



GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE
CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
HOME OF THE BLAZERS

Board of Directors Minutes
August 24, 2020

Members Present: Donna Smith, John Short, Pauline Nichol, Darin Scheidly, Hannah Mahaffey

Via Stream: John Mansure

Administration Present: Fred Crawford, James Dillard, Heather Timanus

Via Stream: Jessica McCraw, David Gantt

Members Absent: Tony Kouskolekas, Rita Danner, Nikki Huber, Jamie Harvey

Due to the state's Covid-19 pandemic no public speakers were permitted to attend tonight's meeting. In accordance with state guidelines, social distancing and mask wearing was in place for all in attendance at the meeting in the learning commons for the duration of the meeting.

Tour of new Student Activity Center was given between 530-630 by Fred Crawford and John Short to board members

1. Call to Order by Donna Smith, Chair 6:35 PM
2. No public speakers were permitted necessitated by the Coronavirus pandemic and the need to adhere to state guidelines on social distancing.
3. Reading of the GMC Mission Statement: Pauline Nichol
4. The board reviewed the proposed meeting agenda. Motion to approve agenda: Darin Scheidly 2nd: Hannah Mahaffey. Motion passed unanimously.
5. The board reviewed the meeting minutes from the June 22, 2020 board meeting (no meeting was held in July, 2020) Motion to approve minutes from Darin Scheidly 2nd: Hannah Mahaffey. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Administrative and Committee Reports:
 - a) Development Committee- Heather Timanus presented the report:
 - i. The school has a current enrollment of 501 students with a goal of 500. We currently have 222 students on the waiting list. Transition has been going smoothly and the teachers have been provided with a support lunch from CBL Bank and a welcome back breakfast from Furman Co.
 - ii. We have limited our vendors to two for lunch right now due to the pandemic and guidelines in place. Darin Scheidly questioned when we would anticipate adding more vendors and this will take place as we add back in school days to the calendar. At this time all food needs to be pre-wrapped and in addition to vendors we have other items for purchase. Donna emphasized that our main goal is to keep students safe.
 - b) Executive Director Report- Fred Crawford presented the report:

- i. The re-opening of school has been going very well. We are currently in school 2 days/week for each student (online streamlining classes, hybrid instruction and 1-1 devices with hot spots). Very few hiccups with online learning. Currently 3 students without hotspots.
 - ii. Emphasized actions being taken to ensure the safety of students as our number one priority right now. Two students and one employee were sent home today by the school nurse in accordance with CDC guidelines.
 - iii. Greer Mental Health counselor has assigned a counselor on site every Thursday and “on call” other days usage of Covid funds to provide services.
 - iv. We added an additional part-time RN to help with screening and management of COVID-19.
 - v. We have new faculty with the addition of chorale, drama, and dance to our program with the addition of the new student activity center.
 - vi. Update on SCHSL litigation
 - vii. GTC lease pending and location for track/field is still under review with the college and we probably will not have an update for a few more months. The Fairview site across from Ingles is no longer being considered.
 - viii. The board elections were postponed in the spring secondary to the Covid-19 pandemic but a timeline for elections has been established and will be presented later in the meeting by Darin Scheidly.
- c) Executive Committee Report- Donna Smith.
 - i. Donna read a letter dated July 22, 2020 from board member Kim Hall stating that since she accepted a position as the school nurse she was resigning from the board: Motion to accept Kim Hall resignation from the board: Darin Scheidly 2nd: John Short. Motion passed unanimously.
- d) Finance Committee- Read by Darin Scheidly since John Mansure who was listening had connectivity problems and we could not hear him:
 - i. Action Item: PPE money will roll over. External Audit required will start on Friday, August 28, 2020. Motion to accept financial report from August: Donna Smith 2nd: Pauline Nichol. Motion passed unanimously.
- e) Facilities Committee- John Short presented the report:
 - ii. John Short reported that we received the building certificate of occupancy last Wednesday August 19, 2020.
 - iii. Meeting with area commissioner today about soccer/track field and annexing more property from Greenville Tech. Most likely this will be a 5-6 month approval process before Greenville Tech will approve.
 - iv. Darin questioned about Fairview land and GTC has suggested we engage with them about annexing more land to us for a track which is their preference over us buying land off site. We currently have a great relationship with GTC and they are very pleased with all the improvements we have made to beautify the campus.
- f) Policy&Governance Committee- Darin Scheidly presented the report:
 - i. It is time for a board election. An announcement with a timeline will be published in the GMC Blazer News on September 4th. Also, a nomination

form can be accessed on our website and submitted to Denise Clark by noon on September 28th.

- ii. All currently serving board members need to submit a nomination form to be eligible for reappointment or election.
 - iii. Darin is concerned about how we are going to grab the attention for people interested in being on the board and getting the word out for people to vote.
 - iv. Darin proposed that due to time constraints we will hold the meet and greet on the same night as the next board meeting on September 28th.
 - v. The election needs to be done by October 15th with new board members starting on November 1st in order to be compliant with current charter guidelines.
 - vi. We need to have an email blast and a special newsletter announcing nominees along with a reminder to vote.
 - vii. Discussion about utilizing the Panorama survey site for the distribution of voting to the shareholders.
 - viii. Voting links will be emailed out on October 5th and closed at 8 am on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.
 - ix. Motion to approve election timeline: Donna Smith 2nd: Hannah Mahaffey. Motion passed unanimously.
- g) Academic Excellence Committee- No report at this time by Rita Danner.
- h) Additional Business: Donna Smith – Nothing else brought to the Chairman.
7. Motion to adjourn (accidently not recorded approximately: 7:05pm) Darin Scheidly
8. Next Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for **September 28, 2020 at 5:30 pm** with a Meet&Greet for the board candidates from 5:15-5:30 pm.