



GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE
CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
HOME OF THE BLAZERS

Board of Directors Minutes
March 22, 2021

Members Present: Donna Smith, John Short, Pauline Nichol, Tony Kouskolekas, Jennifer Jones

Members Online: John Mansure, Hannah Mahaffey, Matt Williams, Darin Scheidly, Elliott Figueroa

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

Members Absent:

1. The meeting was called to order by Donna Smith, Chair at 5:35 PM.
2. Reading of the GMC Mission Statement: Pauline Nichol.
3. The board reviewed the proposed meeting agenda. Motion to approve the amended agenda from Jennifer Jones. Motion passed unanimously.
4. The board reviewed the meeting minutes from the February 22, 2021 board meeting. Motion to approve minutes from Pauline Nichol. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Public speaker: Mr. Joseph Hand addressed the board.
6. Motion to enter Executive Session was made by John Short. Darin Scheidly seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. James Dillard and Jessica McCraw were invited into Executive Session to provide additional information. Board entered Executive Session as 5:55 p.m.
7. Board exited Executive Session at 6:17 p.m. No action was taken at that time.
8. Administrative and Committee Reports:
 - a) Academic Excellence Committee- Hannah Mahaffey
 - i. The committee is in the process of preparing three surveys for parents, students and employees regarding the school. The surveys will focus on three topics: school leadership, school climate and school improvement. Each topic will have about five questions.
 - ii. The survey should be sent out on or around April 9th. The committee would like the survey responses collected by April 23rd. The committee would then meet and report the results back to the board.
 - iii. Donna Smith wanted to confirm that the only one survey response per family could be submitted. Ms. Mahaffey confirmed that Survey Monkey allowed the committee to control the email addresses that could respond to the survey.
 - iv. Hannah Mahaffey made a motion to spend \$900.00 to purchase a Survey Monkey subscription for the board. John Mansure seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- v. The committee decided to table creating a faculty council for teacher feedback and for course offerings until the survey results were compiled.
- b) Executive Director Report- James Dillard and Jessica McCraw presented the report:
- i. Ms. McCraw introduced Katie Quinlan, the school's Teacher of the Year.
 - ii. Registration process for the Class of 2025 is continuing at this time.
 - iii. The new Fine Arts class offerings are filling up nicely, and the school is hosting its first Fine Arts Festival at school on May 8th.
 - iv. Spirit Week is happening at the moment through March 25th. The proceeds from Spirit Week are going to the Greenville United Way for COVID Relief.
 - v. The prom is scheduled for April 30th.
 - vi. The school is following the new CDC updates including the distance reduction for social distancing. We are currently at zero cases. We have some students out on quarantine due to family members. The teachers are being vaccinated at this time, and the faculty feels like the situation is safer now.
 - vii. No changes have occurred regarding the SCHSL lawsuit. However, several legislative bills are being proposed in Columbia to change the SCHSL governance structure and legislative oversight.
 - viii. The faculty have received their initial Intent to Return to School letters. The faculty have not received Letters of Intent yet, which is late compared to Greenville County. Donna Smith inquired whether it was reasonable for faculty to wait until the second week in April to receive their letters. Ms. McCraw responded that that timeframe would be reasonable.
 - ix. Spring sports are in full swing now. A Little Flames summer basketball camp for young children has been scheduled for June.
 - x. Jennifer Jones asked whether teachers were being given time off to be vaccinated. Ms. McCraw stated that teachers were allowed to take a day of sick leave from work to be vaccinated if they chose to do so.
- c) Development Committee- Heather Timanus presented the report:
- i. Current school enrollment is 502 students. The current waiting list is 75 students for the incoming class and 221 for the current classes. We have had a steady stream of applications.
 - ii. The new student meeting went well.
 - iii. We are still looking for sponsors for the Blazer Barbecue. We are also collecting
 - iv. We are preparing for Senior Project judging. The invitation will go out after Spring Break. The date of judging is May 20th at 6:30 pm.
 - v. PIP is going well. The committee is preparing for Teacher Appreciation Week in May.
- d) Finance Committee- John Mansure presented the report:
- i. Mr. Mansure gave a synopsis of the school's financial condition as of February:
 - i. The school's cash balance was \$3.7 million. Total assets were \$17 million. Total liabilities were about \$650 thousand. Revenue for

February was \$831,000 against a budget of \$395,00. Total expenses were \$454,000 vs. \$380,000 budgeted. Total net gain was \$375,000.

- ii. Monthly revenue was favorable due to the PPP loan forgiveness of \$489,000. The school would have run a monthly deficit otherwise because of the monthly funding offset the district has implemented from its revenue overpayments that occurred in the fall.
 - ii. The state district should be receiving about \$9 million in additional state revenue of which GMC should receive about \$90,000. The teacher step-increase for 2020-21 is working its way through the state legislature.
 - iii. The committee took action one matter: to pay our BB&T commercial loan in the amount of \$225,640. This payment would consist of \$107,640 in interest and \$118,000 in principal. The school has \$66,773 in the BB&T Series 2000 account, which was being transferred. The committee decided to use those funds plus the remainder from the general funds account to pay the loan.
 - iv. John Mansure made a motion to pay the loan as indicated.
- e) Facilities Committee- John Short presented the report:
- i. The Facilities report is essentially the same as the previous month concerning ongoing projects.
 - ii. The Facilities Committee needs to schedule a meeting concerning structural needs for the school that need to be addressed during the summer break.
 - iii. The bus situation is still pending. The matter has been referred to mediation and have until April 16th to respond
 - iv. Donna Smith inquired about the status of the land lease. Mr. Short stated that we are waiting to hear from the college about its next commission meeting to discuss the lease.
 - v. The committee will schedule a meeting in the immediate future to discuss summer renovations and maintenance projects.
- f) Policy & Governance Committee- No report at this time.
- g) Executive Committee Report- Donna Smith deferred Tony Kouskolekas, who presented the report:
- i. Tony Kouskolekas made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Board entered Executive Session at 6:47 p.m.
 - ii. Board exited Executive Session at 6:59 p.m. No action was taken at that time.
9. No new business was brought before the board
10. Darren Scheidly made a motion to adjourn at 7:02 p.m.
11. Next Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for **April 26, 2021 at 5:30 pm.**