



GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE BLAZERS

Board of Directors Minutes April 27, 2020

Members Present: Donna Smith, John Short, John Mansure, Pauline Nichol, Tony Kouskolekas, Rita Danner, Hannah Mahaffey, Jamie Harvey, Kimberly Hall, Nikki Huber, Darin Scheidly

Members Absent: None

1. Donna Smith called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.
2. No public speakers were permitted due to the virtual meeting necessitated by the Coronavirus pandemic.
3. Pauline Nichol read the school mission statement
4. John Short moved to approve the agenda. Jamie Harvey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. The board reviewed and approved the Meeting Minutes from the February 27th board meeting. Two modifications were requested: John Short called the meeting to order and Pauline Nichol read the Mission Statement. Pauline Nichol moved to approve the minutes as amended. Jamie Harvey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Development Committee - Heather Timanus was not present but Fred Crawford delivered the report:
 - i. The school is completing enrollment applications for next year now.
 - ii. Current enrollment numbers are up, and there are still several students on the Wait List. The school is on track for meeting the enrollment goal of 500 students.
 - b. Executive Director Report – Fred Crawford presented the report:
 - i. Mr. Crawford recognized the teachers and staff for their efforts. In addition, Mr Crawford recognized the parents and their assistance with Elearning.
 - ii. The school has issued over 50 laptops to students for ELearning. Mobile hot spots have also been provided to faculty and staff to cover Internet access.
 - iii. The administration is investigating graduation options with the input of students regarding the graduation ceremony. Administration is waiting on SDE guidelines for graduation ceremonies.
 - iv. Mr. Crawford introduced Mr. William Owens as the school's new Athletic Director. Mr. Owens will also assist with PE. In addition, school has added Mr. Alexander George as science teacher and Tiffany LaPoe as English teacher.
 - v. The South Carolina High School League has adopted new regulations that may force all incoming freshmen to forfeit a year of eligibility. Four schools have filed lawsuits against the SCHSL regarding the new regulations. The schools are seeking an injunction to block the new regulations.
 - vi. The school has submitted a Payroll Protection Program application through County Bank to seek payroll assistance as a non-profit organization.
 - vii. Mr. Crawford requested the board to adopt the charter amendment regarding E-Learning, which will allow for E-Learning in the future.
 - viii. The administration is revising the handbook and should have revisions prepared for the beginning of the school year.
 - ix. Mr. Crawford remembered Dr. Thomas Barton, former Greenville Technical College president, for his efforts in founding the GTC charter schools.

- x. The school will send out invitations to founding board members and other former board members for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Student Activity Center when a formal ceremony can be held.
 - c. Executive Committee – Donna Smith deferred to the Policy and Government Committee for its report.
 - d. Finance Committee - John Mansure stated there was no report at this time. Committee to meet in May.
 - e. Facilities Committee – John Short presented the report:
 - i. The floor installation begins in the Student Activity Center tomorrow. The bleachers will be installed around mid-May. The building turnover date will be between the 15th and the 25th.
 - ii. There are some change orders for the Student Activity Center. The OSF required an additional fire hydrant to the construction plan and a signal strength repeater for emergency responder signals in the gym for life and safety issues. The main Academic Building has a 100% coverage in the classrooms and one spot with 80% in a storage space.
 - iii. A quote to connect the existing data network and camera system has been presented. This will allow the schools to integrate the two buildings. In addition, quotes for cameras and PA Systems are being requested at this time. Presently, the cost of the additional life systems and equipment should be about \$100,000.
 - iv. John Short moved to approve the Change Orders for the fire hydrant and cabling installation. Jamie Harvey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - v. Kimberly Hall inquired about any assistance from Pepsi. Mr. Short stated that we anticipate that Pepsi will follow through with their agreement.
 - vi. Pauline Nichol inquired about property for sale on Locust Hill Road. Mr. Short stated he had sent a letter of intent but has not received a response.
 - f. Policy & Governance Committee – Darin Scheidly presented the report:
 - i. The committee reviewed E-learning charter amendment to allow for the school calendar to be modified for Elearning makeup for inclement weather days. Darin recommended the adoption of the amendment. The amendment was adopted unanimously as the second reading of the amendment.
 - ii. Pauline Nichol provide an update regarding the board surveys. The committee reviewed the survey results and comments. The committee had forwarded the results of the survey to Mr. Crawford. There have been requests from parents/students/teachers asking about the results. The committee felt that it would not be appropriate to release the survey results until after the administration had the chance to review the survey results.
 - iii. Donna Smith stated that the board wanted to publish information in the Blazer News newsletter from the board reaching out to the parents and students during this difficult time. The Executive Committee would coordinate the of statements to students and parents that board the surveys had been reviewed and in discussion and to thank them for their input. Mr. Crawford recommended that the messages should be sent in a separate newsletter directly from the board. Pauline accepted the proposed amendment to her motion. Kimberly Hall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - iv. Mr. Crawford stated that he had reviewed the responses and wanted to discuss comments with the Executive Committee in-person or online.
 - v. Pauline Nichol stated that there were several positions on the board up for election. Donna Smith requested guidance from board regarding appropriate procedures. Darin Scheidly stated that the committee needed to give people 3-4 weeks' notice for election. Mr. Crawford stated that due to pandemic we should delay elections until at least September to work through the process. John Short asked if the board should seek guidance from district regarding delaying election.
7. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.
8. Next meeting is June 22, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.