

Guadalupe Educational System Inc.
Board of Director Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2024

The meeting was called to order by the Board Member, Nickalas Collins, at 4:33pm in the GCI Theater and 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
Corina Guzman	Jennifer Barraza	Manny Medina
Rosemary Martin	Octavio Villalobos	

Board Members Absent: Phyllis Hernandez

Also present:

Dr. James Hammen	Eduardo Mendez	Dr. Alicia Miguel	Dr. Steven Lumetta
Charlotte Hawkins	Jennifer Clay	Samantha Novak	Patricia Hernandez
Dr. April Soberon	Luis Posada	Shannon Spradling	Mark Nasteff
James Engelby	Frances Alaniz	Robbyn Wahby	Magaly Medina
Josephine Torriente			

Dr. Hammen congratulated Jacqueline Ventura, she is this year's recipient of the Aspiring Educator of the Year. This award is given to education leaders for their impact on their classroom and their communities. He also welcomed Robbyn Wahby, the Executive Director of the Missouri Charter Public School Commission.

Consent Agenda

February 22, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
March 2024 HR Board Staff Report
February 2024 Financial Statement
February 2024 Check Register
February 2024 Credit Card Statement
Salary Schedule 2024/25
Percentage Increase for Support Staff & Administrators 2024/25
Safety Grant Projects, GCES Soccer Fence & GCES Holter Gym Safety Doors
e-Rate

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

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

Spark Wheel MOU

Mr. Mendez presented Spark Wheel MOU, formally known as Communities in Schools. This is an ongoing service provided at the high school in which they provide additional staff members that work to provide tiered support for students and families. They also work to create a school support team. They are seeking a 2 year agreement at \$26,000 a year for a total of \$52,000.

Mr. Collins moved to accept Spark Wheel MOU, Mr. Medina seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ELD Testing/Screening Services, Beth Kasper MOU

Dr. Lumetta spoke on the MOU above, Beth Kasper would help support the ELD department with some testing and screening for the remainder of the 23/24 school year.

Mr. Medina moved to accept the Beth Kasper MOU, Ms. Martin seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

GC High School Graduation Rental Agreement

Dr. Hammen reviewed the high school graduation rental agreement to be held at Community of Christ as in previous years. Graduation will take place May 21 at 7pm, an email was sent to all board members.

Mr. Medina moved to accept the GC High School Graduation Rental Agreement, Mr. Villalobos seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

MO Charter Public School Commission (MCPSC)

Ms. Wahby reviewed the FY23 annual report which details the school's performance in academics, financial management, learning environment, governance and operations. We met 4 of the 5 categories as "Meets", academics were at "Partially Meets" as 60% of the schools they sponsor did as well. However there has been advancement in growth. This is the 1st year of the 5 year renewal with MCPSC. The district earned a \$30,000 sponsorship fee rebate based on FY23 performance for Exceeding Academic Growth and Outperformed Missouri Average Student Group.

2024-2025 School Calendar is on the school website

Dr. Hammen mentioned that the 2024/2025 school calendar has been posted on the website.

Superintendent Report

60 Second Success-

Dr. Soberon mentioned that today was the 3rd quarter awards assembly organized by Mrs. Posada. They celebrated students that had high attendance and celebrated students that showcase Aztec strong values.

Mr. Posada wanted to celebrate the focus language studies, Mr. Duff who is part of the ELD program was able to engage the students in a client connected project that aligns with work being done at the high school. Their partner is MOCSA, students were able to pitch their projects of which 1 was selected for the Green Dot project which teaches students how to prevent bullying by using strategies to make a positive impact on the school's climate.

Mr. Meaney congratulated 3 students that participated in the KC Bizzfest Success. Jordi Martinez took 3rd place overall, his plan was executed flawlessly, showcasing exceptional talent and dedication. Jordy Palmas was awarded the Advanced Leader and Juan Villanueva for the Most Congenial category.

By The Numbers- Dr. Miguel noted there are 1,631 students enrolled for the 2024-25 school year and 292 on the waitlist. Enrollment continues as space becomes available.

Master Planning Section 1, Assessments- Mr. Mendez noted the district is at the end of course assessments at the high and math grade level assessments. The elementary school will begin MAP testing at the end of April and will continue at the middle school the first week of May, the high school will follow the week after. Each building will test about 2 weeks which will include makeup testing.

Summer School Update- Mr. Mendez mentioned this year Mr. Pistone will be taking the lead on coordinating Summer School this year.. They recently met along with the GCI Summer Program which includes Raul Salazar, Gina Coronado and any other department needed to be filled in. Dr. Hammen noted transportation will be provided at the elementary level.

Committee Reports

Instructional & Safety Committee- Mr. Lopez stated they did not meet.

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

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

Old Business

Dr. Hammen would like to remind everyone that the April board meeting will be held at the middle school and the May board meeting will be held at the high school.

New Business

Mr. Collins stated feedback provided on the annual report led by some of the staff noted there was disconnect between admin and the building level. He suggests board listening sessions with school campuses where connections can be made. Mr. Lopez said they can discuss further during the executive committee.

Public Comment

None.

Executive Session

There being no further information to come before the Board, Dr. Vargas made the motion to adjourn to closed session for legal, real estate, personnel and student issues at 5:28 pm, Mr. Medina seconded the motion.

The motion passes unanimously by roll call vote as follows:

Yes:	Beto Lopez	Dr. Julia Vargas	Nickalas Collins	Corina Guzman
	Jennifer Barraza	Manny Medina	Rosemary Martin	Octavio Villalobos



Phyllis Hernandez (May 13, 2024 13:53 CDT)

Respectfully Submitted
Phyllis Hernandez, Board Secretary

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2024.
Minutes prepared by Recorder: Patricia Hernandez, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.