



GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE
CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
HOME OF THE BLAZERS

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 26, 2015

Type of Meeting: Regular Board Meeting

Board Members present: Patty Baucom, Eddie Burch, Brian Dentler, Tony Kouskolekas, John Mansure (Vice-Chair), Donna Smith (Treasurer), Pauline Sternick (Secretary), and Ryan Summey

Absent: Keith King, Vernon Rutland (Chair), Darin Scheidly

AGENDA

1. Call to Order at 6:05 PM by John Mansure
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve agenda: Tony Kouskolekas
2nd: Eddie Burch
Vote: Unanimous
3. Public Comments
4. Approval of September 28, 2015 Minutes
Motion to approve September 28, 2015 minutes: Tony Kouskolekas
2nd: Patty Baucom
Vote: Unanimous
5. Annual Audit Report (Ken Martin of Martin, Smith & Company CPAs)
Strongly positive opinion on internal controls with no findings. We have received an unqualified report for FY15. No issues with non-compliance. No disagreements with management. Just a few journal entries. We've shown good improvement in increasing fund balance and kept expenses down for a strongly positive report. Auditor recommendation is that charter schools maintain 40% of annual expenses as a fund balance. GMC is currently at 45%. Noted Journal Entry: Exhibit A, Liabilities: Net Pension Liability of \$2,648,443 is reflective of our liability to the SC State Retirement System.
6. Administrative and Committee Reports
 - a. Principal Report and Blazer Minute (Jimmy Armstrong)
 - b. Development Report (Heather Wyss)
 - Euro Auto Festival
On October 17, there were 20 GMC volunteers helped.
 - Fall 4 GMC Update – sponsor donations of \$8700, great family support, and hard work of the committee. Friday is the sponsor deadline. Sponsorships start at \$250 and give you space at the event to showcase your business

- Grants Submitted to the Community Foundation for Capacity Building/Infrastructure for \$19,000 (additional server, laptops for admin and guidance, and 4 more access points) and the Sargent Foundation for Athletics.
 - October PIP Meeting Update
PIP hired a lunch lead, funds free/reduced lunches, provided grants for Freshman Success materials and a new chair for a teacher.
 - Spring Vendor Golf Tournament – board is asked to help identify
 - Greenville Chamber Non Profit Alliance and Greer Chamber Networking Events
- c. Chairman Report (see below)
 - d. Facilities Report (see below)
 - Civil Engineering fee proposal update
 - e. Policy/Governance Report (none)
 - f. Financial Report (see below)
 - Financial Advisor Recommendation and Services Agreement
7. Board Action on Financial Services Agreement
Motion to approve SMA Financial Services Agreement with changes noted: Donna Smith
2nd: Eddie Burch
Vote: Unanimous
 8. New Business
 - a. Sibling Lottery Policy
Motion to adopt GMC Lottery Policy: Patty Baucom
2nd: Ryan Summey
Vote: Unanimous
 9. Old Business
 - a. Update on Fall Legislative Reception – 43 people have responded affirmatively. The Pelham Medical Center Community Room is reserved with a light sandwich buffet being catered. Table linens will be rented by the facility.
 - b. Professional Development: PCSASC Annual Conference, November 16-18, 2015
 10. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn at 7:10 PM: Eddie Burch
2nd: Ryan Summey
Vote: Unanimous41

Upcoming GMC Events:

- Nov. 4 Parent Social @ 8:00 AM, GMC Café
- Nov. 9 Legislative Reception @ 6:30 PM, PMC Community Center
- November 14 Fall 4 GMC
- Nov. 16 GMC Preview Night @ 6:00 PM, Praise Cathedral
- Nov. 21 Miss GMC Pageant
- Nov. 30 Board Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Minutes as submitted 10/26/2015 pds Approved 11/30/2015.

Principal Report

- New Beta Club members were inducted Monday, Oct. 5.
- Student government members attended the district rally on Friday, October 2 at Mauldin High School.
- As part of helping flood victims in the Midlands and Low Country, GMC accepted water bottle packs and store bought snack packages. Those packages were delivered to the American Red Cross.
- Our second parent social was held on Wednesday, October 7.
- Our art students, under the facilitation of Ms. Brown, have created styrofoam sculptures as part of their Art I classes.
- GMC Teacher Cadet students, under the facilitation of Mrs. Rouse, presented 3 puppet shows to Lee Road Baptist Church's K4 classes on Tuesday, October 13. Also, they attended the I-Teach Conference at Mauldin High on Friday, October 16th.
- Environmental students, under the facilitation of Mr. McCaskill, planted some flower bulbs by Ms. Williams's portable and have planted Lirope around the student drop off loop. The same students went on a field trip to Twin Bridge Nursery. While there, students had a list of trees to determine price, size, and varieties so they could construct a landscape design for their house. They constructed their design after the field trip. In addition, a tree identification lab was completed. Students had to collect 35 different leaves and label them with their common and scientific name.
- PSAT was administered to all sophomores and a few juniors on Wednesday, October 14.
- Student led conferences are almost complete. The majority occurred on Thursday, Oct. 22 and Friday, October 23.
- Our swim teams competed in the state meet on Oct. 17 and finished 17th among girls and 22nd among boys competing against A, AA, and AAA schools. Volleyball teams have completed their season. Girls golf finished 8th among A and AA schools in the state championship. Cross Country teams will compete in the state meet on Nov. 7.
- We have a leak in one of our portables (B10). A tarp is over the roof and should be repaired on October 31. The canopy used as our deck tent was replaced Friday, October 23.
- New National Honor Society member induction occurred on Monday, October 26.
- Ms. Sawicki and Mr. Stone attended a project-based learning workshop under the direction of facilitators from the Buck Institute for Education.
- Our TAP leadership team provided training to our teachers with SLO, questioning, and grouping. Principals from Legacy and the three GT charter schools met with the regional master teacher for SLO training.

October 2015 Development Report

- Currently we have 443 students enrolled at GMC.
 - 9th- 115
 - 10th-116
 - 11th-110
 - 12th-102

- Waitlist
 - 9th- 54
 - 10th-89
 - 11th-8

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Chairman Report

We followed up with Nick, our attorney, and he has not received any further contact from David Atchley in reference to previous sent invoices.

Facilities Committee Report

All three proposals are finally in, the last one came in late Friday afternoon and the facilities committee will meet Wednesday to determine who we are going to contract with.

Finance Committee Report

The finance committee has moved forward with the hiring of SMA, Teresa Cawley as president, to represent Greer Middle College is the guidance and instruction of securing finance of the schools new building.

Mrs. Cawley will be working closely with the finance committee in preparation of a 5 year financial plan for the school and reviewing financial policies

The contract has been reviewed by the committee as well as legal counsel and a few minor changes have been made. The contract will be presented at the board meeting as information and the signature of the chair.

The monthly financial report looks strong and the audit will be presented at the board meeting.