

Guadalupe Educational System Inc.
Board of Director Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2024

The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Beto Lopez, at 4:33pm held Hybrid at the GCI Theater and Zoom. The board members present established a quorum. Mr. Lopez welcomed all those in attendance.

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

Board Members Absent: Corina Guzman Manny Medina

Also present: Dr. Alicia Miguel Dr. Steven Lumetta Sammi Novak Patricia Hernandez
Joe Pistone Shannon Spradling Mark Nasteff James Engelby Edward Yerington

Consent Agenda

May 23, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
June 2024 HR Board Staff Report
May 2024 Financial Statement
May 2024 Check Register
May 2024 Credit Card Statement
Computer Information Concepts- Infinite Campus Renewal 2024-2025
Vector Solutions, School Bus Safety Training
Soliant MOU, Michelle Rossi
Dispatcher Position
6 Additional, Bus Driver Positions
Purchase of Additional Buses
PowerSchool MOU 24/25 Renewal
SpED Paraprofessionals, 1 Middle School and 1 High School
Lunch Tables
Children's Services Fund Contract
Escalera MOU Renewal
SSKC, System of Care Omnibus Agreement
Data Analytics System, Ion Software Group
Summit Technology Academy Agreement Renewal
Read 180
MTSS Systems MOU Renewal
Middle School Exterior Sealing
Middle School Carpet, Image Flooring
There were no further questions or concerns noted on the Consent Agenda.

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

Amergis

Dr. Miguel mentioned that Amergis is a company that provides supplemental staffing services in special education. There is a shortage of special education teachers, the district currently works with 2 agencies and adding a 3rd option will help broaden the search.

Ms. Martin moved to accept Amergis, Ms. Collins seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Revise Policy 4315, Vacation

Mr. Nasteff discussed the revised Vacation Policy 4315. The change will allow employees to carry over unused vacation time to the following school year not to exceed 30 accumulated vacation days.

Mr. Villalobos moved to accept Revise Policy 4315, Dr. Vargas seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Revise Policy 4415, Tuition Reimbursement Program

Mr. Nasteff discussed the revisions made to Policy 4415 Tuition Reimbursement Program. The 2 year waiting period has been removed, total reimbursement amount increased from \$6,000.00 to \$10,000.00 and the employee must continue employment for at least four years with GCCS after the last coursework is completed.

Mr. Villalobos moved to accept the Revise Policy 4415, Ms. Martin seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

School Furniture

Dr. Miguel talked about the need to buy furniture for the schools mainly at the Middle School in the amount not to exceed \$75,000. They only received 1 quote and are waiting to hear back from 2 other entities. The total spent along with photos of items purchased can be presented at the July board meeting.

Mr. Collins moved to accept the School Furniture, Ms. Hernandez seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

GCMS CertaPro Painters

Mr. Spradling mentioned that classrooms and hallways at the Middle School are in need of painting. The total cost is \$76,893.

Mr. Villalobos moved to accept the GCMS CertaPro Painters, Mr. Collins seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

GCCS Board and Committee Calendar 24/25

Dr. Miguel reviewed the board and committee calendar. This is a requirement by the charter commission to review and approve by the board, the calendar can be revised as needed.

Dr. Vargas moved to accept the GCCS Board and Committee Calendar 24/25, Ms. Hernandez seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

New Board Member Nomination

Mr. Lopez mentioned Ms. Guzman has resigned her seat as a board member. Ms. Hernandez's term is due June 30, she will come off as a parent board member but will resume as a regular board member replacing Ms. Guzman. Dr. Vargas' term is due on June 30, the GCI board will appoint that vacancy at a later date.

Mr. Villalobos moves to appoint Ms. Hernandez to the remaining 2 year term of Ms. Guzman, Mr. Collins seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Kindergarten Teacher Assistants

Dr. Miguel noted that most of their Kindergarten students do not speak English. The plan is to hire 6 Kindergarten Teacher Assistants which will give additional support and help provide either small groups or one on one instruction that they need. Funding for these additional staff is for the next 3 years.

Mr. Collins moved to accept the Kindergarten Teacher Assistants, Ms. Martin seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Superintendent Report

Summer School Update- Dr. Miguel mentioned the last day of summer school is June 28. They had very targeted goals for teaching and learning. She introduced Mr. Joe Pistone, he has worked with the district for 11 years and is an Instructional Coach at the High School. Mr. Pistone helped organize and coordinate the summer program for the district this year. He gave a presentation of some of the highlights for this year's summer program.

By The Numbers- Dr. Miguel noted there are 1,660 students enrolled for the 2024-25 school year and 410 on the waitlist. Enrollment continues as space becomes available.

Committee Reports

Instructional & Safety Committee- Dr. Vargas stated they did meet, everything discussed was noted on the consent agenda.

Executive Committee- Did not meet.

Finance Committee- Mr. Lopez stated they did meet, items discussed included items on the consent agenda and action items.

Board Recognition

Mr. Lopez thanked Dr. Vargas for serving 3 terms as a board member for the school district. A plaque was presented to her in appreciation of her years of service. Dr. Vargas saw the transition of the high school being an alternative school at that time to becoming the district it is today.

Old Business

Mr. Lopez mentioned that the 710 Central location fell through due to environmental challenges. They have since moved on to other prospects including the old FBI building. A letter of intention has been sent, more information will be given as it becomes available.

Mr. Lopez stated there has been a relationship built with the Kansas City Girls Preparatory Academy, they are also sponsored by the MO Charter Public School Commission. There might be opportunities to consolidate future space growth needs for both schools. Other collaborations are underway, GCCS will be calling the girls currently on their waiting list to possibly fill open seats available at the KC Girls Prep Academy.

He also stated this past school year, they did not hold a board retreat or training, there has been discussion of making sure that is done for the 2024/25 school year, more information will be provided at a later time.

New Business

Ms. Martin announced that she will be stepping down from the board. She recently had some career changes and because of that, she wants to avoid any conflicts of interest.

Public Comment

None.

Adjourn

There being no further information to come before the Board, Mr. Lopez adjourned the meeting at 5:48pm.



[Phyllis Hernandez \(Aug 12, 2024 15:25 CDT\)](#)

Respectfully Submitted

Phyllis Hernandez, Board Secretary

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2024.

Minutes prepared by Recorder: Patricia Hernandez, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Schools.