



# GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

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## HOME OF THE BLAZERS

### Board of Directors Minutes January 24, 2020

Members Present: Donna Smith, John Short, Darin Scheidly, Pauline Nichol, Tony Kouskolekas, Rita Danner, Hannah Mahaffey, Jamie Harvey (via remote connection), Kimberly Hall, Nikki Crabtree

Members Absent: John Mansure

1. Donna Smith called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.
2. There were no public speakers to address the board.
3. Donna Smith presented the school's Mission Statement
4. The board reviewed and approved the meeting agenda. Rita Danner moved to approve the agenda. Nikki Crabtree seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. The board reviewed and approved the Meeting Minutes from the November 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. John Short moved to approve the minutes. Nikki Crabtree seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Development Committee - Heather Timanus presented the report:
    - i. Current school enrollment is 467 students. The enrollment total at the end of the semester was due to some seniors withdrawing because of senior project completion and passing grade issues. We also added 15 new students. Several students decline enrollment due to differences in current schedules.
    - ii. There are 352 students on the Wait List. We are still receiving applications for the incoming Freshmen class. Ninth grade Wait List is 161 and 61 on 10th grade wait list.
    - iii. Mr. Crawford indicated that those students who are below passing grade level are required to complete a contract on how to get their grades to passing in order to reduce upperclassmen from withdrawing late in their senior year. The school has adopted a Multi-Tiered Support Services (MTSS) for all underclassmen and seniors to keep them on track academically. We are also looking at additional senior project options, such as apprenticeships in the vocational area. We are trying to make certain that senior year maintains some rigor and that senior project is a mandated requirement from year one. Darin recommended that underclassmen should shadow the seniors in anticipation of the senior project
  - b. Executive Director Report - Fred Crawford presented the report:
    - i. The School recognized the Boys and Girls Cross-country state championships at a home basketball game.
    - ii. We have had record attendance for boys and girls' basketball to-date.
    - iii. SCHSL is looking at putting all of the charter schools in a separate division. That motion has not been passed yet. There is a meeting next week in Columbia regarding the proposal.
    - iv. The school added Paige Manwaring as an adjunct teacher for the semester. She will be full-time teacher next year as the chorus/theater teacher. Ms. Manwaring has taken over Ms. Furr's classes, who has moved to MTSS Intervention Specialist required by the MTSS legal requirements for supporting students struggling academically. We have added academic support during for struggling students during the school day.
    - v. Mr. David Gantt, Director of Operations and Technology, presented an IT Situation Update for the current status of school technology.

- vi. Mr. Crawford requested the Personnel committee review the current Employee Handbook to determine if any modifications need to be made prior to the upcoming academic year.
  - vii. Mr. Crawford requested that the Policy and Government Committee review and consider a Charter Amendment request to the SCPCSD that allow the school to have online E-Learning days for snow days and other inclement weather issues. The adoption of E-Learning school days would require an amendment to allow for these type of make-up days.
  - viii. Mr. Crawford stated that he will need to work remotely for the next two-to-three weeks at a minimum to care for his wife who has back surgery scheduled next week.
  - c. Executive Committee – Donna Smith stated there was no report.
  - d. Finance Committee – Darin Scheidly presented the report:
    - i. As of December, the school had \$6.27 million in the bank. Construction projects are drawing down the cash-on-hand. School liabilities are up to \$180k with the \$5.35 million in net equity.
    - ii. The monthly income is above budget, and net income is 3% above budget.
    - iii. The expenses were higher but not within the tolerance range of the budget.
    - iv. Mr. Crawford stated the school should receive SRO grant funding in February from the SCPCSD.
    - v. Donna moved to accept the report and John seconded the motion.
  - e. Facilities Committee – John Short presented the report:
    - i. Building construction is on schedule for the April 15<sup>th</sup> completion date.
    - ii. Construction budgets are still on target with a few change orders that have been approved to-date. The building should be in the dry in the near future.
    - iii. Donna Smith inquired regarding the repair status of the new bus. Mr. Gantt informed Ms. Smith that the bus had been sent to a new repair shop in an attempt to address the ongoing issues and that the new service provider appeared to have identified the source of the issues. Ms. Smith informed Mr. Gantt to either “get it repaired or get it gone.”
  - f. Policy & Governance Committee - No report was presented.
  - g. Academic Excellence Committee – Jamie Harvey presented the report:
    - i. Pauline Nichol requested that the board move into Executive Session to discuss the result of the school-wide board surveys.
    - ii. Donna Smith moved to enter Executive Session. John Short seconded the motion. The board entered Executive Session at 6:42 pm.
    - iii. The board exited Executive Session at 6:55 pm with no action taken.
  - h. Personnel Committee - No report was presented.
7. John Short moved to adjourn the meeting. Tony Kouskolekas seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.
8. Next meeting is February 24, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.