



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting - February 19, 2024 ~ 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, Luis Pardo, Marguerite Cotto
Marco Cabrera (joined at 6:00)

ii. Board Members absent: None

iii. Administrators Present: Superintendent Michael Schramm, Recording Secretary: Emily Feaster

II. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

a. Motion to approve with the addition of the GVSU academic award grant as an action item d: Kuhn

Support: Cotto

Motion passed: 6-0

III. Approval of Previous BOE Meeting Minutes

a. Motion to approve of Regular December 18, 2023 board minutes: Hazelwood
Support: Pardo

Motion passed: 6-0

b. Motion to approve of Regular January 2024 board minutes: Kuhn

Support: Cotto

Motion passed: 6-0

IV. Public Comment- None

V. Recognitions - Schramm recognized Erica Walsh and Emily Feaster in trying to bring in new students to our school. A large thank you to Stephanie Slawnik for her work volunteering at the middle school regularly at least twice a week.

VI. Board Correspondence - None

VII. Presentations- None

VIII. Reports

a. Superintendent's Report - Schramm reported 103 applications with 14 new students at the high school and 60 middle school applications with 21 new students.

b. President's Report - The report is in the board packet. Constanza Hazelwood will not be renewing her term on the board in June.

- c. Treasurer's Report - Pardo included the report in the board packet. We currently meet the state minimum for the fund balance. Expenditures are doing well overall.
- d. Authorizer's Report - GVSU's representative, Matt Missias, reported that the Spring Leader's Retreat in Traverse City is on May 17 and 18 with a social hour on May 16. A survey from GVSU Charter School is being sent out on February 28th for teachers. The board members survey is open until February 28. The Board Reception will be held on May 14 in Grand Rapids. The GVSU photo contest is live and submissions are due March 31. Any graduate of a GVSU charter school is eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship. The Core Values award is focused on integrity with a prize of \$5000. Greenspire was awarded \$5,347.50 in the Academic Grant. School Performance Report for High School is averaging about 70 points below peer schools on the SAT. Peer schools have been realigned to fit the school better than in previous years. Middle School is low in math but taking the right steps to correct that. Middle School has made large gains overall, especially in math.
- e. Faculty Summary - Phil Girard highlighted that Fake-A-Day had 24 students at the middle school which is one of our biggest Fake-A-Day events on record. There are ongoing concerns with staff retention. We have the Beauty and the Beast Jr performance coming up and need help getting the word out.

IX. Consent Agenda

a. Committee Reports

- i. Facilities & Finance
- ii. Fundraising and Marketing
- iii. Personnel
- iv. Curriculum/School Improvement Team
 - Motion to approve consent agendas of those provided: Kuhn
 - Support: Cabrera
 - Passed: 7-0

X. Discussion Items

- a. Early graduation policy follow-up: Schramm stated that the Community Handbook has been updated to allow the ability to graduate a year early.
- b. School performance reports: No discussion needed.
- c. Mercantile Bank maturities: Pardo reported that we have 3 notes with Mercantile and the mortgage is up for renewal in March. Moving forward Greenspire will have our own financial calendar. The loan will result in paying more in interest than in the past. The bank introduced a new requirement to move operating accounts to them. A special board meeting may be needed to approve the mortgage.

XI. Action Items-

- a. Motion to approve budget amendment:Kuhn

Support: Pardo

Passed: 7-0

b. Mercantile Bank maturities: No vote needed yet

c. Motion Board Leadership/Officer Elections and Calendar: Batdorff

Support: Hazelwood

Passed: 7-0

D. Motion to approve GVSU Academic Award Grant: Cabrera

Support: Hazelwood

Passed: 7-0

XII. Public Comment- None

XII. Adjournment of the board meeting at: 6:51

Motion to adjourn: Kuhn

Support: Cabrera

Motion passed: 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marguerite Cotto".

Marguerite Cotto, School Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 5:30 pm in Spruce Hall