Meeting was called to order Beto Lopez at 4:31pm at the GCI Theatre room and via Zoom. The board members present established a quorum. Mr. Lopez welcomed everyone present for the meeting.

Board Members Present:  
Beto Lopez  
Justine Del Muro  
Dr. Julia Vargas  
Phyllis Hernandez  
Jaime Guillen

Board Members Absent:  
Jacob Derritt  
Sandra Garcia  
Daniel Silva

Other staff present:  
Joe Palmer  
Dr. Jim Hammen  
Eduardo Mendez  
Dr. Steve Lumetta  
Dr. Katrina Lundien  
Charlotte Hawkins  
Amy Williams  
Claudia Meyer  
James Engelby  
Shannon Spradling  
Mark Nasteff  
Patricia Hernandez

Consent Agenda
April 2021 Meeting Minutes  
HR Staffing Board Report  
April 2021 Financial Statement  
April 2021 Check Register  
April 2021 Credit Card Statement  
Infinite Campus Renewal 2021-2022  
Charter School Membership 2021-2022  
Communities In Schools of Mid-America SY 2021-2022 MOU  
Transportation for SY 2021-2022  
HDF Family College Prep Program MOU 2021-2022
Judge Del Muro moved to accept the Consent Agenda, Ms. Phyllis Hernandez second the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Report
Summer School Update- Mr. Palmer stated summer school will begin on June 7 for all of the schools. PreK will be held from June 7-25; Elementary School June 7-July 1; Middle School will have 2 sessions June 7-18 and June 21-July 1; High School will also have 2 sessions June 7-25 and June 28-July 19.

State Assessment- Dr. Lumetta stated that DESE made a requirement that 85% of students be tested, all of the buildings tested in the 90's. The High School was close to 92-93%, the Elementary and Middle School were around 97-98%.

Strategic Plan Update- Mr. Palmer indicated that they are finalizing the plan which will be presented in the next board meeting. The next Leadership Retreat will be on June 1 with the school administrators and cabinet. The Strategic Plan will also be presented at the Instructional Committee. Next fall they'll do check-in meetings and new monitoring meetings with Insignia Partners and our building level principles, as well as our cabinet team.
Enrollment - Mr. Mendez stated the upcoming school year goal enrollment is 1518, we are currently at 1377. All of the registrars are reaching out to families who have yet to finish their enrollment. There are new students that were offered through SchoolAppKC and some that have yet to accept the offer.

Misc.-

COVID-19/Mask Protocol Discussion
Mr. Palmer recommends continuing with the current mask protocol through summer school. He suggests making a decision in the July board meeting to see what is suggested for the upcoming school year. The vaccine is now available for 12 year olds and up, that is mostly the middle and high school students. There hasn’t been a definitive school guidance from the CDC at this point.

UCM Charter Update
Mr. Lopez spoke about the change of UCM’s decision to pull out from sponsoring charter schools. Potential charter sponsors have reached out to him, Mr. Palmer and/or Mr. Spradling. The school is in the process of charter renewal as well and have been scheduling meetings with these potential sponsors. Some of the sponsors that have approached us so far are University of MO Columbia, MO State Charter Commission, University of Missouri St. Louis and Kansas City Public School System.

New Board Member
Mr. Lopez stated there is a current vacancy for the GES Board. He would like to nominate Valerie Coyazo, as a potential board member. Valerie Coyazo has served on the GCI board in the past and is familiar with the company. Mr. Lopez is open to other nominations, please send to Ms. Patricia Hernandez or himself.

Operations Report
Mr. Lopez discussed the Operations Report, they hired a third party custodial company that will take care of the high school. Kudos to the food service department, they have served close to 15,000 meals for the month of May so far. There is an upcoming meeting with the cabinet leaders and the PR consultant, Amy Wooden, to help develop a strategic plan to continue to share with everything that is being done at the schools and GCI.

Committee Reports
Finance Committee- Judge Del Muro stated they did meet. She would like to point out that the proposed budget was discussed and will be up for approval next month.

Executive Committee- Mr. Palmer stated they did meet.

Instruction Committee- Mr. Guillen stated they did meet. They discussed summer school and the strategic plan.

Safety Committee- Mr. Mendez stated they did meet. They reviewed some board policies which are one part of the Health Manual and were able to compare with other resources. They will present for approval at the June board meeting.
Old Business
None

New Business
None

Public Comment
Mr. Lopez wants to commend all those involved in the organization of the High School graduation. He would like to commend Mr. Meaney for having those stand that are the first ones to graduate in their families and having another group stand if they are attending college. Seeing how proud these groups of kids are is inspiring.

Executive Session
Mr. Lopez made the motion, second by Mr. Guillen, to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session at 5:12pm. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Beto Lopez Phyllis Hernandez
     Dr. Julia Vargas Jaime Guillen
     Justine Del Muro

Nays: Dr. Julia Vargas Jaime Guillen
      Justine Del Muro

Adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 5:12pm.

Sandra Garcia
Respectfully Submitted
Sandra Garcia, Board Secretary

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, June 24, 2021
Minutes prepared by Recorder
Patricia Hernandez, Administrative Assistant