



# GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL HOME OF THE BLAZERS

## Board of Directors Minutes July 24, 2023

Members Present: Donna Smith, John Short, Elliot Figueroa, Pauline Nichol, Tony Kouskolekas, Jennifer Jones, Lori Larsen, Darin Scheidly

Administration Present: Jimmy Armstrong, David Gantt

Members Absent: Pamela Adams, Zach Salvato

1. The meeting was called to order by Donna Smith, Chairman, at 5:33 pm.
2. There were no public speakers who desired to address the board.
3. Reading of the GMC Mission Statement: Pauline Nichol.
4. The board reviewed the proposed agenda for the meeting. Pauline Nichol made a motion to approve the agenda. Tony Kouskolekas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
5. The board reviewed the meeting minutes from the June 26, 2023, regular board meeting. Pauline Nichol made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction to amend projected enrollment from 235 and 240 to 535 and 540. Tony Kouskolekas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with the amendment.
6. Public Comment on federal ESSER III funding: Mr. Armstrong stated that the school was in the process of budgeting and collecting the federal ESSER III funds that had been allocated to the school. No public comments were made regarding the ESSER III funding. The school will submit its amendments to the state school district for the remaining funds for security projects and math teachers' salaries/fringes since no new comments from the public or Board. Administrative and Committee Reports:
  - a) Administration Report – Jimmy Armstrong presented the report:
    - i. The custodial staff has shampooed all classroom and hallway carpeting.
    - ii. The science classrooms, art room and faculty study room have all been waxed and buffed.
    - iii. Mr. Gantt has upgraded the network including the switches and access points throughout the facility,
    - iv. Door access controls have been installed throughout the facility.
    - v. IT has re-imaged over 200 windows PCs to Windows 11.
    - vi. Several additional cameras to the gym and breezeway areas have been installed for increased facility security purposes.
    - vii. The last day for the faculty was May 31st. Faculty will return on August 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - viii. The school was closed during the week of the 4th.
    - ix. We are holding the Freshman Blazer Boot Camp currently. This is the second week of the camp. The camp allows incoming students to make connections before the beginning of school. We are using general funds to continue this program.
    - x. The Special Ed department and administration are holding IEP and 504 conferences.
    - xi. Mr. Dillard, Mr. Armstrong and Ms. Teel attended the Southern Regional Educational Board conference in Florida the week of the 17th. The school's academic model is very similar to the one advocated by this board.
    - xii. We have a group traveling Europe at this time. In 2027, we are going to Italy.

- xiii. The administration has submitted the grade level expansion to the state district. The district board has asked for some financial information about the proposal. The expansion vote is scheduled for August 10th.
- xiv. Our former art teacher resigned, and we've hired Mr. Michael McCollum, an Art Education graduate from Anderson University.
- xv. The new website is scheduled to be live before August 1st.
- b) Executive Committee Report- No report was presented.
- c) Finance Committee- Elliot Figueroa presented the report:
  - i. Mr. Figueroa stated that a monthly report was not prepared for June because it is the fiscal end-of-year. Reports for June and July will be presented in August.
  - ii. Mr. Figueroa gave a brief synopsis of the school's end-of-month financial condition as of June 2023:
    - i. The school has \$3.3 million cash-on-hand.
    - ii. The current interest rate on the school's fund invested in the state investment pool is 3.35%.
    - iii. The external auditors have not raised any issues with the annual audit to-date.
  - iii. Elliot Figueroa moved to accept the report. The report was accepted unanimously.
- d) Facilities Committee- Jimmy Armstrong gave the report:
  - i. The consulting company has developed a plan for the location of the new school's septic field, which will require about 10 acres. The consulting company has given us a new rendering of the building and the septic fields. The existing green area becomes drainage for the septic field until the sewer line reaches the property. This plan moves the location of the building and the ball fields, but the layout will fit on the property with the necessary area for the septic.
  - ii. Tony Kouskolekas asked if this layout would require additional property. Mr. Short said that it would not. Mr. Short added that this layout provides additional driveway space for student drop-off and pickup. The school will be moved back from Hwy 290.
  - iii. Donna Smith stated that she met with both Metropolitan Sewer District and CPW regarding future sewer line availability, and that both indicated that the area is growing rapidly and that they have interest in installing a sewer line in the area in the future.
  - iv. Jennifer Jones asked if we estimated the total cost based on the revised plan. Mr. Short said that we still have a cap of 22 million, but we believe that the cost will be lower because we will not have to move as much dirt to build this layout. The total cost estimate is still higher than the initial budget, which is the reason the board added additional grade levels to make the school project more cost effective.
  - v. Jennifer Jones asked if Truist or anyone had prepared a pro-forma budget analysis if the total cost of the building is \$22m. Mr. Short and Ms. Smith indicated that Truist had not provided a pro-forma budget based upon \$22m, but we received pro-forma budget analysis for \$14m, \$16m and \$20m cost estimates.
  - vi. Darin Scheidly asked whether we would be able to build additional athletic facilities if the sewer lines were not brought out to the property over the next few years. Mr. Short stated that we could build over the septic field, but we could not build any permanent structures. Mr. Short stated that per the state building codes, the initial drainage area cannot be disturbed. It can be disturbed after building completion but not as part of the initial construction.
  - vii. Roebuck Builders has provided the school with a good-faith cost range for the facility based upon recent commercial projects it has completed. Darin Scheidly asked if there was another property in the area that would be more suitable. Donna and John indicated that after extensive search this was the most cost-effective piece of property in the area. Mr. Armstrong stated that the building would be nice but would be built as inexpensively as possible.
- e) Policy & Governance Committee- No report was presented.
- f) Academic Excellence Committee – No report was presented.

## 7. New Business

- a) No new business was presented.
- 8. Tony Kouskolekas moved to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.
- 9. Next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for **August 28, 2023, at 5:30 pm.**

## Addendums



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#### Principal Report 7-24-2023

- Classroom carpet has been shampooed.
- Science and art room floors have been buffed.
- Faculty that requested touch up painting has been completed.
- 5 new switches are online.
- 27 new wireless access points installed.
- Added 3 cameras to gym and breezeway.
- Added entry access control units to various areas in our school.
- Updated 200 student PCs to Windows 11.
- GMC was closed July 3rd-7<sup>th</sup>.
- July 17<sup>th</sup>-July 27<sup>th</sup> GMC hosted around 70 incoming freshmen as part of our Blazer Boot Camp. During Blazer Boot Camp, freshmen had multiple opportunities for social interaction, created different art work, and learned new academic skills.
- Multiple IEP meetings were conducted the month of July.
- July 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>- GMC Admin. team traveled to the Southern Regional Education Board Making Schools Work Conference in Orlando, FL.
- We had a group of students, parents, and chaperones to tour European countries.
- SCPCSD is in the process of reviewing our request for grade level expansion. Their Board meeting is the morning of August 10<sup>th</sup>.
- We have a new art teacher. Mr. McCollum is a graduate of Anderson University.



