



Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School
School Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 10:30 am
100 East Harney Pond Rd, Okeechobee, FL

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:32 am by Chairman Marcellus W. Osceola

Invocation was given by Lee Zepeda

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

II. Approval of April 30, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve 04/30/24 Board Minutes made by Larry Howard and seconded by Christopher Osceola.

Motion unanimously carried.

III. Public Comment

None.

IV. Action Items

A. Resolution #4: Approval of 2024-25 Student Roster

Motion made by Larry Howard and seconded by Holly. **Ayes- All Present- Motion Carried 5-0**

B. Resolution #5: Approval of 2024-25 Operating Budget

Motion made by Christopher Osceola and seconded by Larry Howard **Ayes- All Present- Motion Carried 5-0**

C. Approval of Resolution #6: 2023-24 King & Walker Representation Letter; Ratification

Motion made by Larry Howard and seconded by Christopher. **Ayes- All Present-**

Motion Carried 5-0

- D. Approval of Resolution #7: 2023-24 King & Walker Representation Letter; Ratification

Motion made by Larry Howard and seconded by Mariann. **Ayes- All Present- Motion Carried 5-0**

V. Topics for Discussion

A. Welcome to the 2024-25 School Year

1. We welcomed the kids back with a Flash Mob Dance on the first day of school.

B. Enrollment

1. This is the highest number of students we have had to date. Part of the reason is the new development, Flowing Well. We anticipate the number of students will increase as they continue to move through Phase 2 and 3 of the development.

C. PECS State Assessment Data and School Grade Announcement

1. Pemayetv is in the top 4% of all the schools in the state of Florida.
2. Pemayetv was designated as a school of excellence in 2023
3. In partnership with Charter School Associates, we plan to apply for designation as a High Performing Charter School. This status would offer several benefits including:
 - a) Increase enrollment beyond capacity identified in the charter.
 - b) Expand grade levels.
 - c) Submit a quarterly rather than monthly financial statement to sponsor.
 - d) Consolidate multiple high-performing schools with the same sponsor into a single charter.
 - e) Receive a modification of charter term.

D. Bus needed: As a result of our increased enrollment, our current bus which holds 72 students is almost at capacity with 60 students traveling to and from Okeechobee each day. We currently have 2 buses for the Reservation Routes, but if we add additional students, we will need another bus.

1. Chairman was in agreement with purchasing another bus at 155,000, but would like the numbers of Tribal Members, Descendants, and other. He did say that he would suggest that we move forward with ordering the bus because it takes several months to build the bus.

a) Michele Thomas polled the rest of the members of the board and the majority voted to move forward with the purchase. **Ayes- (4-1) Chairman Osceola, Larry Howard, Christopher Osceola, and Mariann Billie. Holly Tiger asked to see the numbers that Chairman Osceola requested before agreeing to the purchase.**

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The Student Council Inauguration and Traditional Dress Contest has been rescheduled for Thursday, October 3rd.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Larry Howard and seconded by Holly Tiger.

Motion unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02