



GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE
CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
HOME OF THE BLAZERS

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2017

Board Members Present: Patty Baucom, Jeff Bullock, Eddie Burch, Keith King, Tony Kouskolekas, John Mansure, John Short, Donna Smith, Pauline Sternick, Ryan Summey
Absent: Brian Dentler

AGENDA

1. Call to Order at 5:30 PM by Eddie Burch
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve agenda: Tony Koukolekas
2nd: Donna Smith
Vote: unanimous
3. Approval of January 23, 2017 Minutes
Motion to approve January 23, 2017 minutes: Patty Baucom
2nd: John Short
Vote: unanimous
4. Public Comments - none
5. Administrative and Committee Reports
 - a. Principal Report and Blazer Minute (see below)
Letter submitted to and approved by GCSD committee of the whole approving tentative move to the SC Public Charter School District.

Presentations by faculty:
Megan Schonhar on Future Education Conference
Laura Sawicki on Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality learning
 - b. Development Report (see below)
Raise the Blaze has \$175K in commitments.
April 6 is the public kick off for Raise the Blaze initiative.
 - c. Chairman Report (see below)
 - d. Facilities Report (see below)
Notice has been sent to GCSD to terminate lease on the portables.

Efforts are under way to auction the portables as opposed to incurring the expense of moving the leased units back to GCSD. The process of having this approved by GCSD has started. An electrician has been secured to do the electrical disconnects. We are still working on the plumbing disconnects.

Construction of the new building remains ahead of schedule.
 - e. Financial Report (see below)
 - f. Academic Excellence Report (see below)
 - g. Policy/Governance Report
Charter Revision requested by the SCPCSD has a May 1 deadline.
Action Item: Pauline will send the Word doc to Patty.

6. Meeting Adjourned @ 6:07 PM

Principal Report

- Admin. met with our science furniture vendor to establish a timeline for June delivery and installation.
- Admin. met with Dr. Keith Miller, President of Greenville Tech., at our school for general discussion.
- Ms. Schonhar, Ms. Sawicki, and admin. attended the Future of Education Technology Conference Jan. 25-27.
- GMC held a parent breakfast on Feb. 1.
- Admin. attended the EMT open house on the main campus of Greenville Tech. on February 7.
- A letter was submitted to GCSD to be released from GCSD and make the transition to the SCPCSD. GCSD approved the termination of our charter on Feb. 14 pending the appropriate funding.
- GMC completed requisitions #8 and change order to Triangle Construction in February.
- Board student, parent, and teacher surveys were administered during the first part of February.
- IGP conferences are being conducted by guidance and are ongoing.
- Our Perkins/CATE equipment requests were submitted to GCSD on February 17.
- Our academic leadership team is providing professional development related to locating information in a classroom setting and how that could help students on WorkKeys.
- We have initiated the process to seek bids for a phone system in the new building.
- A member of the Greenville Leadership Class visited our school on February 23.
- Admin. met with a future Anderson County charter school leader on February 24. They hope to have application approved and ready for 18-19 school year.
- Admin. is in the process of taking teachers and staff on a tour of the new school. Teachers are selecting rooms and wall accent colors during the tour.

February 2017 Development Report

- We have 433 students enrolled at GMC.
 - 9th- 113
 - 10th-113
 - 11th-108
 - 12th-99
- Waitlist:
Freshmen Applications Received: 14 (Accepted 20 since the lottery.)
 - 9th- 0
 - 10th-2
 - 11th-39
 - 12th-14
- The third Raise the Blaze cultivation event of the year was held at the home of Ryan Summey on 2/16. 4 families were in attendance.
- The Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce has written a public letter of support endorsing the Raise the Blaze campaign.
- The Raise the Blaze Campaign has 100% staff and steering committee participation with one board pledge outstanding.
- The Steering Committee has \$175,815 committed in pledges to date with several large outstanding asks. We expect to be at over \$200 by the kickoff on April 6.
- The Steering Committee met 2/27 and assigned the next round of prospects.
- GMC was selected for a site visit from Greenville Women Giving selection committee on 2/9. The grant request was for \$42,000 to provide furnishing and technology for the Learning Commons. The review committee notified us the following week that they selected GMC move forward to the next phase for voting on 3/20.
- Raise the Blaze Public Kickoff will take place April 6th at 9am in the foyer area of the new building.
- Student Government will be presented with an our door sign to be placed in the learning commons for their spirit week endeavors during the Raise the blaze ceremony.
- A grant request for \$62,000 to provide classroom furniture for the senior project studio was submitted to Steelcase Education on 2/10. We should hear results in May.

- Yard signs with the Buddy Coleman report statistics have been received and can be seen in the front drive.
- I met with the representative from the Graham Foundation based in Greenville. They are very supportive of what GMC is doing, but don't feel that they can help with the charter school building needs in Greenville County.

Chair Report

Principal's performance review process has been updated to include specific deadlines

A group photo of the board members needs to be made prior to or immediately following the 3/27/17 meeting for publishing on the school web site.

Facilities Report

Chairman- Vernon Rutland

Members – Eddie Burch, John Mansure, Tony K, Pauline Sternick

- Since last board meeting I attended OAC meetings on Jan 31st and Feb 14th. (see attached minutes)
- Spoke with Todd Everett from Greenville County and set up an onsite meeting to discuss future of portables. We are working on an onsite auction – this would allow GMC to possibly make money on the sale of the 4 portables we own as well as save us money on the cost of having the others moved. **
- Meeting with CPW on 2/28/17 to discuss the possibility of running natural gas to our site. We currently use propane.
- Meeting with Jennings-Dill (plumbing contractor) on 2/28/17 to get estimate on removing sewer hook ups from portables before sale and removal
- Working with Langford Electric on removing electrical hookup and all the portables before sale and removal
- Next OAC meeting is 2/27/17 @ 1:30pm
**Portables would need to be moved by June 2nd in order to complete the handicap parking spots. These spots have to be completed to receive our Certificate of occupancy. If we run into problems with getting portables moved then Plan B is to pour asphalt and move the 6 spots to the graded area where the future Gym will be going.

Financial Report

January Highlights:

- Cash Balance \$5.34 M, including Construction Account of \$3.4M.
- Monthly Income exceeds expense by \$56,904.

January Revenue

- Base funding was updated for the 45 day headcount and monthly funding increased from \$240,606 to \$290,642. While the ADM (Average Daily Membership) only increased slightly, the Add On Weightings updated for the 45 day count rose substantially, primarily due to the Dual Credit classification.
- The State Department of Education announced in January that funding for Aid to Districts and Aid to Districts – Special Education will not be distributed in FY 17. For FY 16, Greer received \$2,805 (Aid to Districts) and \$4,985 (Aid to Districts – Special Education).
- \$22,000 was raised in January for the Capital Campaign.

Academic Excellence Report

- Committee met twice since last board meeting
- Decided to adopt the Highbar "Role of the Academic Excellence Committee" article as our guiding document
- Identified some areas for discussion with the board, including our annual evaluation goals and external report, need to adjust/improve some of our communication about our identity, ways to focus and assist our under-performing students, and observations from the student and parent surveys.