

Greer Middle College Charter High School
October 14, 2010
Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Jeff Bullock, Tracy Burkhalter, David Dolge, Carol McDonald, Sherri Merck, Joel Welch, Julie Styles, Tami Jacques, Mark Sears

Absent: Kelly Long, Ted Hoffman

Meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Carol McDonald. Mark Sears 2nd.

Motion made to approve the September Board Meeting minutes by Carol McDonald. Tami Jacques 2nd.

Audit Report: Rick Frans, External Auditor Mr. Frans reported that our school had received an unqualified opinion on the financial audit performed at the school for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. The statements in the audit were fairly presented and he noted that there were no unusual transactions during the year. There were no disagreements with management during the audit process and no material weaknesses regarding the internal control of the financial reporting. In addition, no external consultations for the audit were required.

Principal Report: Bill Roach College registration for upcoming semester is starting, there have been a few snafus.

Rebecca Suddith: Have been working closely with Greenville tech to get extra classes for our students. The Greenville Tech Director has been working with us to help plan for spring enrollment and to make sure that there are classes available for next year's Senior class. GTC has been very helpful and has added classes to accommodate our students.

Bill Roach: Last week was good, Melanie Bargar met with the President of the Chamber of Commerce. Wanda Clark met with Melanie, Rebecca and me, she was very helpful. Had a very good meeting with Jean Greer. She was very positive about our standing with GTC, saying that our students help to bump up their GPA's. Jean offered to help us with connections in the Greer community and was very supportive of our desire to build.

Talked to Greenville County District and we are on their docket for approval of next year's additional buildings.

We have a bus that was donated to us, in need of repair. A parent with a repair shop volunteered to get the bus running and see what it needed to be fixed. The Chick-Fil-A calendar fundraiser is designated to help with the repairs or to get another bus.

Alec Martin has requested a meeting about the price for sending students to the Fine Arts center.

-Monday, October 18, at 11:00 a.m. the principals from the three GTC charter schools, a board member from each and Dr. Fisher and Megan Hickerson, board chair for the SDGC, will meet to discuss issues affecting the charter schools.

-Sports: Met with Cindy Cavanaugh and George Theisen about renting the old gymnasium from Traveler's Rest YMCA, and designating that as our home court.

-The Spring sports that are coming up are baseball, softball, boys and girls track and soccer. Basketball starts November 1st. Volley ball team is 7 and 3!! Final game is early next week. Cross Country meet this weekend and possibly compete in higher profile events later in the month. Girls golf-next Monday they are going to state tournament.

Development Report: Melanie Bargar The video is complete and looks great. We have new brochures, new letterhead. Brand new Campaign folder / packet with our new campaign brochure inside. The new promotional brochures, folders and packets were done by the same company who did our website and video, Greenville HD.com.

Working on recruitment: 288 students total, 3 new students in the last 2 weeks. Ten local private schools do not have grade levels up to K12, and we are partnering with Langston to raise awareness in the community for GMC.

There will be an Open House Nov 4th with two sessions, 5:30 and 6:30 PM for prospective parents and families. Families will have the opportunity to tour the campus and attend a meeting on the college campus.

Starting Oct 28, tours will be scheduled for parents on Tuesdays and Thursdays, through the month of January. All dates are on the website.

Meeting with Jean Greer, she mentioned that our two biggest problems in the community are that the public does not know that we are here, and if they do know, they don't know if we are a
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Pledge scripts for the Board will be sent out on Monday and the letters to parents regarding support and pledges for the school will be given to the parents at each student's conference on Friday.

Old Business:

Facilities Report: Tracy Burkhalter Keith Jones Six more buildings, possibly one more for storage will be added for next year. Working on a parking plan for next year, the civil engineer is working on that now. We may need to expand the land lease to accommodate additional parking with the addition of new students and faculty.

No rental charge until we actually move into the new buildings. No need to pursue that until funding for them permits.

Next month—building ready with electricity and plumbing, smoke alarms, etc. I.T. will be completed in the new portable next week. Additional building approval went through the County last week, will go through the regular board next week.

New Business: David Dolge Resolution to amend negotiation powers for the school presented to the board. A resolution has been drafted by David Gantt which is as follows:

Negotiations Resolution

Resolve that the GMC Board Chair and the school's Principal are the only people who can negotiate on behalf of GMC without prior written consent from the principal or the GMC Board Chair. Any negotiations are subject to final review by legal counsel and approval by the GMC Board of Directors.

Motion made to accept the resolution was made by Mark Sears. Tracy Burkhalter 2nd.

Resolution passed.

Parent letter focus from building fund to paying off our debt, will be given to the parents tomorrow through the student led conferences. Each family will be contacted individually by a member of the board by phone as follow up in the coming weeks.

Finance Report: Sherri Merck Skip Snow Offer quarterly statement. We are twelve thousand negative for the first quarter, but those expenses go down as special revenues come in. January budgets will come in which may change things plus or minus. Doing well all things considered.

Board received financial report. Motion to receive report from the financial committee made by Sherri Merck.

Motion made to adjourn by Carol McDonald. Mark Sears 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

