



GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE BLAZERS

Board of Directors Minutes June 22, 2020

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

Members Absent: Pauline Nichol

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. Donna Smith read the school mission statement.
4. The board reviewed the proposed meeting agenda. John Short moved to approve the agenda. Tony Kouskolekas seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. The board reviewed the meeting minutes from the May 18th board meeting. Tony Kouskolekas moved to approve the minutes. Hannah MaHaffey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Development Committee - Heather Timanus presented the report:
 - i. The school is continuing to work on meeting its enrollment goals. The plan is to start with 520 students in anticipation of some students not returning. The enrolment meetings are being down via virtual meetings. We will schedule building tours for parents when such tours are permitted. Mr. Crawford noted that the current State Department of Education's guidelines stated that no large parent gatherings were permitted currently. Based upon current parent meetings, only three parents had stated that they were opposed to in-person instruction.
 - ii. Ms. Smith inquired about the parent response to virtual meetings. Ms. Timanus stated that the majority of the questions concerned what the fall would look like from a school perspective. In addition, a lot of questions dealt with academic expectations.
 - b. Executive Director Report – Fred Crawford presented the report:
 - i. The graduation ceremony was held in front of the school on May 22nd. Three hundred individuals watched the graduation via live streaming.
 - ii. The school's federal Paycheck Protection Program loan was approved. The school received a \$489,000 forgivable loan through the program. The school also received \$81,045 from the federal CARES act for spring and fall re-opening.
 - iii. The board needs to review and establish an election time for board elections.
 - iv. The school administration is developing its re-opening plan for August. Social distancing will be mandated, and alternate days are likely. College will have limited to ten students for face-to-face instruction with blended learning online. Masks or face shields will be required at both the college and the high schools.
 - v. A temporary injunction was granted to the plaintiffs in the High school league lawsuit.
 - vi. Ms. Smith inquired about whether the high school would consider dropping the suit. Mr. Crawford responded that legislators will probably remedy the issue through legislation. Mr. Scheidly inquired about whether the board wanted to have the board elections before October 15th. Mr. Crawford stated that

sometime after Labor Day would be best. Donna Smith referred the matter to the Governance Committee to report on the election by the July meeting.

- c. Executive Committee – Donna Smith stated that there was no report.
- d. Finance Committee - John Mansure delivered the report:
 - i. The school's on-hand cash balance for the month of May was \$4.5 million. Total school liabilities were \$288,000, and Accounts Payables had decreased by \$55,000.
 - ii. Total school revenue year-to-date was \$4.7 million opposed to the budgeted amount of \$4.2 million. The additional revenue was based upon higher student enrollment than budgeted. Expenses were \$4.1 million compared to budget amount of \$3.6 million. The school's personnel costs were higher than budgeted due to the higher school enrollment and higher college participation.
 - iii. Year-to-date net earnings is \$525,000 vs. \$600,000 budgeted. This amount does not include the PPP funds, which may have to be paid back. However, the PPP will significantly increase retained earnings if the loan is forgiven.
 - iv. Finance Committee reviewed and approved a request for funding for carpeting for the Student Activity Center foyer. John Short moved for the board approve the Finance Committee's motion. There was no discussion regarding the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. Facilities Committee – John Short presented the report:
 - i. Mr. Short provided photos and video of current construction of the Student Activity Center. The gym floor is almost completed. The main issues regarding completion of the center is adding carpet to the foyer area for sound and esthetic purposes. The next inspection for the elevator is July 6th. No issues are expected with that inspection. There are some issues to address during the month of July.
 - ii. Pepsi will bring vending machines to the new cafeteria later in July.
 - iii. Mr. Short and Donna Smith met with the pastor and the associate pastor of the Fairview Baptist Church regarding seventeen acres on Highway 290 about a mile and a half from the school. The church is wanting to sell the property. They are interested in having access to the fields on occasion such as July 4th, Easter, etc. This possible property sale is very much in the discussion stage. Mr. Short stated the meeting was very positive. The board would have to look at who might have access to the facilities including the church. Donna Smith stated that the church hasn't set a price for its property.
 - iv. Mr. Short stated that the board needs to explore on-site athletic fields with Greenville Tech as well. There have been discussions with GTC about soccer fields and a track on the campus. Some of the parents have prepped sketches for additional facilities on the campus. Mr. Crawford said that Dr. Miller was very receptive to the school developing facilities on the campus. Mr. Crawford stated that if GTC provided additional access, the school would need a land lease from the college to build the athletics facilities. Ms. Smith stated that the board should consider both options and make the best decision for the school.
- f. Policy & Governance Committee – Darin Scheidly presented the report:
 - i. The Committee will have a meeting prior to the next regular board meeting to discuss the board election schedule.
 - ii. Mr. Scheidly inquired about the length of term for the new members since the election was being delay until after Labor Day. Mr. Short stated that he believed the election terms return to the regular term ending date of June.
 - iii. The school's new E-Learning policy has been accepted by the South Carolina Public Charter School District.
 - iv. The only remaining issue was the signing of the amendment by all the board members. Ms. Smith sent an e-signature document that is being passed electronically through the board.
 - v. Ms. Smith thanked Mr. Scheidly and the committee for their work.
- g. Academic Excellence Committee - Rita Danner stated that there was no report.

- i. Ms. Danner stated that Jamie Harvey has the fall surveys still. Ms. Smith stated that the Executive Committee would meet with Mr. Crawford to review surveys when the circumstances allowed such a meeting.
 - ii. Panorama will give the school a discount based on a contract extension because of the school's limited use of their services for the year. Panorama has provided three separate contracts for the board's review.
 - iii. Ms. Harvey stated she will verify that Ms. Danner has access to the surveys.
 - h. Personnel Committee - Tony Kouskolekas - stated that there was no report.
7. Darin Scheidly moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.
 8. Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.