



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting -December 16, 2024 ~ 5:30 pm

Unapproved Minutes

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

Secretary Marguerite Cotto called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. The meeting was held in Spruce Hall with a remote option via Zoom.

i. Board Members Present: Luis Pardo, Ward Kuhn, Marguerite Cotto, Joe McCarthy

ii. Board Members absent: Meagan Batdorff

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

iv. Board Members Attending Virtually: Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth, Nicole Runyon

Motion for Ward Kuhn to be the Chair Pro Temp: McCarthy

Support: Luis Pardo

Motion passed: 4-0

II. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

a. Motion to approve agenda as modified to include other future Board Dates: McCarthy

Support: Cotto

Motion passed: 4-0

III. Approval of Previous BOE Meeting Minutes

a. Motion to approve the November 18, 2024 board minutes as submitted: Pardo

Support: McCarthy

Motion passed: 4-0

IV. Public Comment- None

V. Recognitions- None

VI. Board Correspondence - None

VII. Presentations- None

VIII. Reports

a. Superintendent's Report - Schramm included the report in the board packet. Donations are coming in from the Holiday Fund Drive. The middle school received \$8,650 for a filter first grant.

b. President's Report - Babin-Ringsmuth included the report in the board packet. The donation button on the website for donations is up and running and have raised about \$5000 so far.

c. Treasurer's Report - Pardo included the report in the board packet. So far this year there is a positive fund balance.

d. Authorizer's Report - GVSU's representative, Matt Missias included the report in the board packet. School performance reports are out embargoed currently. Core Values award centered on International Perspectives. Charter bills were passed by the Senate and have gone to the House. June 11-13 will be hosting the Black Boys and Men symposium. Next school year is our charter renewal year with Grand Valley. This will begin in May and June with visits beginning in the Fall.

IX. Consent Agenda

a. Committee Reports

i. Facilities & Finance

ii. Fundraising and Marketing

iii. Personnel

Motion to approve consent agendas of those provided: Pardo

Support: Cotto

Passed: 4-0

X. Discussion Items-

a. Budget amendment: Schramm discussed the draft amendment. Pardo questioned the new budget and asked for more guidance as to why the changes in revenue. Schramm also asked to clarify the Total Revenue vs Restricted revenue. Cotto suggested looking at financial priorities to make sure they align with the draft budget amendment. Schramm suggested planning board retreat sooner this year. McCarthy stated that September's numbers for expenditures also needs guidance to explain the large difference from other months. Babin-Ringsmuth discussed having Partner Solutions present at the next meeting to help clarify these questions.

b. Financial priorities: Schramm explained new financial priorities for the school moving forward as posted in the packet. These priorities are in addition to the proposed budget amendment. Cotto wondered if there were implications in the total salary and compensation packages. Runyon and Pardo explored what additional costs are associated with raised salaries and extra leave days. Pardo explained the need for a 15% fund balance. Pardo also explained the reasoning behind prioritizing loan repayments. McCarthy discussed looking at the possibility of relooking at the Sanford Loan. Pardo and Kuhn explained that there are many financial reasons to switch #3 and #4.

c. Missed school days: Schramm discussed the plan for if we exceed our 6 weather related day. Schramm recommended that we could apply for a waiver for up to 3 additional days in April. June 12 and 13 are slated as weather make up days if we needed to make up days.

d. Monthly Performance Scorecard: Board discussed clarifying what student retention rates means. Pardo suggested removing short and long term debt from the scorecard.

e. Impact of election results on PSAs: Nothing new to report.

f. January and other Future Board Meeting Dates: Babin-Ringsmuth recommended moving January's meeting to January 13, 2025.

Motion to change January Board Meeting to January 13, 2025: McCarthy

Support: Pardo

Passed: 4-0

XI. Action Items- None

XIX. Public Comment- None

XX. Adjournment of the board meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Motion to adjourn: Pardo

Support: Cotto

Motion passed: 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

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

Marguerite Cotto, School Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for December 16, 5:30 pm at Greenspire High School