

Greer Middle College Charter High School
Parent Meeting Summary

March 23, 2015

Greenville Technical College -Benson Campus

In attendance:

Board: Vernon Rutland (Chair), John Mansure (Vice-Chair), Eddie Burch, Russell Christopher, Brian Dentler, Ron Hofmann, Tony Kouskalekas, Darin Scheidly, Pauline Sternick **Absent:** Ted Hoffmann, Donna Smith

Meeting called to Order at 6:05 PM

Statement from the Chair regarding recent procurement issue, reading of resolution letter from the District, and update on the Capital Campaign.

The Board voted at the Feb. 23, 2015 regular meeting to put the Capital Campaign on hold until Grounds Lease/Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Ground Lease is approved. The SC Budget and Control Board sent a list of questions to Greenville Tech. Greenville Tech is answering those questions and we are on the agenda for SC Budget and Control Board meeting for April 24.

Clarification:

The email address info@greermiddlecollegeparents.org is not affiliated with the Board, the Administration, or GMCCHS. This anonymous account does not identify the sender(s). Parents reported at the meeting that they, and more importantly, some of their students, are receiving unsolicited emails from this address that are distressing and misleading. A parent in attendance asked the email account owner(s) to identify themselves with no response. If you are receiving unsolicited emails from this sender and do not wish to do so, please reply to one of the emails and write Unsubscribe. Remember that all official school emails will come from board@greermiddlecollege.org or from the greermiddlecollege.org domain.

A question was asked regarding attendance. There were 195 applications in the 2015-16 Lottery for 120 spots for incoming freshman. Our current school attendance is in the 430s.

There was a brief explanation of the difference between approved budget purchases and purchases greater than \$5,000 which fall under the procurement policy.

A question was asked about who brought the procurement charges to the District – the District does not identify those who make reports to the District.

Several attendees stressed the need for board communication to be clear, professional, and timely.

Many parents expressed support and enthusiasm for our great school and encouragement for the board to continue looking forward and working for our students.

We closed the Parent Meeting with a commitment from the Board to continue working hard while adjusting to many new members and inviting interested parents to submit nominations for board elections coming up in May.

Parents' Meeting closed at 6:50 PM.



GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2015

Greenville Technical College -Benson Campus

Mission Statement: The mission of Greer Middle College is to provide equitable opportunities for all students to acquire an education focused on linkages among technology, careers, and rigorous academics to produce graduates who are prepared to enter the global workforce of the 21st century. Greer Middle College aspires to create an equitable community of learners in which mutual respect, trust, integrity, and the pursuit of ideas are valued and appreciated.

In attendance:

Board: Vernon Rutland (Chair), John Mansure (Vice-Chair), Ted Hoffman (Treasurer), Eddie Burch, Russell Christopher, Brian Dentler, Ron Hofmann, Tony Kouskalekas, Darin Scheidly, Pauline Sternick

Absent: Donna Smith **GMCCHS:** Jimmy Armstrong, James Dillard

1. Call to Order at 7:00 PM
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve agenda: Eddie Burch
2nd: Ron Hofmann
Vote: Unanimous
3. Blazer Minute – GMCCHS student, Justin Matthews was elected Beta Club President for South Carolina. This makes 2 years in a row that a GMCCHS student has served as statewide president which has never happened before. 4 students have signed athletic scholarships at Limestone (2), Anderson, and Clemson. Both of these events are an achievement for our small school.
4. Public Comments - none
5. Approval of February Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve Feb. 23, 2015 minutes: Darin Scheidly
2nd: Ron Hofmann
Vote: Unanimous
6. Administrative and Committee Reports
 - a. Principal Report – see written report below
 - 2015-16 Budget is in progress
 - 2015-16 Calendar is being drafted. Teachers will start on Aug. 11 and students on Aug. 17
 - Enrollment is in the 430s. The Intake Conference was well attended with 115-120 freshman projected.
 - 10 interviews are set up for the Coordinator of Development position

- b. Development Report - none
- c. Financial Report – see Treasurer’s Report below

Motion to return to original July 1, 2015 budget to revise income portion only due to reduction of funds: Ted Hoffman
2nd: Darin Scheidly
Vote: Unanimous

- d. Facilities Report

ACTION ITEM: Facilities Committee to review and approve Ground Lease/MOU combined into one document for board approval at April 7, 2015 Special Meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Facilities Committee will invite David Langley (Langley Associates) and Matt Prater (Prater Construction) to update committee on new facility cost and to bring a recommendation to the April 27 board meeting so that we are ready to move forward with fund raising.

- e. Policy/Governance Report

ACTION ITEM: Governance Committee: Meet the Candidate scheduled before the April 27, 2015 Board Meeting. Board election is on May 5 for 4 board positions with 2 year terms.

ACTION ITEM: Search Committee will call a meeting with full Personnel Committee in the next week or 2 to finalize candidates to present to board at Special Meeting.

- f. Chairman’s Report – see below

7. Old Business

Appoint board secretary

Motion to nominate Pauline Sternick as Board Secretary: John Mansure

2nd: Tony Kouskalekas

Vote: Unanimous

8. New Business

a. Welcome new board members: Brian Dentler and Pauline Sternick

b. [Board Training](#) – Click for [PCSASC Online Orientation Webinar](#).

c. 2015-2016 Board Elections scheduled for May 5 with Meet the Candidate on April 27.

9. Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 7:27 PM: Ted Hoffman

2nd: Vernon Rutland

Vote: Unanimous

Returned from Executive Session at 8:14 PM.

ACTION ITEM – Search Committee will conduct reference checks on final candidates and send resumes, references, and list of questions to committee and board members.

ACTION ITEM – Search/Personnel Committees will schedule interviews for the 2 final candidates at the Special Board meeting on April 7 at 6:00 PM.

ACTION ITEM – Ted Hoffman will send spreadsheet with committees and committee members to Pauline Sternick. Pauline will distribute with committee descriptions to Brian Dentler and Ron Hofmann.

10. Adjournment at 8:32 PM

Motion to adjourn: Russell Christopher

2nd: John Mansure

Vote: Unanimous

Minutes approved as submitted April 7, 2015 - pds

Principal Report

March 23, 2015

- The most recent class of Leadership Greer toured our campus on March 3.
- Four of our student athletes signed with respective universities on March 3.
- Our parent social was well attended on March 4.
- We met with Dr. Lenna Young, Vice President of Academic Affairs at Greenville Technical College, to initiate the discussion of a possible career pathway transition for some of our students at GMC.
- Our junior ring ceremony was held on March 9 at North Greenville University.
- Three of our teachers and one administrator attended the national TAP conference March 12-15 to bring back professional development opportunities to GMC for our teachers and ultimately benefit student growth.
- Our freshmen family intake conference was held on March 14 with positive comments coming from future parents.
- Greenville Technical College hosted respective seniors wishing to continue for 13th year on March 16.
- The Greater Greer Rotary Club honored our top 10 students in each class on March 17 with a reception at Riverside High School.
- We have initiated the budget process during the March 18 finance meeting. This process will be ongoing for the next couple of months.

Greer Middle College – Treasurer’s Report

March 23, 2015

The following items have occurred since our last board meeting:

1. The monthly Finance Committee meeting was held on March 20th. We accepted the February financial reports which have been provided for this board meeting.
2. GMC has a net income of \$435,143 since July 1, 2014.

3. The Finance Committee voted in February to revert back to our original FY2015 budget in light of the additional EFA base funding that is now being received. The board needs to approve this item.
4. The Finance Committee and Mr. Armstrong are reviewing services offered by charter school financial and accounting firms to assess our present situation.
5. Mr. Armstrong discussed the 2015-2016 budget with the finance committee and will be presenting this budget for our consideration at the April finance committee meeting.
6. We received a copy of the SC Budget & Control Board questions regarding our new facility Ground Lease/MOU with Greenville Technical College. These questions have been reviewed by Mr. Armstrong and me. Our legal counsel has provided a draft Ground Lease revision based upon our comments to him. This draft revision has been sent to our facility committee for further action.

Personnel Committee Report

March 23, 2015

We have conducted interviews with all of the qualified candidates either by phone or in person. We narrowed it to 3 final candidates and we are deliberating. We should be able to come to a decision and make a recommendation to the board by April 1, 2015.

Chairman's Report

March 23, 2015

- March 5th – Jimmy Armstrong and I met with Henry Hunt / Brian Sherman ref procurement issue. Issue settled with recommendations as follows – review procurement policy with the board
- March 5th – Met with David Atchley to advise him we would be placing capital campaign on hold as voted on by the Board. In attendance Vernon Rutland, John Mansure, Eddie Burch
- Meeting / exchanging emails with other GT charter school board representatives in ref to legislative issues that charter schools are currently facing. Also working areas we can improve i.e. Board training, public relations, Gvl Tech relations, legislative relations, etc.
- March 20th – spoke with representative from the SCBCB in ref to our MOU / Land lease. She stated that they are waiting on Tech to finish up answering the questions that were sent back. She stated she would call them first of the week and see where they were in regards to getting the MOU back to them. Once the BCB has it back she said it should get pushed right through. She stated that she hoped to have it finalized by end of April.