community, and the support of Tribal Council. Everyone's tireless efforts, unwavering dedication, and passion for education are the driving force behind the success of our school community. Our students earned this grade as a result of their hard work, which is a tribute to their teachers and staff and the tremendous support we receive from Tribal Council, EAO, our parents and family members, the Brighton Community, CSA, and the Glades County School District. Thank you for your tireless support of us and our school.

D. Discussion Item: Campus Active Shooter Simulation.

October 16th at 10:00 am, we will be having an Active Shooter Simulation. Those invited are Tribal Council, Tribal Board, Fire Chief, Chief of Police.

E. Discussion Item: Campus Maintenance and Beautification

Pemayetv wanted to take a moment to express our deep appreciation for the exceptional work being done by the Buildings and Grounds department in repairing, replacing, and maintaining our school facilities. The transformation We've witnessed over the past few months has been remarkable, and it is a testament to leadership and the dedication of the B&G team.

In particular, Pemayetv would like to commend JT Stacy and Jody Goodman for their outstanding contributions as the project overseers. Their attention to detail, tireless efforts, and unwavering commitment to excellence have made a significant impact on the overall success of the project. Some of the projects included new drainage systems, gutter and roof cleaning, pressure cleaning, new internet cabling, new flooring in the main office, HVAC repair, filter changes in all ACs, painting the exterior of the building, some interior painting, and carpet

cleaning. We will systematically paint more interior classrooms each year, and we will begin replacing carpets soon.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Larry Howard and seconded by Mariann Billie.

Motion unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 am.