



# GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

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## HOME OF THE BLAZERS

### **Board of Directors Minutes August 31, 2021**

Members Present: Donna Smith, John Short, Pauline Nichol, Jennifer Jones, Matt Williams, Darin Scheidly

Administration Present: Jimmy Armstrong, James Dillard, Jessica McCraw, David Gantt

Members Absent: John Mansure, Elliott Figueroa, Tony Kouskolekas, Hannah Mahaffey

1. The meeting was called to order by Donna Smith, Chair at 5:49PM.
2. Reading of the GMC Mission Statement: Pauline Nichol
3. The board reviewed the proposed meeting agenda. Pauline Nichol moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Jennifer Jones. Motion passed unanimously.
4. The board reviewed the meeting minutes from the August 26, 2021, special board meeting and the June 28, 2021, regular board meeting. Pauline Nichol made a motion to approve minutes. Jennifer Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
5. There were no public speakers.
6. Administrative and Committee Reports:
  - a) Administration Report – Jimmy Armstrong presented the report:
    - i. We have added 2 sophomores, 20 juniors and 2 seniors since the beginning of school. Current Enrollment is 510 students.
    - ii. Information night for the incoming freshmen class is September 27th. We will be putting out lottery signs throughout the community in the near future.
    - iii. Service Transport, Inc. has become our initial Senior Project Capstone sponsor. We will assist Service Transport in recruiting some commercial drivers.
    - iv. The Blazer BBQ is schedule for October 15th on the front lawn of the Activity Center.
    - v. Two students spoke at the Greer Lions Club meeting on August 24th.
    - vi. Donna Smith asked about which class historically has the highest transfer rate. Mr. Jimmy stated that highest transfer class is generally seniors due to senior project issues. Mr. Armstrong noted that the school has added apprenticeships and internships as an additional option for senior projects.
    - vii. The school completed the bond reissuance for the 2016 and 2019 development bonds, which reduced the interest rates to 2.54%.
    - viii. The new activity bus has been delivered. We have two large buses and one small bus for school activities. All of the buses will be wrapped in the future.
    - ix. The school facilitated a freshmen retreat on August 27th. We created “pods” of students for COVID management. We had activities for the students to allow them to create new relationships.
    - x. We have implemented several COVID mitigation actions to protect the students and employees. The school active COVID cases were in the high teens when school opened, but the current number of active cases is down to ten.

- xi. Donna asked were there other issues or concerns in the school opening. Mr. Armstrong stated that mask-wearing was optional because of the state law. In addition, the school is not offering virtual learning as an option this year because the parents indicated that they preferred in-person instruction.
  - b) Executive Committee Report- No report was presented at this time.
  - c) Finance Committee- Matt Williams presented the report:
    - i. Mr. Williams gave a synopsis of the school's end-of-year financial condition as of July 2021:
      - i. cash balances were \$3.2 million, and total assets were \$16.2 million. Total Equity was 5.28 million.
      - ii. Total Current Liabilities were \$524 thousand.
      - iii. Total Income for July was \$402 thousand against a budget of \$405 thousand (1% unfavorable). Total Expenses were \$422 thousand against a budget of \$416 thousand (1% unfavorable). July net income was a net loss of \$20, thousand versus a budget of \$10,470. However, July contained a number of annual expenses that had to be paid up-front.
      - iv. Current number of days of cash on-hand as of July 31, 2021 is 218 days.
    - ii. Matt Williams moved for the board to accept the report. Jennifer Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously
  - d) Facilities Committee- No report was presented at this time.
  - e) Policy & Governance Committee- No report was presented at this time.
  - f) Academic Excellence Committee – No report was presented at this time.
7. New Business
- a. Darin Scheidly inquired about the overall functionality of the Activity Center and whether it was meeting administration's expectations. Mr. Armstrong responded that the facility had been meeting the expectations and needs of the faculty and staff.
  - b. Jennifer Jones asked whether there were any updates concerning the land lease request to Greenville Technical College. Donna Smith responded that the college had not provided her any updates at this time.
  - c. Mr. Armstrong informed the board that he was preparing a strategic plan for GMC that he would present to the board in the upcoming months.
8. Matt Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.
9. Next Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for **September 21, 2021 at 5:30 pm.**

## Addendums



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### Principal Report 8-31-2021

- GMC completed a bond reissuance on our 2016 and 2019 bonds. Our rate is at 2.54% and we are locked in for 10 years.
- GMC completed the purchase of a new bus and bus is in hand.
- Our faculty completed professional development related to project-based and problem-based learning on August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> with members of the Wake Forest School of Medicine Center of Excellence for Research, Teaching and Learning.
- GMC administration and school counselors met with freshmen parents and parents new to GMC on August 11<sup>th</sup> as part of their orientation.
- GMC student enrollment is at 510.
- Our Teacher Cadet students, under the facilitation of Mrs. Rouse, helped faculty at Taylors Elementary get ready for the start of school.
- On August 20<sup>th</sup>, our students had yearbook picture day. Make up picture day is September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Under the facilitation of Mrs. Rouse and Ms. Sawicki, some of our students and parents participated in picking up trash as part of Adopt a Highway.
- Two of our students spoke to the Greer Lions Club on August 24<sup>th</sup>.
- GMC provided a retreat for our freshmen on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Freshmen experienced team building exercises in their pods of 8 students.
- GMC senior parent meeting occurred on August 31<sup>st</sup> to inform parents of upcoming events and expectations leading to graduation in Spring of 2022.
- Our other long white bus experienced a fuel issue. The lines had to be bled and bus is back in operation.
- COVID mitigation -- We are completing the following in order to keep our students, faculty and staff safe at GMC:
  1. Run the HVAC fans when students/faculty attend school.
  2. Clean regularly and fog classrooms during the lunch period.
  3. Student seats are 3 ft. apart if practical and practice social distancing.
  4. Monitor close contact prior to a quarantine.
  5. Quarantine a student for 4 days and on the 5<sup>th</sup> day a student may test.
  6. Closely monitor athletics and team members.
  7. School nurses communicate with school administration each afternoon.
  8. Notify parents that
    1. OTC COVID tests are not considered valid by the school.
    2. Students should be kept home a) if they have symptoms of illness, b) are awaiting COVID test results for any reason, and/or c) if anyone in the household is awaiting COVID test results due to symptoms.
    3. All should wash hands regularly
    4. Continue to have family conversations about masks. Masks continue to be optional at GMC.
  9. Act immediately and school-wide on any decisions.
  10. Be prepared to cancel or postpone any after school event with limited notice via email, phone messenger, and social media.



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Board of Directors

July 2021 Finance Report

August 30, 2021

**July Financial Highlights**

- Balance Sheet
  - As of July 31st, Cash Balances were **\$3,221,919**.
  - Total Assets were **\$16,288,370** for the month.
  - Total Current Liabilities were **\$524,091**.
  - Total Equity was **\$5,288,279**.
  
- Statement of Revenue & Expenses
  - Revenue
    - Total Income for July was **\$402,015** against a budget of **\$405,866 (1% or (\$3,851) Unfavorable)**.
  - Expense
    - Total Expenses for July were **\$422,017** against a budget of **\$416,336 (1% or (\$5,680) Unfavorable)**.
  - Net Income
    - July Net Income was a **LOSS** of **(\$20,002)** versus a budget of **(\$10,470)**, leaving a **\$9,532 or 91% Unfavorability**.
  
- Notes:
  - Days of Cash as of July 31, 2021 = **218**.