

**Gateway Science Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
August 28, 2024, at 4:00 pm**

**5049 Fyler Ave (New Building)
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 4:13 pm.

Members Present: Tim Bagwell, Orville (Beau) Goerger, Ali Durhan, Patricia Hunt, Ahmet Baltaci

Members Absent: Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris, Kennedy Maranga

GSA: Matt Sagnak – Asst. Superintendent, Brian Schick – DTL, Mustafa Icel – HS Principal

Concept Schools: Engin Blackstone – Superintendent, Hasan Damar – Treasurer (online)

Dr. Bagwell read the mission statement.

2. Adopt an Agenda:

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Durhan seconded.

Roll Call to Adopt the Agenda:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Ahmet Baltaci: **Aye**

Motion approved.

3. Public Input:

Two GSA parents and two GSA alumni of two students shared their thoughts about the importance of continuing the band program at GSA and shared their input and appreciation.

4. Announcements/Acknowledgements

None

5. Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Approval of June 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes

No discussion

Approval of May and June 2024 Financials

Mr. Damar presented the budget details below:

- The May P&L report shows \$2,048,429 in total revenue and \$2,912,531 in expenses. It shows a \$864,102 deficit
- The June P&L report shows \$ 2,072,858 in total revenue and \$3,433,042 in expenses. It shows a \$1,360,185 deficit.
- End of June revenue is 108%, and expenditure is 116.8%. They are expected to be close to 100%
- The total cash balance is \$6,317,869 as of June 30, 2024. We have 87.3 days of unrestricted cash on hand.
- The total loan balance is \$5,061,599.

Roll Call to Approve the Consent Agenda:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Ahmet Baltaci: **Aye**

The consent agenda approved unanimously.

6. Items for Action:

Approval of Student and Parent Handbook

Mr. Blackstone presented the updated Student Parent Handbook for approval.
Mr. Baltaci made a motion to adopt the handbook, and Mr. Durhan seconded.

Roll Call to Approve:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Ahmet Baltaci: **Aye**

The motion approved unanimously.

Approval of 24.25 Personnel Report

Mr. Blackstone shared the complete list of employees by highlighting the new and returning employees for the Board's approval.
Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the personnel report, and Mr. Durhan seconded.

Roll Call to Approve:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Ahmet Baltaci: **Aye**

The motion approved unanimously.

Student Achievement and Activities - Superintendent's Report

New School Year Presentation:

Mr. Blackstone shared the beginning of the year activities with their timelines. All GSA administrators and teachers went through the beginning of the year PDs and training. The first day of school was August 19, with a total number of 1714 students.

Academic Updates:

Dr. Schick shared academic priorities for the 24.25 school years. He mentioned the instructional coaching program as a brand-new initiative at GSA to increase the quality of instruction and student achievement. He also highlighted the beginning of the school year PD program, which is aligned with the GSA's priorities.

8. Board Related:

Board Elections and Assignments:

Dr. Bagwell proposed to keep the Board assignments the same for one more year, as listed below.

Dr. Tim Bagwell – Board President
Mr. Orville Goerger Jr. – Vice President
Dr. Kennedy Maranga – Treasurer
Mr. Ali Durhan – Secretary

Mr. Durhan made a motion to approve, Mr. Goerger seconded.

Roll Call to Approve:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Ahmet Baltaci: **Aye**

The motion approved unanimously.

Annual Board and CMO/Superintendent Evaluation

Mr. Durhan briefed the Board about the Board self-evaluation and the Superintendent and CMO evaluation report. He shared the areas of strengths and growth based on the survey reports and suggested creating a plan to work on the growth areas.

Board Training:

Mr. Blackstone mentioned that the MCPSA is creating a portal with the board training resources for ongoing board training. The Board also had a conversation about planning an annual retreat. The governing committee will work on it.

9. Other Business

Facility Update – Renovation Project:

Mr. Blackstone gave a facility tour and showed the Board and the guests the completed renovation project before the meeting.

10. Adjourn the Meeting

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

Roll Call to Adjourn:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Ahmet Baltaci: **Aye**

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 pm.