

Guadalupe Education System Inc.  
Board of Director Meeting Minutes  
August 26, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Beto Lopez, at 4:30pm at the GCI Theatre room and via Zoom. The board members present established a quorum. Mr. Lopez welcomed all those in attendance.

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

Board Members Absent: Jacob Derritt

Other's present:	Joe Palmer	Dr. Steve Lumetta	Dr. Mike Wilhoit
Dr. Jim Hammen	Eduardo Mendez	Charlotte Hawkins	Daisy Myrick
James Engelby	Luis Posada	Michael Meaney	Patricia Hernandez
Shannon Spradling	Claudia Meyer	Lineth Posada	April Soberon
Elizabeth Marentes	Jesse Harvey	Mark Nasteff	Alan Olson
Stephanie Romero	Jennifer Durbin	Catherine Gomez	Lori Stark
Blayze Hembree	Shelly Alexander	Catherine Kugler	Abby Winnes
Jennifer Berka	Samantha Byler	Nellie Enneking	Jennifer Gleason
Jennifer Clay	Irene Frederick	Craig Krueger	Joseph Pulido
Mayra Astorga	Claudia Jeffers	Zara Gibbon	Anyi Mosquera
Taylor Dobbins	Teresa Draper	Theresa Torres	Kate Moore

Mr. Palmer introduced Hollis and Miller group who will be doing a presentation later in the meeting. He also introduced Mr. Alan Olson, the Maintenance Director and all new GES staff members.

**Consent Agenda**

July 2021 Meeting Minutes  
HR Staffing Board Report  
July 2021 Financial Statement  
July 2021 Check Register  
July 2021 Credit Card Statement  
21st Century Therapy  
PREP-KC MOU 21-22SY  
Student Technology Agreement

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

**DESE Special Education Compliance Plan**

Mr. Palmer stated that the DESE Special Education Compliance Plan is submitted each year. Mrs. Hawkins discussed the minor change for this year. Determination of Eligibility added the requirement of formal observation for Intellectual Disability and Other Health Impairment for determination of

Eligibility. There will be no impact on GCCS as staff conducts formal observation(s) as part of the evaluation process for all eligibility categories.

Mr. Guillen moved to accept the Consent Agenda, Ms. Phyllis Hernandez seconded the motion.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### **COVID Policy for Teachers & GES Staff**

Mr. Palmer stated this policy has been put together to protect the students and staff. Many other school districts are adopting this plan which indicates if you are vaccinated and you have to stay home for quarantine or ill due to COVID, this is not counted against you and you do not have to use your PTO. If you are unvaccinated, you have to use your PTO. Mr. Guillen suggested adding an exemption to receive the vaccine due to religious beliefs. Mr. Nasteff indicated that the school currently does not have a mandatory vaccination policy in place, that is where this exemption would be more relevant to add.

Judge Del Muro moved to accept the COVID Policy 4313, Ms. Phyllis Hernandez seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Hollis and Miller Presentation**

Mr. Lopez mentioned that student growth at the elementary for the next 3 years can be absorbed, anything beyond that is questionable. Therefore, decisions have been made to modify previous plans of dorms at the Cannon building to office space. This will allow the cabinet administrative team to move into the Cannon building and convert the Epworth building into classrooms. Ms. Jennifer Berka with Hollis and Miller presented the schematic design of what this might look like.

### **Superintendent Report**

**Enrollment-** Mr. Mendez mentioned that there have been a few students that didn't show up since school started, which has left some open seats. The registrars are working to get those seats filled.

**New Teachers-** Dr. Hammen introduced all 31 new teachers, 48% of them are either Hispanic or speak Spanish. He provided a snapshot and gave a little bit of information for the new teacher.

**Beginning of School Comments-** Mr. Palmer stated school started on August 16 with half a day of orientation for kindergarten, 1st, 6th and 9th grade. Convocation had a great turn out, thank you to some of the board members that were able to attend, the new charter sponsor, Robbyn Wahby was present as well as the previous GCCS Superintendent, Mr. Al Dimmitt.

### **Operations Report**

Mr. Olson is working with contract and temp laborers to help keep up with maintenance ticket orders. He mentioned that the Zartman Hall had crawl space sealant put in. There is a roofing contractor inspecting and repairing all of the roofs at this time as well.

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee-** Judge Del Muro stated they did meet.

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

**Instruction Committee-** Ms. Garcia stated they did meet. Summer school was successful, 91% for the Middle School and 86% at the High School.

**Safety Committee-** Mr. Mendez stated they did not meet.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

Mr. Lopez discussed the adjustments made to the GES Board Committee's. Changes made, adding Mr. Guillen to the Finance Committee, Ms. Phyllis Hernandez replacing Mr. Guillen on the Instructional Committee and adding Ms. Coyazo to the Safety Committee. All changes will take effect September 1st, 2021.

## **Public Comment**

Theresa Torres stated that she is pleased with the beginning of the school year. She wanted to make a comment regarding the personnel issue at the last board meeting

## **Executive Session**

None.

## **Adjourn**

Mr. Lopez made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Judge Del Muro. Meeting adjourned at 5:47pm.

**Sandra Garcia**

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Respectfully Submitted

Sandra Garcia, Board Secretary

Next Board Meeting:  
**Thursday, September 23, 2021**  
Minutes prepared by Recorder  
Patricia Hernandez, Administrative Assistant