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Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 5:15 PM

Location
Great Oaks Charter School; 510 Barnum Ave (2nd Floor Conference Room)

Great Oaks Charter School of Bridgeport's November board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8th at 5:15 pm on the second floor of the school at 510 Barnum Ave. Those desiring to provide public comment must sign in between 5:00 and 5:15

Directors Present
Amy Marshall, Dexter Upshaw (remote), Ed Farrow, Leticia Sepulveda, Pamela Fraser-Abder, Susan Briggs, Tamara Smith, Wade Eyerly

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
Christine English, Michael Duffy, Michael McGregor, Monica Brown, Monica Maccera Filppu, Nadina Juarez, Rashaun Reid, Rick Iandoli, Shana Hurley

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

Ed Farrow called a meeting of the board of directors of Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport to order on Wednesday Mar 8, 2017 at 5:25 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Susan Briggs made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 02-08-17 pending changes to why the board entered into executive session and who entered into executive session. Board Meeting on 02-08-17.
Wade Eyerly seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Amy Marshall	Abstain
Susan Briggs	Aye
Tamara Smith	Aye
Dexter Upshaw	Aye
Pamela Fraser-Abder	Aye
Leticia Sepulveda	Aye
Ed Farrow	Aye

D. Public Comment (As needed)

II. Report from the Executive Director

A. Dashboard Review

T. Smith made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a confidential personnel matter regarding a school administrative team member.
A. Marshall seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion. The following members entered into executive session: L. Sepulveda, S. Briggs, A. Marshall, E. Farrow, T. Smith and P. Fraser-Abder. The following guests were invited by the board to join the executive session: M. Maccera, M. Duffy, R. Reid, M. McGregor, R. Iandoli and M. Brown.

B. Advocacy update for Per Pupil Funding

Executive Director M. Maccera brought several Great Oaks parents to the Capitol on Tuesday 2/28. A press conference is scheduled at Great Oaks for Wednesday 3/22. Our partners at NECSN have expressed greater confidence about seats for grade growth seats and an increase in per pupil funding for charter schools.

III. Facilities and Finance

A. Report from the Finance Committee

Director of Finance R. Iandoli shared an update of February financials. GO-BPT is still awaiting reimbursement from Bridgeport Public Schools for its special education invoice. Additional costs for this month include progress payments for the contractor for the ninth grade space.

Treasurer S. Shahin presented an enrollment sensitivity analysis based on different enrollment targets for 2017-2018. Discussion of other uncertainties, including federal AmeriCorps funding, ensued.

B. Development Report

M. Brown shared a brief update on the fund development plan. The Foundation is seeking fundraising from local philanthropic organizations and the federal charter school program grant program.

C. Facilities Update

Demolition and renovation has begun at 510 Barnum Ave. for the short-term expansion space. Construction is projected to be completed before June.

D. Fundraising Plan and Projected Cash Flow

Chief Operating Officer M. McGregor reviewed a cash flow analysis of fundraising needs versus anticipated inflow. Board members remain optimistic that Great Oaks will receive its seats for grade growth.

IV. Governance Committee Report

A. Update on SY 17-18 hiring

S. Shahin made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:15 to discuss prospective school leader candidates.
A. Marshall seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. The following members entered into executive session: L. Sepulveda, S. Briggs, A. Marshall, E. Farrow, T. Smith and P. Fraser-Abder. The board invited the Foundation staff.

A. Marshall made a motion to authorize the Great Oaks Foundation to prepare an offer for one of the candidates.
S. Briggs seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

P. Fraser-Abder made a motion to exit executive session at 7:30.
S. Shahin seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Academic Excellence

A. Report of the Academic Committee

The academic committee will provide a more detailed update in the April meeting.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Wade Eyerly made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Pamela Fraser-Abder seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wade Eyerly