

**Gateway Science Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
October 11, 2023, at 4:00 pm**

**6025 Chippewa Street, Ste#206
St. Louis, MO 63109**

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MEETING MINUTES

1. Session Opening:

Dr. Bagwell commenced the meeting to order with the roll call at 4:01 pm.

Members Present: Tim Bagwell, Orville (Beau) Goerger, Kennedy Maranga (online)-left 5:03 pm, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris (online), Ali Durhan

Members Absent: Patricia Hunt

GSA: Nuh Celik – Principal, Brian Schick – DTL, Debra Weaver - Principal

Concept Schools: Engin Blackstone – Superintendent, Hasan Damar - Treasurer

Dr. Bagwell read the mission statement.

2. Adopt an Agenda:

Mr. Goerger made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Durhan seconded.

Roll Call to Adopt the Agenda:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**

Motion approved.

3. Public Input:

None

4. Announcements/Acknowledgements

- Mr. Blackstone invited the Board members to the MCPSA Leadership Conference. It will be on November 8-9 at Columbia.
- NICHE released its 2024 school ratings, and GSA is ranked as the best charter school district in the State.

5. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mr. Goerger made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and Mr. Durhan seconded.

Approval of August 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes

No discussion

Approval of July, August and September 2023 Financials

Mr. Damar presented the budget details below:

- The July P&L report shows \$1,957,583 in total revenue and \$1,799,593 in expenses. It shows a \$157,990 surplus
- The August P&L report shows \$1,876,587 in total revenue and \$2,203,612 in expenses. It shows a \$327,025 deficit.
- The September P&L report shows \$2,289,950 in total revenue and \$2,471,716 in expenses. It shows a \$181,767 deficit.
- End of September revenue is 25.3%, and expenditure is 26.8%. They are expected to be close to 25%
- The total cash balance is \$5,518,644 as of September 30, 2023. We have 86 days of unrestricted cash on hand.
- The total loan balance is \$2,551,315.

Approval of 23.24 Personnel Report

Mr. Blackstone presented the new hires and resignations since the last Board meeting.

Roll Call to Approve the Consent Agenda:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**

The consent agenda approved unanimously.

6. Items for Action:

Approval of MS/HS Expansion Project

Mr. Blackstone shared the renovation project details to create additional space for the Fyler Campus. The project's estimated cost is \$3.5M, will create seats for 200-250 students, and is expected to be completed by the end of June 2024.

Mr. Goerger made a motion to approve the MS/HS expansion project, Dr. Lewis-Harris seconded.

Roll call to Approve:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**

The motion approved unanimously.

7. Student Achievement and Activities - Superintendent's Report

Dr. Schick provided updates about the District's academic priorities, and Mr. Blackstone provided the school dashboard data.

8. Board Related:

Superintendent and CMO Evaluation

Mr. Durhan briefed the Board about the Superintendent and CMO evaluation report.

New Board Member Candidate Statement

Mr. Ahmet Baltaci's candidate statement is included in the Board packet for consideration, and Mr. Durhan recommended him to the Board. The Governing Committee will meet with Mr. Baltaci prior to the December meeting and finalize their recommendation to the Board.

Acknowledgment of Conflict of Interest Statement:

All Board members reviewed and signed the conflict of interest policy, which is required by the sponsor annually.

Board Training:

The Governing Committee recommended to study the book called Governing for Greatness by Brian Carpenter. Mr. Blackstone will provide it for each Board member, and Mr. Durhan will create a plan for the study.

9. Other Business

Facility Update: Mr. Blackstone shared the idea of purchasing GSA South Campus. The annual rent amount and building improvement expenses are too high, and it is worth exploring the purchase option. He shared the intention with NPL, the facility owner, and asked them to create their proposal.

10. Adjourn the Meeting

Mr. Goerger made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Durhan seconded.

Roll Call to Adjourn:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**,

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 pm.