Guadalupe Education System Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2021

Meeting was called to order Beto Lopez at 4:32pm at the GCI Theatre room and via Zoom. The board members present established a quorum. Mr. Palmer welcomed those in attendance and introduced Vici Hughes who will present the Charter Renewal Process.

Board Members Present:  Beto Lopez  Dr. Julia Vargas  Daniel Silva
                           Jacob Derritt  Jaime Guillen  Phyllis Hernandez

Board Members Absent:  Justine Del Muro  Sandra Garcia

Other staff present:  Joe Palmer  Dr. Steve Lumentta  Dr. Katrina Lundien
                      Dr. Mike Wilhoit  Isela Castro  Dr. Jim Hammen  Eduardo Mendez
                      Charlotte Hawkins  Amy Williams  April Soberon  Elizabeth Marentes
                      Patricia Hernandez  Jesse Harvey  Claudia Meyer  Luis Posada
                      James Engelby  Mark Nasteff  Vici Hughes  Shannon Spradling

Consent Agenda
February 2021 Meeting Minutes
GES Special Board Meeting Minutes 3/10/2021
HR Board Report
February 2021 Financial Statement
February 2021 Check Register
SSKC Budget 2021-2022

Mr. Derritt moved to accept the Consent Agenda, Mr. Guillen seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

February 2021 Credit Card Statement

Beto Lopez stated the Credit Card Statement was partly reviewed in the Finance Meeting however not approved at that time.

Mr. Derritt moved to accept the February 2021 Credit Card Statement, Mr. Guillen seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Charter Renewal Process

Vici Hughes discussed the Charter Renewal Process. There will be communication and documentation shared between Mr. Palmer and Ms. Hughes regarding the process. There will be a Renewal Committee and will want to visit the schools. The decision will be made by UCM by October 21, once approved Mr. Palmer and Ms. Hughes will complete and submit the GCS renewal application to DESE by January 2022. Presentation of the renewal application to the State Board of Education expected in March 2022. There will be 2 town hall meetings, one for the parents and another for teachers/staff. A Remedial Plan 2021-2022 is being developed by Mr. Palmer and UCM, this will focus on student academic achievement, teacher professional development, recruitment and retention of students. Closure processes discussion is required by DESE to provide to the board,
these are items that takes place should the school close however Ms. Hughes does not foresee this happening.

**Superintendent Report**

**60 Second Success Stories**- Mr. Palmer shout out to the Real World Learning group who gave their pitch to the Kauffman Foundation. Kudos to Mr. Mendez for getting transportation issues resolved. He asked each of the school administrators to give a brief success story.

PreK- Ms. Castro mentioned they completed 4 months of virtual learning. Virtual learning has evolved for them and they can see the growth of their students from writing their names, identifying letters to speaking in longer sentences.

Elementary School- Ms. Soberon wanted to celebrate one of her teachers, Wendy Bonilla, she is a graduate from UCM and has always been coachable and has shown a lot of growth since her first year as a teacher. Ms. Bonilla will be presenting their staff some professional development about trauma informed care through the lens of reading instruction.

Middle School- Ms. Meyer stated they had their 4th career fair which was held virtual this year. There were 30 speakers that ranged from Kansas City Crime Lab to music producers. Ms. Williams stated the 3rd quarter ended, teachers helped their students bring their grades up before the quarter ended.

High School- Mr. Posada stated some students took the Spanish Club test and 10 scored high that qualified with 10 college credits each.

**Data Dashboard**- Dr. Lumetta discussed the NWEA RIT range, 3rd grade mean RIT is 175,; 4th grade mean RIT is 185.1, 5th grade mean RIT is192., they are moving the kids in the range for the respected grade level. Current virtual learning attendance K-5 92%, 6-8 92%, 9-12 91%.

**Strategic Plan Update**- Mr. Palmer stated the first two items of the agenda took place March 22 and they have been able to complete the revision on the current Strategic Plan. The goal is to present it to the Board on June 24, 2021.

**Enrollment Update**- Mr. Mendez mentioned there are currently 1402 students enrolled. There are 36% who will remain virtual for the remainder of this school year and 64% who chose the blended model. The target enrollment for 2021-2022 is 1518, so far 1304 students are returning, there are 180 applications who were accepted through SchoolAppKC and 130 who are on the waitlist.

**School Update**- Mr. Palmer mentioned teachers and staff returned on March 22. There will be Welcome banners at each building upon students return to school beginning April 5.

**Facilities/Construction Update**

Mr. Lopez mentioned that maintenance, custodial and the food department continue to up keep the buildings in preparation for students to return.

**Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee**- Mr. Lopez stated they did meet and all finances in the consent agenda were discussed. Mr. Derritt mentioned they did not approve the credit card statement however recommended it be reviewed and approved at the board meeting today.

**Executive Committee**- Mr. Lopez stated they did not meet.

**Instruction Committee**- Dr. Vargas stated they did meet, they reviewed the Data Dashboard and were given the preview of the Real World Learning presentation.
Safety Committee- Mr. Lopez stated they did meet, they helped prepare for the return of the students in the building. Mr. Mendez mentioned the nursing staff helped put together the health manual for the district.

Old Business
None

New Business
None

Public Comment
None

Executive Session
Mr. Lopez made the motion, second by Mr. Guillen, to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session at 5:28pm. Everyone was dismissed except for Mark Nasteff and board members. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Beto Lopez, Phyllis Hernandez
   Dr. Julia Vargas, Jaime Guillen
   Jacob Derritt, Daniel Silva

Nays: Dr. Julia Vargas, Jaime Guillen

Adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 5:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Sandra Garcia, Board Secretary

Next Board Meeting:
Thursday, April 22, 2021
Minutes prepared by Recorder
Patricia Hernandez, Administrative Assistant