BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting - October 20, 2025 - 5:30 pm
Greenspire High School
Video available via Zoom
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October 20, 2025 Minutes

I. **Call to Order & Roll Call**
   a. Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. The meeting was held at the Greenspire High School room 204 with a remote option via Zoom.
   b. Board Members Present: Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth, Luis Pardo, Ward Kuhn, Joe McCarthy, Nicole Runyon, Meagan Batdorff
   c. Board Members absent: None
   d. Administrators Present: Superintendent Michael Schramm
   e. Recording Secretary: Kelly Francisco

II. **Changes or Additions to the Agenda**
   a. Motion: Pardo moved to move Board Correspondence to follow Presentations.
      1. Support: Runyon. Vote: Motion carried unanimously.
   b. Motion: Kuhn moved to approve the agenda as amended.
      i. Support: Batdorff. Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

III. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
   a. a. September 15, 2025
      i. **Motion:** McCarthy moved to approve the minutes of September 15, 2025.
      ii. **Support:** Kuhn. **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

IV. **Public Comment-** no public comment

V. **Recognitions** no recognitions

VI. **Presentations**
   a. a. Annual Audit Presentation – Kasey Roth, Senior Manager, Maner Costerisan
      i. Overview of audit findings: expiration of COVID funding, increased state funding, and a negative fund balance leading to a significant deficiency finding.
      ii. Partner Solutions was asked to provide a detailed explanation.
      iii. Key factors: payroll error, HR transition, and late legal fees.
      iv. The current budget reflects corrections; Partner Solutions will monitor moving forward.

VII. **Board Correspondence**
   a. Memo to TGS Board from Tracey Helms, Partner Solutions
      1. Discussion centered on lack of detailed explanation for audit findings.
      2. The board expressed concerns about financial and HR service quality.
      3. Consensus to request a detailed written explanation from Partner Solutions.
      4. Discussion included exploring alternative firms and in-house options for next fiscal year.
      5. Superintendent Schramm will contact Partner Solutions prior to the next board meeting and consult with other charter schools regarding service providers.next board meeting.

VIII. **Reports**
   a. Superintendent's Report-
      i. Shared grant opportunities to be discussed later.
      ii. Reported a successful GVSU reauthorization site visit.

b. President's Report-
    i. Correction to Coreene Kreiser's name.
    ii. Noted upcoming GVSU board training on October 29; encouraged participation.
c. Treasurer's Report-
    i. State funding received.
    ii. Discussion regarding potential early lease termination with NMC; meeting scheduled for November 11.
    iii. Update from Minervini Group: not financially feasible to lease a building to the school.
d. Authorizer's Report
    i. Commended the Board's work during reauthorization.
    ii. Reviewed new state budget highlights and grant opportunities.
    iii. Noted updates to MDE's Charter Transparency Dashboard.
    Encouraged participation in upcoming GVSU events and board self-assessment.
e. Partner Solutions Quarterly Report -
    i. Teacher retention improved from 58% to 88%.
    ii. Increase attributed to compensation adjustments.
f. September Financial Package-
    i. Included and discussed during Board Correspondence.

IX. Consent Agenda

a. a. Committee Reports
    i. Facilities & Finance -in packet
    ii. Human Resources- in packet
        1. Motion: Kuhn moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including committee reports from Facilities & Finance and Human Resources.
        2. Support: Batdorff. Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

X. Discussion Items

a. <u>High School Impact 30 Grant Application</u>- request $30,000 Field Friday including passenger van
    i. Proposal for $30,000 to support Field Friday programming, including purchase of a 10-passenger van.
    ii. Discussion included vehicle compliance with state law, insurance, and storage.
    iii. McCarthy to research transportation regulations and report findings.
    iv. Schramm to follow up with High School Principal Erica Walsh.
b. <u>Middle School Impact 30 Grant Application</u>-
    i. Grant proposal connecting social studies and current events presented by Kelly Francisco.
    ii. Board expressed support and suggested expanding involvement and funding.
c. Board will revisit and approve grants applications next meeting
d. <u>Fall Board Policy Updates</u>
    i. Superintendent reviewed summary pages and upcoming meeting with NCSI.
    ii. Discussion on vendor liability and parental opt-out forms for curriculum.
e. <u>Performance Scorecard</u>-
    i. Schramm noted improved attendance
    ii. Discussion of realistic retention targets and ongoing review of teacher retention.
    iii. Board training hours currently total one; two required.

XI. Action Items- no action items

XII. Public Comment-

a. Coreene Kreiser, high school assistant principal, reported that the High School is collaborating with the Old Town Playhouse, which will also display student artwork.

XIII. Adjournment-

a. Motion: Kuhn moved to adjourn the meeting.
b. Support: Runyon. Vote: Motion carried unanimously.
c. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Runyon

School Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2025 at 5:30 pm at the Greenspire High School