



GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE
CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
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Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2015

Greer Middle College Café (Bldg. B-7)

Type of Meeting: Regular Board Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Vernon Rutland, Chair

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), Pauline Sternick (Secretary), Eddie Burch, Russell Christopher, Ron Hofmann, Darin Scheidly, Donna Smith

Absent: Brian Dentler, Ted Hoffman (Treasurer), Tony Kouskolekas

1. Call to Order at 6:03 PM.
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve agenda: John Mansure
2nd: Ron Hofmann
Vote: Unanimous
3. Blazer Minute – Mr. Armstrong recognized and presented certificates to four of our students on the GMC Fishing Team who placed in the 3rd annual SCDNR fishing tournament on March 28.
4. Public Comments - none
5. Approval of April 7, 2015 Minutes
Motion to approve April 7, 2015 minutes: Donna Smith
2nd: Eddie Burch
Vote: Unanimous
6. Administrative and Committee Reports
 - a. Chairman Report (see below)
 - b. Principal Report (see below)
 - James Dillard will serve as our Asst. Principal for 2015-16
 - New Development Coordinator, Heather Wyss, will begin May 26.
 - c. Financial Report (see below)
 - Treasurer's Report was read by Pauline Sternick.Motion to create 2 additional CDs: Donna Smith
2nd: John Mansure
Vote: Unanimous
 - d. Facilities Report (see below)
 - e. Policy/Governance Report (see below)

- f. Development Report – Heather Wyss will begin May 26.
7. Action Item – Pauline Sternick will send Board Contact Information spreadsheet for review by all board members. Please make sure your Election/Appointment and Orientation dates are correct.
8. Committee Assignments for new board members tabled until May.
9. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn: John Mansure
2nd: Donna Smith
Vote: Unanimous

Chairman Report

- Met with Jimmy to review and sign the 2015-2017 principals contract
- Spoke with state representatives in reference to our land lease. They are going to help us once its passed at the Greenville tech level and heads to B&CB
- Working with other GTC principals and board chairman discussing some of the charter high school issues in Greenville. We have certain legislators working hard to support us both in Columbia through legislation and in Greenville through conversations and questioning decisions. In order to be efficient and effective in our work, we want to be on same page as we seek support.

Principal Report

- Four of our students placed in the 3rd annual SCDNR fishing tournament on March 28.
- Congressmen Trey Gowdy visited GMC on April 6. He toured our campus and visited one of Ms. Earle's senior project classes.
- We, along with Brashier, GTCHS, and Legacy Charter schools, met with Greenville Tech administration to discuss possible future partnerships on April 7.
- Members of our faculty and students attended the Special Olympics event at Furman University on April 8.
- Students and teachers from our biology and anatomy classes visited the Georgia Aquarium and Bodies Exhibit in Atlanta on April 10.
- Our TAP program was reviewed by a member of the South Carolina TAP Team from Columbia on April 17. We were given suggestions in the area of using more student work to guide instruction. The reviewer highlighted the strengths of our leadership team as one voice and the collaboration between Career, Mentors, and Master teacher.
- The GMC prom was held on April 18 at the Runway Café.
- We had our first incoming freshmen social on April 23.
- Nine students and 2 teachers attended the Middle College National Consortium student ambassador conference in Michigan April 22-26.
- Our new development coordinator will be announced on April 28. *Amended: Heather Wyss, the new Development Coordinator will begin on May 26.*
- James Dillard will be our assistant principal at Greer Middle College for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Budget process has started. Ted will have more details.

Greer Middle College – Treasurer’s Report

April 2015

The following items have occurred since our last board meeting. All “Committee” references are to the GMC Finance Committee unless noted otherwise.

1. The monthly Finance Committee meeting was held on April 22nd. The following votes were taken and unanimously approved during the meeting by attending committee members Russell Christopher, Todd Corey, Nina DeMaria and Ted Hoffman.
 - a. The March financial reports were accepted.
 - b. Two additional Certificates of Deposit will be funded, one in May and one in June at \$250,000 each, from the GMC general checking account.
2. GMC has a net income of \$500,955 since July 1, 2014.
3. The GMC general checking account has reached a value sufficient to create two new Certificates of Deposit. These CDs will be similar to the one already established. These CDs are intended to limit general checking account commercial exposure, earn interest as reserve funds and help establish the basis of new facility financing.
4. The Committee completed our review of current accounting services offered by three accounting firms operating in the Charter School market. A summary evaluation was presented to Mr. Armstrong for his consideration.
5. Mr. Armstrong provided the Committee with an overview of the draft FY16 budget. The draft FY16 budget was submitted to the Treasurer on Friday, 4/24, and has been forwarded to the Committee. It is expected that the FY16 budget will be approved during our May Committee meeting.
6. The GMC approved Ground Lease has been sent to Greenville Technical College. We are currently on track for a June 16th SC Budget & Control Board meeting approval. There are multiple boards and agencies that the revised Lease is being worked through to obtain final approval. GTC has been requested to provide updates to this Board on the expected dates and status as the Lease approval progresses.

Facilities Report

- Facilities committee sent motion to full board to approve the Ground Lease Agreement. The Board voted to approve and sent it to Greenville Tech for approval. Listed below are the meetings that still have to take place:

Building & Grounds
Area Commission
State Tech Ed Board
Commission on Higher Ed
Joint Bond Review Commission
SC B&CB

Don't have exact dates on these meeting but we're hoping it goes before the SC B&CB on June 16.

Policy/Governance Report

There are 4 candidates for 4 open board seats: Patty Baucom, Brian Dentler, Keith King, and Ryan Summey. Meet the Candidates was held from 5:30 to 6:00 prior to board meeting. Election ballots will go out on May 5.

Minutes submitted and approved on May 21,2015 pds