

APPROVED



Gestalt Community Schools

Minutes

GCS Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday August 23, 2018 at 8:30 AM

Location

Power Center Academy - Hickory Hill - High School, 5390 Mendenhall Mall, Memphis, TN 38115 - Audio Conference 901-213-5161 Enter Extension 1216, Guest Password 5152

Directors Present

A. Evans Blackwell, C. Leon, D. Selberg, D. Williams (remote), H. Coleman, K. Satterthwaite, K. Walker Burt (remote), T. Williams (remote), Y. Lewis

Directors Absent

P. Ray, S. Branch, S. Elswick

Guests Present

A. Butler, B. Turner, G. Rucker, M. McFarland, N. Rogers

I. Opening Items**A. Record Attendance and Guests****B. Call the Meeting to Order**

A. Evans Blackwell called a meeting of the board of directors of Gestalt Community Schools to order on Thursday Aug 23, 2018 at 8:37 AM.

C.

Approve Minutes

C. Leon made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 06-14-18 Board Meeting on 06-14-18.

Y. Lewis seconded the motion.

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

II. Development and Enrollment Update

A. Enrollment Update

2017 enrollment was 1911; 2018 target was 2270, 2018 actual is 2044; difference is 226

Enrollment trends, SE schools are still a concern, we have adjusted our enrollment targets, are providing transportation, but they are still struggling; we have a definite trend as it has been 3 years. In October, we want to talk about the SE schools and enrollment. One thing from the focus group is that people still consider Southwind as the county. The SE schools have about 15% of enrollment from Southwind, most are excess from the Hickory Hill schools.

There is still a challenge at the High School; they had a fresh start in February, we believe the numbers will increase as people are still coming in, we are hoping to reach 600. Also, the Hickory Hill area is looking at a charter saturation point and we have joined forces with several of the charter and SCS elementary schools in the area to talk about this. There are 5 charter high schools and 7 charter middle schools in Hickory Hill. Question for October's meeting – for the SE locations, would like to know what is the worst and best case scenario and pros and cons, as well as what is the impact on the network and delivering of services to students for this year, both short term and long-term. A budget reforecast for the SE locations has been done, but since we did not overhire staffing will not be affected. We will be bringing more of the enrollment function into the CMO staff.

M. McFarland arrived.

B. Development Update

Total - \$821,487.00 awarded

Facilities grant \$180m

New schools \$125m

21st Century Community Learning – 3 years of \$301,487 each year – the goal is to help scholars obtain a 24 on the ACT

CSP dissemination grant \$100,000

Huddle Up grant of \$65,000

Crawford of \$50,000

We are working on 2 more multi-year funding that we hope to find out by the end of the 2018 year.

III. Finance

A. June 30_2018 Year End Finances

Norriesse Jackson covered the Balance Sheet and Statement of Activities.

B. 2018_2019 Budget Reprojection

Budget reforecast was done on an enrollment of 2023 scholars, and we have already increased above 2023.

Original budget was forecasted on 2270 scholars; this is a variance of 247 scholars. The BEP will be over a 2mil variance; but actual total revenue will decrease by 1.7 million due to transportation and Title I funding. Originally, we did not think we would get Title I for the SE schools, but we will receive some funding. Additionally, philanthropy was based only on what was committed at that time and now the commitments have increased. The reforecast has cut salary costs by \$700,000 but we did not hire these people, and the positions will remain unfilled until we have the students to account for it. The \$250,000 principal payment is due in FY2020, plus we cut capital expenditures by \$92,000 due to less technology needs. We are in a better position than we had originally thought we would be in.

C. New Market Tax Credit Overview

New market credit is not just debt, but there is revenue associated with it as well. There is additional revenue from it that we did not understand and there is also revenue from the PCAMS holdings. Now, the cash is readily available and in October, we will present a proposal about what to do with these funds.

A. Butler arrived.

IV. Academic Report Update

A. 2018 Academic Results & Priorities

We are going in the right direction with the curriculum. We are still struggling with the assessment piece, so we are working with organizations to help us better align scope and sequence as well as develop assessments around TN ready. In Math, scholars did well on procedure and skill, but they struggled on the conceptual part; we need to develop staff around the conceptual part.

There was a negative impact to PCAES TVAAS score, because there were 26 new scholars to our 3rd grade, who had previous TVAAS data and it was counted against us. In Spring 2018 - Math 59% met target, Reading 52% met target, Language 45% met target

TN ready. We are approaching goals and have moved considerably, but we did not meet goal (PCAHS 76% math below target).

This year at HS, we have 100% completion of NWEA and all teachers at HS building have a coach. 80% of the HS teachers are new hires to GCS.

V. Closing Items

A. Closing Items

Courtney Leon made the announcement that this would be her last board meeting.

B. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting was adjourned by Ashanti Evans with an Executive Session being held afterwards,

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Rucker