



**GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE**  
**CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL**  
**HOME OF THE BLAZERS**

**Board of Directors Minutes**  
**January 25, 2021**

**Virtual Meeting**

Members Present: Donna Smith, John Short, John Mansure, Pauline Nichol, Tony Kouskolekas, Darin Scheidly, Hannah Mahaffey, Elliot Figueroa, Jennifer Jones, Matt Williams

Administration Present: Fred Crawford, James Dillard, Heather Timanus, David Gantt, Jessica McCraw

Members Absent: None

1. The meeting was called to order by Donna Smith, Chair at 5:35 PM.
2. No public speakers were permitted necessitated by the Coronavirus pandemic and the need for a virtual meeting.
3. Reading of the GMC Mission Statement: Pauline Nichol
4. The board reviewed the proposed meeting agenda. Donna Smith had two corrections to the agenda. Motion to approve the revised agenda from John Short. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tony Kouskolekas. Motion passed unanimously.
5. The board reviewed the meeting minutes from the November 16, 2020 board meeting. Motion to approve minutes from Pauline Nichol. 2<sup>nd</sup>: John Short. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Administrative and Committee Reports:
  - a) Development Committee- Heather Timanus presented the report:
    - i. Ms. Timanus presented a Board Appreciation Week video prepared by the GMC Student Government committee.
    - ii. Current school enrollment is 503 students. The current waiting list is 186 students.
    - iii. The freshmen orientation meeting has been scheduled for March 13th. It will be held in the Activity Center. Ms. Timanus is preparing the plan for the in-person meeting to insure compliance with COVID restrictions. Approximately 75% of the incoming freshmen are planning to attend the in-person orientation.
    - iv. The annual Blazer Barbecue has been cancelled due to COVID. The PIP committee is organizing a fundraising committee to Spring fundraisers that will comply with COVID guidelines. The new committee is scheduled to meet January 28<sup>th</sup>.
    - v. GMC is preparing to raise funds for exterior heating units for the cafeteria breezeway. David Gantt stated that he had requested a quote for the cost of purchasing and installing outdoor heaters and that he would provide the quote to Heather and the Facilities Committee once the quote was received. Heather

stated that there would be an online fundraising activity followed by additional activities that are COVID-compliant.

- vi. Heather is developing a “Ways-to-Give” brochure for the various ways to donate to the school
  - vii. Lunch services have been operating smoothly since returning from winter break.
- b) Executive Director Report- Fred Crawford presented the report:
- i. Mr. Crawford thanked the board members for their service.
  - ii. Plexiglass classroom dividers provided by the state district have been received and installed throughout the building.
  - iii. DHEC had planned for GMC to perform vaccinations on-campus but that plan has been postponed by DHEC. Our nurses have been trained, but the vaccination roll-out has been placed on hold.
  - iv. Last week, the number of faculty and staff members out due to COVID or quarantine was fifteen. We also had a custodian out last week with COVID. Although the school had to transition to virtual instruction for four days, GMC has had more in-person instruction days than any other public high school in the county.
  - v. The federal PPP loan was forgiven in December. At present, GMC doesn’t meet the eligibility requirements for the second PPP program.
  - vi. Mr. Crawford recommended that GMC match the Greenville County School’s one-time bonus of \$1,000, and Mr. Crawford requested that the Finance Committee approve the additional \$500.
  - vii. GMC believes that additional federal funds funding will assist in covering COVID-related sick leave that has had to be taken since the beginning of school. The SDE will be issuing guidance for the additional funding in the near future.
  - viii. The High School League litigation is still moving forward. The league has proposed additional participation restrictions that are detrimental to charter schools. In addition, the charter schools are working with the Greenville County legislative delegation, and Gary Smith to enact a permanent legislative solution for athletic participation.
  - ix. Mr. Crawford met with Greenville Technological College regarding the land lease for the athletic fields. Mr. Crawford stated that there may be concerns at the state level regarding the nature of the land leases and lease pricing regarding for the land. Donna Smith stated there may be alternatives for financing once the Area Commission has signed off the additional land lease. Dr. Miller was very positive in assisting us with obtaining the athletic fields. Mr. Crawford believed that GTC had a favorable response to the plan.

- x. GMC had \$63,700 left in the bond fund from the construction bonds. Those funds will be used to make payments on the facility. There was also \$41,00 in retainage held by Roebuck Builders being refunded.
- c) Executive Committee Report- Tony Kouskolekas presented the report:
- i. The Executive Director Search Committee has met Search Committee has met and is in the process of reviewing the applications received.
  - ii. The committee received over 15 applications. They are in the process of scheduling Zoom meetings with the applicants at this time.
  - iii. The committee's goal is to have the candidate field narrowed by mid-March with the selection by mid-April.
- d) Finance Committee- John Mansure presented the report:
- i. Mr. Mansure gave a synopsis of the school's financial condition as of December:
    - i. The school's cash balance was excellent.
    - ii. The school had \$70,000 in net revenue.
    - iii. The school's equity over \$5 million.
    - iv. Currently, the school is in an excellent financial position.
  - ii. John Mansure moved to relocate 64,000 from Greer State Ban to County Bank. Tony Tony Kouskolekas asked if account would be interest bearing. Mr. Crawford stated that the money would roll it into an interest bearing. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
  - iii. John Mansure moved to increase one-time, full-time employee bonus approved in December from \$750 to \$1,250 and to increase the budget for the bonuses to \$35,000. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
  - iv. Jennifer Jones and Elliot Figueroa stated that they had not receive notice of the previous committee meeting. Donna Smith stated that they will make sure that new committee members would receive notices for the future meetings.
- e) Facilities Committee- John Short presented the report:
- i. The Activity Center was completed under budget, and the construction loan has been closed out.
  - ii. The athletic fields project is progressing at this time.
  - iii. Mr. Jed Isbell, the attorney in Oklahoma handling the bus issue has reviewed all materials concerning the bus purchase. Based upon this information, Mr. Isbell sent a demand letter to National Bus Services, but he has not received a response from the company yet.
  - iv. Donna Smith requested that all documents concerning facilities activities be provided to all committee members.
- f) Policy & Governance Committee- No report at this time.
- g) Academic Excellence Committee- No report at this time
7. Additional Business: Donna Smith – Nothing else brought to the Chairman.
8. Darin Scheidly moved to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.

9. Next Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for **February 22, 2021 at 5:30 pm.**