APPROVED

Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport

Minutes

GOBPT Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday April 9, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Location
375 Howard Ave.
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Directors Present
Bea Bagley (remote), Bob Carlson, Corey Sneed (remote), David Zieff, Matthew Nwosu (remote), Robert Traber

Directors Absent
Daniel Luciano, Eva Vega, Tenssie Ramsay

Guests Present
Benjamin Chan, Farah Martin, John Scalice, Latoya Hubbard

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance & Begin Recording Meeting

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Bob Carlson called a meeting of the board of directors of Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport to order on Wednesday Apr 9, 2025 at 5:37 PM.

C.

Approve Last Month's Meeting Minutes

Bea Bagley made a motion to approve the minutes from GOBPT March Board Meeting on 03-12-25.
Robert Traber seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Finance Committee

A. Finance Committee Updates

CFO, B. Chan, went over dashboard.

- As of end of March we were in total cash position of $504,796. The per pupil came in as well.
- We are current on our bills.
- Fundraising: Near and Far Aid gave the school $10,000, David Zieff helped with the other amount of $7,000.

D. Zieff asked where we will be in about 3 months. B. Chan, CFO, reports we will be ahead of the game by about 200,000 because we were budding to the old per pupil rate.

We are also switching over from Quickbooks to SAGE Intacct.

Erate- The last year of our 5 year grant. Erate is for internet funding. The service is up for renewal under CAT 1. The best bid was our current vendor. Erate will pay 85% of that. CAT 2, has three areas. One is to renew licenses for switches and access points. The lowest bid was from Total Comm and there is also Firewall and backup.

C. Sneed reports we have decided to continue using ADP as a benefit provider.

B. Vendor Approvals

David Zieff made a motion to approve Total Comm as a new vendor.
Bea Bagley seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Governance Committee

A. Chief Operating Officer's Report

COO, Latoya Hubbard, went over COO Report.

Student Enrollment:
As of today, we have received a total of 291 applications across all grades compared to only 46 applications in April 2024.

Certification:
95% of our returning staff is certified
62% of our new staff is certified
The gap you see there is staff that is currently pending licenses and we are waiting for those to be approved. COO went over application process.

Intent to Return Survey Results:
In March, we distributed our annual Intent to Return Survey to all staff. We're pleased to share that 95% of our team indicated their intention to return to Great Oaks for the 2025–2026 school year! This strong rate of retention is a testament to the strength of our school community and the commitment of our educators and staff.

Teacher Recruitment:
To strengthen our pipeline of certified teacher candidates, we participated in over six Educator Career Fairs at local universities this spring. These events gave us the opportunity to connect with students completing certification programs across various content areas. As a result, we've collected a number of strong resumes and already have several interviews scheduled for the upcoming school year.

March Gladness:
Every week during the month of March we do something for staff for morale. This year we did bowling outing, coffee cart, Taco Truck and gift cards.

B. Chief Executive Officer's Report

CEO, John Scalice, went over CEO report.

Over the last two weeks we had the opportunity to give our Spring interim assessment. This gives us about 6 weeks for our intervention block. This is a strong data point for what takes place during our intervention blocks.

We noticed a stagnation of 6th grade. Our curriculum team and coaches are looking into this. We are at 81% of our testing so we expect our final assessments to increase by a couple of points but this is where we are right now.

Using the data, Grade 6 will increase intervention based instruction and increase time devoted to reading areas. For 7th and 8th grade, tradition data based shift for instruction to occur leading up to testing.

ELA notes:

- Individual Growth (students meeting growth targets) is at 47% School Wide
- A 2-3% increase in overall Proficiency and a 5-7% increase in Student Growth

- 44.6% of students have improved their Overall Placement (grown at least one level)

Math Assessment:

- Went from 2% proficiency in the Fall to 9% in the Spring assessment in 6th grade
- For 7th grade we see that proficiency went from 1% to 11%
- Finally, for 8th grade we see proficiency went from 9% to 19%.

We saw significant improvement in all grades!

Grades 6-8 Action Steps:

- Using the data, all grades will continue classroom interventions through Mid-School-Math during math periods.
- Intervention block will continue to focus on skills based acquisition in the 4 weeks leading up to the State Assessment.

Math notes:

- Individual Growth (students meeting growth targets) is at 40% School Wide
- 45% of students have improved their Overall Placement (grown at least one level)
- A 2-3% increase in overall Proficiency and a 6-8% increase in Student Growth

IV. Other Business

A. Gala coming up on April 25, 2025.

B. Bagley reports we have one vendor who is doing most of the work for us at Abbey Tent Rental. They are coordinating with Lassees Catering as well to help us with food and refreshments for the evening.

They are able to install all items and remove everything. Lassees and Abbey tent will coordinate with Farah Martin to go over logistics.
Board member, Robert Traber, discussed a significant bill which affects us all. Senate bill will significantly increases the formula per pupil. Increase the formula in MLL, Sped and poverty areas. In Bridgeport it looks like it the formula will increase by 57 million dollars.
Board Chair, B. Carlson, suggested all board members read more about the bill.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

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,
Bob Carlson

Attention: Times and Locations are subject to change.