



## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting - October 16, 2023, ~ 5:30 pm

Approved Minutes

### I. Call to Order & Roll Call

President Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm. The meeting was held in Spruce Hall with a remote option via Zoom.

i. Board Members Present: Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth, Constanza Hazelwood, Ward Kuhn, Meagan Batdorff, Marguerite Cotto

ii. Board Members absent: Marco Cabrera

iii. Administrators Present: Superintendent Michael Schramm,

### II. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

a. Motion to approve the agenda as written: Kuhn

Support: Batdorff

Motion passed: 5-0

### III. Approval of Previous BOE Meeting Minutes

a. Motion to approve Regular September 18, 2023 board minutes as written: Kuhn

Support: Hazelwood

Motion passed: 5-0

### IV. Public Comment-

a. Stephanie Slawnik shared information about Greenspire's PTO.

### V. Recognitions - None

### VI. Board Correspondence - None

### VII. Presentations-

a. Strategic Planning Overview- Matt Olson, Northwest Education Services: Olson presented a strategic planning outline, how it could work for Greenspire, and how Greenspire can move forward with school improvement.

b. Report on Audit or Financial Statements- Nick West, Manner Costerisan presented the financial statements and applauded the district on a clean audit.

### VIII. Reports

a. Superintendent's Report – Schramm reported that they have hired a new math teacher at the high school. Marshall Collins will meet with students and staff to discuss diversity, equality, and inclusion. Students are beginning to get their acceptance letters to colleges. Haunted Forest will be happening on October 27th from 4-7 at the Middle School. Greenspire in the Commons raised \$4,600 for this

event and it was a success thanks to Claire Alexander, Emily Feaster and Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth.

- b. President's Report - Babin-Ringsmuth included her report in the board packet. She emphasized that she would encourage the board members who speak Spanish to come in and work with students at the Middle School. Kuhn suggested that the board look at why enrollment numbers were lower this year compared to previous years.
- c. Treasurer's Report - Batdorff reported an enrollment of 250 students between the two schools and the need to continue to fundraise. The marketing committee is beginning to form and will hopefully be up and running soon.
  - i. CSP Grant - Batdorff reported this grant is completed.
- d. Authorizer's Report - GVSU's representative, Matt Missias, reported academic grants will be available for schools that meet all of the requirements. SPRs have been updated to compare test results so that they more accurately reflect similar schools in the area. This data will be available in January or February.
- e. Faculty Summary - Darrin Bergmen reported that projects are going well including a censorship project, memoir project, outdoor classes, statistics projects, and car buying projects. Small changes at the middle school have been made to make the school better and make teachers' lives easier and in turn, make it better for the students. The middle school is also highlighting that October is Anti-Bullying Month and they are participating in Unity Day.

## **IX. Consent Agenda**

### **a. Committee Reports**

- i. Facilities & Finance
- ii. School Expansion
- iii. Personnel
- iv. Curriculum/School Improvement Team
- v. Student Support Council

Motion to approve consent agendas of those provided: Kuhn

Support: Cotto

Passed: 5-0

## **X. Discussion Items**

a. Board Retreat: Cotto hoped that the board could meet this fall to try and prioritize the strategic planning. The retreat will be held November 16th from 9am till 12 at the University Center.

b. Strategic Planning: Batdorff stated that the need to make sure all stakeholders buy into this idea as it will involve putting more work onto the staff. Shramm stated the questions are big questions including things such as is the high school an extension of the middle school or are they two separate entities? Shramm stated questions like this need to be answered for the community and for the staff as well.

## **XI. Action Items**

- a. Approval of GHS Athletic (MHSAA) Handbook  
Motion to approve Marguerite Cotto as Board Secretary: Kuhn

Support: Cotto  
Motion passed: 5-0

**XII. Public Comment- None**

**XII. Adjournment at: 7:25**

Motion to adjourn: Batdorff  
Support: Cotto  
Motion passed: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Marguerite Cotto". The signature is written in a light grey or blue ink.

Marguerite Cotto, School Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 5:30 pm in Spruce Hall