

Guadalupe Educational System Inc.
Board of Director Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2023

The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Beto Lopez, at 4:36pm via Zoom. The board members present established a quorum. Mr. Lopez welcomed all those in attendance.

Board Members Present:	Beto Lopez	Dr. Julia Vargas	Nickalas Collins
	Jennifer Barraza	Corina Guzman	Octavio Villalobos
	Phyllis Hernandez		

Board Members Absent:	Rosemary Martin	Manny Medina
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Also present:	Dr. Jim Hammen	Eduardo Mendez	Dr. Alicia Miguel	Charlotte Hawkins
Jennifer Clay	Daisy Myrick	Samantha Novak	Patricia Hernandez	Dr. April Soberon
Luis Posada	Michael Meaney	Shannon Spradling	Mark Nasteff	James Engelby
Lorena Patino	Sarah Hellhake	Steve O'Sullivan	Wendy Bonilla	Jostna Dash

Dr. Hammen recognized the following staff who were nominated by the Missouri Charter Association. Finalist for Star Support, Lorena Patino, Family and Community Engagement Coordinator at the Elementary School; winner of Star Support, Steve O'Sullivan, Instructional Coach at the Middle School; winner of Star Teacher, Wendy Bonilla, First Grade Teacher at the Elementary School. Sarah Hellhake is the Journalism Teacher at the High School, she was selected by the Department of Secondary Education as our Regional Teacher of the Year. He also introduced the new Assistant Principal, Jostna Dash.

Consent Agenda

July 31, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
HR Board Staff Report July 2023
June 2023 Financial Statement
June 2023 Check Register
July 2023 Check Register
July 2023 Credit Card Statement
NWEA
MCPSA Membership
MindDrive
Children's Services Fund
Trauma Smart Crittenton
SSKC McKinney-Vento School Cooperative MOU SY23/24
SSKC Harvesters MOU
PrepKC 23-24 MOU
Addendums/Stipends for GCCS Staff

There were no further questions or concerns noted on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Villalobos moved to accept the Consent Agenda, Mr. Lopez seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.** 31.52

DESE Special Education Compliance Plan

Ms. Hawkins reviewed the DESE Special Education Compliance Plan which is updated annually. The change made for this year is that if a student is enrolled in full-time MOCAP approved virtual education programs hosted by a Missouri school district are enrolled in the host school district. The host school district is responsible for implementation of FAPE. The school district currently does not have any students falling into this particular regulation.

Dr. Vargas moved to accept the DESE Special Education Compliance Plan, Mr. Villalobos seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Appointment of McKinney-Vento Liaison

Dr. Hammen stated the McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison is a requirement that each affiliation has in accordance with state and federal mandates. This role is designated as the Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Alicia Miguel.

Mr. Villalobos moved to accept the Appointment of McKinney-Vento Liaison, Dr. Vargas seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Policies Revised/New

Mr. Nasteff reviewed all of the revised and new policies being presented, all of which are either mandatory or recommended to adopt for either state statute or DESE regulations. They followed the Missouri School Board Charter Association model policies and will present more policies over the next few months as needed.

Mr. Villalobos moved to accept the Policies Revised/New, Mr. Collins seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Website and App

Ms. Novak reported that the new school website and app is live. She gave a quick preview of what both look like. To access the website, visit www.gck12.org. The app can be downloaded on either Google or the Apple store, search for Guadalupe Centers Schools. You can still access the schools website through www.guadalupecenters.org, it will redirect you to the new website.

Superintendent Report

Start of School/By The Numbers- Dr. Hammen stated that despite extreme heat, the start of the school had some great attendance at 95% or higher. There were water bottles being distributed and they were innovative in accommodating students and staff. He gave thanks to everyone that helped out. Dr. Miguel pointed out that enrollment is currently at 1,654 and had 96.28% of students present the first 2 days of school.

Assessment Dashboard- Mr. Mendez mentioned that DESE released the state assessment scores over the summer. He reviewed the scores for English Language Arts (ELA), Math, Science and Social Studies, he also shared the NWEA Performance results for last year in Reading, Math and Science. He highlighted some of the strengths and challenges as well.

Committee Reports

Instructional & Safety Committee- Mr. Villalobos stated they did meet, he indicated that there are some updates needed to be made in the handbook given recent trainings done. Dr. Miguel met with Assistant Principals to update the Emergency Operations Plan, they will discuss the few changes needed to be made at their next meeting.

Finance Committee- Mr. Lopez stated they did meet, all finances under the Consent Agenda were discussed.

Executive Committee- Mr. Lopez stated they did not meet.

Old Business

Dr. Hammen invited board members to attend the MO Charter Public School Association (MCPSA) Conference being held November 8-9. Those interested on attending, please let Ms. Patricia Hernandez or himself know.

New Business

None.

Public Comment

None.

Executive Session

There being no further information to come before the Board, Mr. Lopez made the motion to adjourn to closed session for legal, real estate, personnel and student issues at 6:02pm.

The motion passes unanimously by roll call vote as follows:

Yes:	Beto Lopez	Nickalas Collins	Jennifer Barraza
	Corina Guzman	Octavio Villalobos	Phyllis Hernandez



Respectfully Submitted

Patricia Hernandez, Board Secretary

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for **September 28, 2023**.

Minutes prepared by Recorder: Patricia Hernandez, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.