



Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday April 5, 2017 at 5:15 PM

Location

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

Great Oaks Charter School of Bridgeport's April board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 5th 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, Ed Farrow (remote), Leticia Sepulveda, Pamela Fraser-Abder, Susan Briggs, Tamara Smith, Wade Eyerly (remote)

Directors Absent

None

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

Amy Marshall, Wade Eyerly

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned

Ed Farrow

Guests Present

Adrienne Eckman, Ashley Guest, Christine English, Ivan Martinez, Khadija Marks, Melissa Frank, Michael Duffy, Michael McGregor, Nadina Juarez, Rashaun Reid, Rick Iandoli, Shana Hurley, Vanessa Ceas

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Susan Briggs called a meeting of the board of directors of Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport to order on Wednesday Apr 5, 2017 at 5:19 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Susan Briggs made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 03-08-17 Board Meeting on 03-08-17.

Dexter Upshaw seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Public Comment (As needed)

II. Governance Committee Report

A. Approval of contract for Executive Principal

Dexter Upshaw made a motion to to ratify the contract for Brittney Jean-Louis as Executive Principal starting May 30.

Leticia Sepulveda seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Ed Farrow left.

III. Report from the Executive Director

A. Dashboard Review

Chief Academic Officer R. Reid presented the GO-BPT March data dashboard including suspension data revised after a March 2017 internal audit. In addition, with the new culture system, the model for detentions has changed. Detention reporting will resume in the May board meeting after there has been more than a month of the new detention model.

Additional discussion of Saturday Academy, a program targeted for students who are on the cusp of achieving proficiency, ensued. About forty students have been participating in the sessions led by eighth grade math teacher Mrs. Dortch.

B.

Advocacy update for Per Pupil Funding

Executive Director M. Duffy described the work that Great Oaks is doing with our partner, Northeast Charter Schools Network, to identify a date for a planned press conference after the appropriations committee releases their budget. In addition, board members were invited to attend Charter Awareness day with Great Oaks Bridgeport families on May 2.

C. Student Recruitment update

Director of Operations S. Hurley shared information about the 2017-2018 recruitment season. In time for its 4/5 lottery, GO-BPT received 320 applications for its 120 sixth grade seats with a high rate of prospective English Language Learner applicants. GO-BPT also met its goals for applications in grades 7 and 8.

S. Hurley and M. McGregor also discussed a strategies planned for retaining rising ninth graders in preparation for the first year of a Great Oaks Bridgeport high school. Wade Eyerly arrived.

IV. Facilities and Finance

A. Report from the Finance Committee

Director of Finance R. landoli and Treasurer S. Shahin provided an overview of GO-BPT's cash flow. The fourth quarter installment of per-pupil funding has come in and is expected to fund operating expenses through the end of the school year. One notable variance is outstanding special education reimbursement from Bridgeport Public Schools.

Amy Marshall arrived.

B. Plan for FY 18 budget process

The Finance Committee will present the 2017-2018 budget at the June board meeting, providing time for the incoming Executive Principal to participate in the process of writing the budget.

C. Development Report

Chief Operating Officer M. McGregor presented scenarios for capital and operating expenses as well as fundraising needs based on student enrollment.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Pamela Fraser-Abder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tamara Smith 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 6:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shana Hurley