

**Gateway Science Academy**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**October 23, 2024, 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 4:00 pm.

**Members Present:** Tim Bagwell, Orville (Beau) Goerger, Ali Durhan - online, Patricia Hunt - online, Kennedy Maranga - online

**Members Absent:** Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris, Ahmet Baltaci

**GSA:** Matt Sagnak – Asst. Superintendent, Debra Weaver – Principal (online)

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

Dr. Bagwell read the mission statement.

**2. Adopt an Agenda:**

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

**Roll Call to Adopt the Agenda:**

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**

Motion approved.

**3. Public Input:**

Mr. Tucker, GSA parent of three, shared his inputs and requests. Mr. Blackstone will set a meeting to address his requests.

**4. Announcements/Acknowledgements**

Mr. Blacsktone shared information on the CSP and TOT grant awards.

## 5. Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

### Approval of August 28, 2024 Meeting Minutes

No discussion

### Approval of July, August, and September 2024 Financials

Mr. Damar presented the budget details below:

- The July P&L report shows \$2,271,782 in total revenue and \$4,058,638 in expenses. It shows a \$1,786,855 deficit
- The August P&L report shows \$ 2,618,946 in total revenue and \$2,893,074 in expenses. It shows a \$274,128 deficit.
- The September P&L report shows \$ 2,078,152 in total revenue and \$3,529,625 in expenses. It shows a \$1,451,473 deficit.
- End of September revenue is 25.4%, and expenditure is 39.1%. They are expected to be close to 25%
- The total cash balance is \$3,963,144 as of September 30, 2024. The school has 56 days of unrestricted cash on hand.
- The total loan balance is \$5,897,592.

Mr. Damar stated that construction expenses are the main reason for the budget deficit. He also mentioned that the budget will be in better shape in the following months since the state increased the payment for ADA this school fiscal year.

### Approval of 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**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**

The consent agenda approved unanimously.

## 6. Items for Action:

### Approval of Holiday Gift

The GSA Administration and Finance Committee recommends \$1,000 extra pay for full-time contracted employees and \$250 for part-time contracted employees in December as a token of the GSA's appreciation for their invaluable service.

Mr. Goerger made a motion to approve, Mrs. Hunt seconded.

#### Roll Call to Approve:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**

The motion approved unanimously.

## Student Achievement and Activities - Superintendent's Report

### School Dashboard – Renewal Application – Academic Updates:

Mr. Blackstone shared the enrollment, student demographics, and staff counts for the new year. He mentioned that the 23.24 school APR and report card will be available in a month and that he will present the data on the achievements of students from the last year and the first half of this year in the next meeting.

The final renewal application is ready for the Board's review and has been shared via Google Docs. The goal is to submit the application to the sponsor by Friday, October 25.

Mr. Blackstone also presented Dr. Schick's academic report highlighting student learning actions.

### 8. Board Related:

#### Board Retreat:

Mr. Durhan volunteered to lead the committee in organizing the annual board retreat. Mr. Blackstone said he would be happy to help and get Kent Peterson, an experienced consultant who provides training and resources for the Boards, involved in this effort. The first action item is to find a date that works for all board members, and the committee will send out a survey for that purpose.

### 9. Closed Session

Mr. Goerger made a motion to go into a closed session to discuss facility acquisition, and Dr. Maranga seconded.

#### Roll Call:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**

Dr. Bagwell and Mr. Blackstone shared facility acquisition efforts and updates and answered Board members' questions.

### 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**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**

**The meeting adjourned at 4:51 pm.**