



GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE
CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
HOME OF THE BLAZERS

Board of Directors Minutes
November 16, 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Donna Smith, John Short, John Mansure, Pauline Nichol, Tony Kouskolekas, Darin Scheidly, Hannah Mahaffey, Elliot Figueroa, Jennifer Jones, Matt Williams

Administration Present: Fred Crawford, James Dillard, Heather Timanus, David Gantt, Jessica McCraw

Members Absent: None

1. The meeting was called to order by Donna Smith, Chair at 5:31 PM
2. No public speakers were permitted necessitated by the Coronavirus pandemic and the need for a virtual meeting.
3. Reading of the GMC Mission Statement: Pauline Nichol
4. The board reviewed the proposed meeting agenda. Motion to approve agenda: Tony Kouskolekas 2nd: Pauline Nichol. Motion passed unanimously.
5. The board reviewed the meeting minutes from the October 26, 2020 board meeting Motion to approve minutes from Pauline Nichol. 2nd: Hannah Mahaffey. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Administrative and Committee Reports:
 - a) Development Committee- Heather Timanus presented the report:
 - i. Current school enrollment is 501 students. The current waiting list is 193 students.
 - ii. The freshmen lottery occurred on Thursday, November 12th. The school had 253 applicants for its 140 seats. The new freshmen students will be brought into the school in March for orientation.
 - iii. The Parents-in-Partners hired a part-time co-leader for lunch services.
 - iv. PIP is donating a Christmas tree for the lobby and will also provide a holiday luncheon for the staff around the holidays.
 - b) Executive Director Report- Fred Crawford presented the report:
 - i. Mr. Crawford requested that the board approve a waiver request to modify the End-of-Course exam grade to count as 10 percent of the final grade for those courses, which is the same as other high school courses. Matt Williams moved to approve the waiver request. John Short seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. The Board training window closed for the fall, but the district will have additional training in the spring.

- iii. In-person instruction has continued through the semester. The school currently have two positive COVID cases with 18 students currently on self-isolation due to possible close contact.
 - iv. The school is waiting on additional PPE from the district provided by the CARES Act. Greenville County has given the school \$45,000 CARES funds grant for additional technology and medical supplies required for COVID.
 - v. The school is still working with other charter schools on the litigation matter with the High School League. In addition, the schools are working on a potential legislative resolution with state legislators.
 - vi. The Boys and Girls Cross Country teams defended their state championships from last year.
 - vii. Mr. Crawford requested that faculty and staff receive a one-time bonus for the end of the fiscal year because the state had cancelled both cost-of-living adjustments and experience step-ups for the 2020-21 academic year. Mr. Crawford wanted to reward all the employees for their efforts keeping the school operational on weekly basis. Jennifer Jones moved to have all employees, including Mr. Crawford, to receive a year-end bonus of \$500. Mr. Crawford declined the bonus. John Short seconded the motion. Elliot Figueroa moved to amend the motion to increase the bonus for teachers to \$750. Pauline asked if the board should also increase staff to \$600. John Short requested that everyone receives \$750 for a one-time bonus. Elliot Figueroa accepted John Short's amendment. Vote: For: Donna Smith, John Short, John Mansure, Pauline Nichol, Hannah Mahaffey, Elliot Figueroa, Jennifer Jones, Matt Williams Against Darin Scheidly, Tony Kouskolekas. Motion passed.
- c) Executive Committee Report- Donna Smith presented the report:
- i. Tony Kouskolekas will head up the search committee for the Executive Director. The other committee members will include Pauline Nichol, John Short, John Mansure and Donna Smith. Susan McClure, a parent, and Crystal Earle, the school's teacher of the year, will also serve on the search committee.
 - ii. The position will be posted in early December with applications accepted until mid-to-end of January. The finalist group will be selected by the end of February/first of March with a selection by mid-April.
- d) Finance Committee- John Mansure presented the report:
- i. Mr. Mansure gave a synopsis of the school's financial condition as of October:
 - i. October was a good month for the school financially. The school has \$3.5 million cash on-hand and \$16.8 million in equity. The school currently has \$901 thousand in total liabilities and net equity 4.8. Total income was \$500 thousand versus \$400 thousand with a net gain \$104 thousand.
 - ii. Career and Technologies also received increased state funding.
 - iii. Current Cash-on-hand represent 273 days of operating funds.
 - ii. Donna Smith recommended that the Finance committee consider moving \$61 thousand in an account at ResCom Bank, formerly Greer State Bank, to another institution. Mr. Crawford. recommended that we move those funds to County

Bank, who helped us with the school's PPP loan. Donna Short requested that the Finance Committee investigate whether we have any funds at County Bank.

- iii. John Mansure moved to accept the report. Report accepted unanimously.
 - e) Facilities Committee- John Short presented the report:
 - i. The proposal for the land lease from GTC has been completed by the civil engineer. The total acreage area for all fields and parking would be 9.2 acres. GTC has requested that the size of the lease area request be as tight as possible. The new survey shows the current land footprint and the new land proposal.
 - ii. A feasibility study concerning soil quality needs to be performed. The bore samples cost for the study is already included in the engineers' scope of work.
 - iii. Tony Kouskolekas asked why the athletic fields were not running along the road frontage. John Short stated that GTC wanted to retain as much of the road frontage as possible. Mr. Crawford. also stated that the current survey proposal will provide a more secure configuration. Darin Scheidly asked if the fields would be fenced in. John Short stated that they would. John Short moved to accept the current survey proposal. Tony Kouskolekas seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Crawford will submit proposal to GTC.
 - f) Policy & Governance Committee- No report at this time.
 - g) Academic Excellence Committee- No report at this time
7. Additional Business: Donna Smith – Nothing else brought to the Chairman.
 8. Elliot Figueroa moved to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.
 9. Next Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for **January 25, 2021 at 5:30 pm.**