

**GENESIS SCHOOL, INC.**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Call to Order:**

Dr. Tom Stephens called to order the Executive Board of Directors meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:30 a.m. at The Genesis School Building 3800 East 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO 64130 some members attended via Zoom.

**Board Members Present:**

**Board Members in attendance:** Kenda Caskey, Ashley Garrett, Tina Hinds-Booth, Beth Ruf, and Dr. Tom Stephens

**Genesis Staff:** Kevin Foster, Ron Dempsey, Vincent Wright, and Gina Ross

**Guest:** Tonya Richardson and Martha McGeehon MCPSC

**Action Item 1. Motion to Approve the Proposed Agenda March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Board Meeting:**

**Dr. Tom Stephens**

Motion to approve by: Beth Ruf and seconded by Ashley Garrett; the motion approved unanimously.

**Action Item 2. Motion to Approve Minutes from January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Board Meeting:**

**Dr. Tom Stephens**

Motion to approve by: Beth Ruf and seconded by Ashley Garrett; the motion approved unanimously.

**Finance Report**

**Ron Dempsey**

**Month Ending February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Summary Financials:**

Ron discussed the finance executive summary. He gave information pertaining to the liquidity, revenues, expenditures, expenses, and net income. **Liquidity:** The overpayment is completed with the state of Missouri. The overall cash and investments is down from the start of the year despite running a slight surplus because of the investment we made in the playground. **Revenue:** There are several areas in revenue that are lagging behind expectation for this time of year. Title funds, special education, local government funding, and foundations in business. Ron explained in detail what the various reasons are.

**Expenses:** Legal services. We continue to spend about \$10,000 a month responding to the states appeal. Balance sheet assets as of February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 are \$2,858,180.

**Action Item 3. Motion to Approve the February, 2024 Financial Report: Dr. Tom Stephens**

Motion to approve by: Kenda Caskey and seconded by Beth Ruf; the motion approved unanimously.

**Academic Report:**

Kevin Foster and Vincent Wright presented data reflecting the March 2024 Evaluate data. Improvement continues to be present in both ELA and Math. All performance was benchmarked against previous years and MAP predictions. The school is ahead of 2023 performance in Math but currently behind in ELA. The school's plan for the remaining months was also presented.

### **MCPSC Annual Report:**

Martha McGeehon and Tonya Richardson presented the MCPSC 2022-23 annual report for Genesis School. The school met expectations in all categories with the exception of academic performance. Regarding academic performance, the school met expectations for growth, but did not meet expectations (falls far below) for academic proficiency. The school partially met for meeting state standards (based on APR) and School specific measures (the school did not meet the status goal in the performance contract. The presentation also highlighted the \$30,000.00 sponsor rebate stating "*Genesis has earned a \$30,000.00 Sponsorship Fee Rebate • Based on your FY23 Performance • Academic and Organizational Performance was considered in the rebate rate • Growth carried a heavier weight as well as acknowledgement in areas where the school outperformed the state. • We are deeply grateful to the board, management, teachers, parents, students and community at Genesis for all you do to serve the children of Kansas City.*" Given that the transmittal letter communicated that the organization was at "Great Risk" of not being renewed, board members asked Martha numerous questions about the report and its impact on renewal. Ms. McGeehon noted that there was a discrepancy between the improvement data submitted by the board and that provided by the board in the request for renewal. Ms. McGeehon committed to meeting with staff to ensure that we are looking at the same data picture when we discuss renewal. Ms. McGeehon also committed to responding in writing to the questions the board had submitted.

### **Executive Director Report** **Information Items:**

**Kevin Foster**

- 1. Attendance and Enrollment Update:** We currently have 190 students enrolled and there is a waiting list of 150 students. The classes that are full are: PreK, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. The average daily attendance is 176. The total withdraw rate is 19, reasons are to transfer out of the district, expulsion.
- 2. Staffing Update:** We have added two new teachers to the middle school ELA classroom.
- 3. 2024 Summer School:** Atomic Boost is the name of the Genesis Summer school. The program is designed to provide intensive additional instructional support for students who need more time and more intensive experience and to continue to catch up in reading and math. The program will be from June 3<sup>rd</sup> until July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The targeted capacity is 80 students with a maximum of 100 students. Bus services will be provided.

**Public Comment: None Heard**

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 8:57 a.m. by Dr. Tom Stephens**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Beth Ruf 2<sup>nd</sup> Tina Hinds-Booth**  
Minutes submitted by Gina Ross