



# GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE

## CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

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### HOME OF THE BLAZERS

#### **Board of Directors Minutes September 26, 2022**

Members Present: John Short, John Mansure, Pauline Nichol, Jennifer Jones, Darin Scheidly, Jason Ross

Administration Present: James Dillard, Jessica McCraw, Anne Goff, David Gantt

Members Absent: Donna Smith, Elliott Figueroa, Tony Kouskolekas, Lori Larsen

1. The meeting was called to order by John Short, Vice Chair at 5:47 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. John Mansure made a motion to approve the agenda. Darin Scheidly seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
5. The board reviewed the meeting minutes from the August 22, 2022, regular board meeting. Jennifer Jones made a motion to approve the minutes. Jason Ross seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Administrative and Committee Reports:
  - a) Administration Report – James Dillard presented the report:
    - i. On August 29<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Derrick met with senior parents to discuss information leading up to graduation.
    - ii. On August 30<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Derrick provided information to seniors related to college decisions leading up to graduation.
    - iii. On September 15<sup>th</sup>, our Teacher Cadet students, under the facilitation of Ms. Rouse, attended the iTeach Conference. This is an annual Future Educator’s Conference, hosted by Greenville County Schools.
    - iv. On September 16<sup>th</sup>, our Teacher Cadets attended North Greenville University’s College Day.
    - v. On September 16<sup>th</sup>, GMC held its first College Application Day for seniors. College and University representatives from the area helped seniors to complete college applications. Ms. Derrick spearheaded this event.
    - vi. On September 18<sup>th</sup>, our StuGo went to Saluda Outdoor Center for their annual retreat.
    - vii. On September 19<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Kirkland, our computer science faculty member, attended the first annual Computer Science and Stem Conference.
    - viii. On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Ms. McCraw attended Camperdown Academy’s information night for their 8th grade students.
    - ix. Ms. McCraw attended three-day training seminar for crisis prevention. This is geared towards students and de-escalation of situations with students and is required by SCDE.
    - x. Our HVAC system has been reviewed by three companies. We accepted bids for system maintenance for the system. We now have a quarterly maintenance schedule for our HVAC system.
    - xi. We have purchased two refurbished switches to help with our network. When the new switches arrive, we will use the refurbished switches as backup.

- xii. The SCPCSD gave our federal programs including our financial practices an excellent review. We are one of three schools in our district to receive this distinction.
- xiii. Our school has been approved to receive five eLearning days as part of Cohort 5 by the SCDE and SC Virtual. Mr. Dillard spearheaded this effort.
- xiv. As a “how are things going meeting”, Mr. Armstrong met with leadership from our sister charter technical schools.
- xv. All fall sports are in full swing.
- xvi. Ms. Bailey and Ms. Timanus conducted a communication survey to our students and parents. The survey caused some reflection on the organization and how information is disseminated. We are reviewing currently and should have a plan in place by the October meeting.
- xvii. Darin Scheidly asked the purpose of the survey conducted by Ms. Bailey and Ms. Timanus. Mr. Dillard stated that the survey was to gather feedback regarding the website, social media and the information on those platforms. Jennifer Jones about the necessity of the E-Learning approval. Mr. Dillard stated that the district required detailed, specific documentation from the school for the annual approval of the school’s E-Learning process. Darin Scheidly asked whether the school’s “high” audit rating was important. Mr. Dillard said that the rating exempted the school from attending certain district mandatory training sessions.

b) Executive Committee Report- John Short present the report:

- i. The Board sent the Armstrong family flowers in honor of Mr. Armstrong’s father-in-law.

c) Finance Committee- John Mansure presented the report:

- i. Mr. Mansure gave a synopsis of the school’s end-of-month financial condition as of July 2022:
  - i. School has \$3.3m cash-on-hand. Total school equity of \$5.3m.
  - ii. August revenue was \$430k compared to a budget of \$339. YTD budget is favorable by \$67k.
  - iii. Our debt covenant in our debt service requirement is \$1.2m. Currently have \$1.48 in reserve for the covenant. Our net asset requirement for our debt service requirement is \$1.5m. The school currently has net assets in the amount of \$3.2m.
  - iv. The school received an additional \$13k in GEER funding based upon timely reporting and use of previous GEER funds.
- ii. John Mansure moved to accept report. The report was approved unanimously.
- iii. Pauline Nichol asked if there are any projects that are on the horizon that may require substantial funding, such as the sports fields. John Shor said that the school is looking for acreage, but it is currently hard to find in the area. Jennifer Jones asked if we had sufficient furniture. Jessica McCraw said that Mr. Armstrong is working on ordering furniture for College Seminar, but all other classrooms have been upgraded.

d) Facilities Committee- John Short

- i. John S. indicated that if anyone knew of local landowners who might be interested in selling property to the school, please provide that information to Mr. Armstrong. Jason recommended that the school reach out to a large landowner who owns significant acreage around 414 near North Greenville University.
- ii. The school purchased two refurbished network switches to bridge the period before the new network equipment is delivered.
- iii. We are still looking at locks and coatings on the front entrance for security purposes.
- iv. Mini-Split specialists is our new HVAC contractor.

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 to the board.

8. John Mansure made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason Ross seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.
9. Next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for **October 24, 2022 at 5:30 pm.**

## Addendums



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