

Guadalupe Educational System Inc.
Board of Director Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2024

The meeting started with a tour of the Middle School. The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Beto Lopez, at 4:55pm in the GC Middle School 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
Octavio Villalobos

Board Members Absent: Phyllis Hernandez Rosemary Martin

Also present: Dr. James Hammen Eduardo Mendez Dr. Steven Lumetta Charlotte Hawkins
Jennifer Clay Daisy Myrick Patricia Hernandez Dr. April Soberon Luis Posada
Michael Meaney Shannon Spradling Mark Nasteff James Engelby Edward Yerington
Fraces Alaniz 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

March 21, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
April 2024 HR Board Staff Report
March 2024 Financial Statement
March 2024 Check Register
March 2024 Credit Card Statement
Trauma Smart
BIST Contract 2024/25
McConnell & Associates, Villa Concrete Repair
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Into Math
GCMS Carpet Bids, Image Flooring
US Foods, Tilt Skillet
Design Mechanical, GCHS HVAC Maintenance Service Contract
MAC General Contracting, Villas Soccer Fence
American Digital Security, Switch Access Points at GCHS

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.**

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Into Math Curriculum Final Cost Clarification

Ms. Clay presented Into Math Curriculum at the Finance Committee on April 18. She provided an updated total of \$399,148.92 which is for a 6 year subscription.

Mr. Medina moved to accept the above item, Ms. Hernandez seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEE Agreement SY 24/25

Mr. Mendez reviewed the renewal of the NEE agreement. This is the school's evaluation system that has been used for the last 6 years to evaluate teachers, principals and other certified staff.

Mr. Medina moved to accept the NEE Agreement SY 24/25, Ms. Barraza seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

GCCS Employee Contracts

Dr. Hammen mentioned contracts have been sent out, it was a bit later than usual but wanted to make sure the board was aware. All employees are listed on the HR board report provided for this month.

Mr. Medina moved to accept the GCCS Employee Contracts, Mr. Collins seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

GCES Principal for 2024-25 School Year

Dr. Hammen thanked Dr. Soberon for her time and efforts as the elementary school principal for the past 6 years. At this time, he would like to recommend Mr. Luis Arres as the new principal. He has 22 years of education leadership, he's been a principal vice, principal and instructional coach. He is currently working in an elementary school in the KCK School district and he has a very positive pivotal role in cultivating people and culture.

Mr. Medina moved to accept the GCES Principal, Ms. Hernandez seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

GCCS Director of Special Education for 2024-25 School Year

Dr. Hammen thanked Ms. Charlotte Hawkins for her years of service as the Director of Special Education, she sought out tremendous growth throughout the district. He would like to recommend Ms. Christa Bray-Howard as the new Director of Special Services. She is our current Special Education Process Coordinator and does a great job, he believes she will help grow the Special Education department.

Mr. Medina moved to accept the GCES Director of Special Services, Ms. Martin seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PreK Closed for Screening May 16 & 17

Dr. Hammen mentioned that the PreK will be closed on May 16 & 17 to help focus on screening students.

710 Central Update

Mr. Lopez stated that they are in the inspection period, a portion of the property used to be a gas station and are in phase 2 of the study to make sure everything is ok to move forward on the closing of this property in mid June.

Superintendent Report

60 Second Success-

Dr. Soberon indicated they are wrapping up the family night at the Spring book fair; they also have a BOGO event to help with sales. She also wanted to shout out to Mr. Salvador Montanez, he is the Fox 4 teacher of the month. He does a phenomenal job, he came to the district as a UMKC student teacher for a year and is now going on his 4th year with the district.

Mr. Posada mentioned they recently held their science fair. There has been lots of engagement enforcing the BIST model which showcases the work being done at the school, the BIST coordinator will be presenting this success at their upcoming conference.

Mr. Meaney stated the school held their 1st talent show, they had 6 acts but hopes this will continue to grow with the years to come.

By The Numbers- Dr. Hammen noted there are 1,606 students enrolled for the 2024-25 school year and 366 on the waitlist. Enrollment continues as space becomes available.

Master Planning Section 2, Curriculum- Ms. Clay worked alongside the Curriculum Council, this year they reviewed the district's math curriculum and chose Into Math as mentioned earlier. Their goal is to make sure GCCS students have access to a guaranteed and viable curriculum. Last year they reviewed the ELA curriculum, their next project will be science and social studies.

High School Graduation- Dr. Hammen would like to remind everyone that High School Graduation will take place on May 21, 2024.

Committee Reports

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

Executive Committee- 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 mentioned that GCI is looking for volunteers for the annual 5 de Mayo event, please reach out to them if interested.

New Business

Dr. Hammen noted upcoming events, Padres Comprometidos on April 30 at 5pm taking place at the elementary school. KC Royals tickets for May 7 were given to the district for Teacher Appreciation.

Public Comment

None.

Executive Session

There being no further information to come before the Board, Mr. Lopez made the motion to adjourn to closed session for legal, real estate, personnel and student issues at 5:38pm, Mr. Medina seconded the motion.

The motion passes unanimously by roll call vote as follows:

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



[Phyllis Hernandez \(May 24, 2024 10:38 CDT\)](#)

Respectfully Submitted

Phyllis Hernandez, Board Secretary

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2024.

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