

Guadalupe Educational System Inc.
Board of Director Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2024

The meeting was called to order by the Board Member, Nickalas Collins, at 4:32pm in the GCI Theater and Zoom. The board members present established a quorum. Mr. Lopez welcomed all those in attendance.

Board Members Present: Dr. Julia Vargas Nickalas Collins Corina Guzman
 Jennifer Barraza Phyllis Hernandez Manny Medina

Board Members Absent: Beto Lopez Rosemary Martin Octavio Villalobos

Also present: Dr. James Hammen Eduardo Mendez Dr. Alicia Miguel Dr. Steven Lumetta
Charlotte Hawkins Jennifer Clay Daisy Myrick Samantha Novak Patricia Hernandez
Luis Posada Michael Meaney Shannon Spradling Mark Nasteff James Engelby
Edward Yerington Brandon Wright Marisol Rodriguez

Motion made to appoint board member, Nickalas Collins, to lead the meeting today due to the board president's absence.

Dr. Vargas moved to accept the Consent Agenda, Ms. Hernandez seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Dr. Hammen introduced Marisol Rodriguez to the meeting. Her outside firm is employed by the MO Charter Public School Commission for the annual site visit, she is joining the meeting today to observe.

Consent Agenda

January 25, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
February 2023 HR Board Staff Report
January 2024 Financial Statement
January 2024 Check Register
January 2024 Credit Card Statement
EverDriven Transportation Contract
Propio
HR Addendums to Employment Agreements
Soliant Contracts
SPED Teacher Amended Contract

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

Dr. Vargas moved to accept the Consent Agenda, Mr. Collins seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

OHJC Agreement

Mr. Mendez presented the Our Healthy Jackson County (OHJC) agreement. It's part of a project that the students would be engaged in through Real World Learning. We participated in a similar project 2 years ago with a high degree of success. The grant agreement entails that they will actually be giving us money as stated in the agreement \$4,750 which would be used for our students to complete the project as well as provide a small stipend for them to do the work. They will be coordinating some COVID-19 vaccination clinics and other health clinics in our community.

Ms. Barraza moved to accept the OHJC Agreement, Ms. Hernandez seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Board Acknowledgement of Closure Assurance

Mr. Nasteff reviewed the Closure Assurance. This is an annual requirement by the MO Charter Public School Commission in which the board acknowledges that for whatever reason there would be a need for the schools closure, they are aware of the process.

Ms. Guzman moved to accept the Board Acknowledgement of Closure Assurance, Ms. Barraza seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Proposed Positions for 2024-2025

Dr. Lumetta reviewed the list of proposed positions for next school year. This was presented at the finance meeting, it was suggested to bring to the board to review and help make a decision on moving forward.

Mr. Medina moved to accept the Proposed Positions for 2024-2025, Ms. Hernandez seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

RSP & Associates MOU

Dr. Hammen discussed the above MOU, the Hall Family Foundation on behalf of the Kansas City Public Schools and the Missouri Charter Public Schools Association has entered into a Professional Services Agreement with RSP to provide a demographic, enrollment, and boundary analysis of public schools within the boundary of KCPS. The agreement is to allow GCCS to share unidentifiable information with RSP for efforts related to the analysis.

Mr. Medina moved to accept the RSP & Associates MOU, Ms. Hernandez seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2024-2025 School Calendar

Mr. Mendez reported that the 24-25 School Calendar proposal was discussed by several staff members including members of our academic services team and school administrators. There was flexibility given to teachers to complete some of the modules typically given right before school starts, they can now complete these modules starting July 1. The calendar meets the statutory requirements of 1,044 hours of instruction, the school actually has 1,065 hours. The number of snow days remained the same at 8.

Dr. Vargas moved to accept the 2024-2025 School Calendar, Mr. Medina seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Superintendent Report

60 Second Success-

There was not a representative for the elementary school, Dr. Hammen spoke on their behalf. He mentioned today was the 100th day of school in which kindergarten and 1st graders got to dress up as old people and brought in different items that added up to 100.

Mr. Posada wanted to congratulate the staff for preparing the students to take the WIDA access test. Students took their time doing the right steps to make sure they were ready especially for the speaking portion of the test. They made some changes to their bell schedule to help accommodate.

Mr. Meaney mentioned there were 10th and 11th graders that took the ACCUPLACER test which helps determine whether they are eligible to participate in their early college academy, 57 of 79 students qualified.

By The Numbers- Dr. Miguel noted there are 444 new applicants for 2024-25. As a reminder, enrollment will continue through the end of the month, the lottery will be held on March 4.

Looking Ahead- Dr. Hammen stated the last 4 weeks presented a challenge, he thanked everyone and is proud for everyone coming together and for staying focused on doing what's best for the kids. He also shared that 186 charter school teachers were nominated for employee excellence in education by the Charter Commission, over 40 of those were GCCS personnel. Items being worked on for the upcoming school year include refining the PD calendar, budget planning and capital expenditures.

Committee Reports

Instructional & Safety Committee- Dr. Vargas stated they did meet, nothing additional to add from the above items discussed.

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

Finance Committee- Mr. Nastedf stated they did meet and items discussed are on the consent agenda.

Old Business

Dr. Hammen mentioned the board retreat will be rescheduled and will send out potential dates at a later time.

New Business

None.

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 5:11pm, Mr. Medina seconded the motion.

The motion passes unanimously by roll call vote as follows:

Yes:	Dr. Julia Vargas	Nickalás Collins	Corina Guzman
	Jennifer Barraza	Phyllis Hernandez	Manny Medina



Phyllis Hernandez (Apr 2, 2024 08:40 CDT)

Respectfully Submitted

Phyllis Hernandez, Board Secretary

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2024.

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