The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Beto Lopez, at 4:35pm at the GCI Theater 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  
Dr. Julia Vargas  
Justine Del Muro  
Valerie Coyazo  
Phyllis Hernandez

Board Members Absent: Jacob Derritt

Also present: Joe Palmer  
Dr. Steve Lumetta  
Dr. Jim Hammen  
Daisy Myrick  
Eduardo Mendez  
Charlotte Hawkins  
Michael Meaney  
Luis Posada  
Claudia Meyer  
Lineth Posada  
Elizabeth Marentes  
April Soberon  
Jesse Harvey  
Alan Olson  
James Engelby  
Shannon Spradling  
Mark Nasteff  
Patricia Hernandez

**Consent Agenda**

November 2021 Meeting Minutes  
December 2021 Meeting Minutes  
Special Board GES Board Meeting Minutes January 3, 2022  
HR November Staffing Board Report  
HR December Staffing Board Report  
November 2021 Financial Statement  
November 2021 Check Register  
November 2021 Credit Card Statement  
December 2021 Financial Statement  
December 2021 Check Register  
December 2021 Credit Card Statement

Judge Del Muro moved to accept the Consent Agenda, Ms. Phyllis Hernandez seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Website Developer**

Mr. Palmer mentioned the Website Developer total cost is $40,250, this will be split between GCI and GCCS, the yearly cost is $1,800 for different ADA updates. This was not approved at this time, the board will need to review the contract before approving. This item will move to next month's Board Meeting.

**Middle School Campus Lease**

Mr. Spradling mentioned this is a continuation of the current lease that expired. This was moved from a month to month basis to a year agreement which will be set to expire in 2023.  
Mr. Guillen moved to accept the Middle School Campus Lease, Judge Del Muro seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**
**High School Campus Lease**
Mr. Spradling mentioned this is a continuation of the current lease that expired. This was moved from a month to month basis to a year agreement which will be set to expire in 2023.
Mr. Guillen moved to accept the High School Campus Lease, Ms. Coyazo seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**COVID 2021-2022 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (SRCSP)**
Dr. Vargas moved to accept the SRCSP, Ms. Phyllis Hernandez seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Superintendent Report**
**60 Second Success Stories-**
Elementary and PreK- Mrs. Soberon wanted to celebrate their NWEA assessments that have already started. Students that haven’t missed a lot of school are showing tremendous growth. They have a 1st grader that has been on a success plan for behaviors and is currently in the 90th percentile for CGP, Conditional Growth Percentile.
Middle School- Mrs. Meyer stated they are getting ready for their schoolwide WIDA test. Thank you to Mrs. Posada for organizing that.
High School- Mr. Meaney stated the boys basketball team was unable to play last season. They won their first game against Kansas School for the Deaf. He’d like to shout out their new band instructor Mike Helton, he’s done a great job diving right in and being creative with the students. He led 1 student celebration after school and has scheduled some pop up concerts. He’s also working on some community performances with their mariachi band.

**Charter Renewal Update-** Mr. Palmer mentioned that the Charter was renewed and approved at the State Board meeting on January 11. The contract is good for another 5 years beginning from July 1, 2022 and ends on June 30, 2027.

**Assessment Update-** Dr. Lumetta mentioned that the NWEA is given 3 times a year and is now K-12, they’ll be able to see that data across all of the schools. The spring assessment for 19-20 was not given due to the lockdown. Last year was hit or miss with NWEA ELA but we are back on track this year. We normally give the NWEA three times a year. Last year, each school gave the assessment at least once. The high school was able to give it three times. Non-ELL and ELL students’ level of achievement is comparable to pre-pandemic levels. The gap between students with IEP and others has decreased over the past 2 years by about 2.5 months of learning. Nationally, the impact of COVID on achievement in math is twice as much as the impact on reading. Attendance has an impact, students who are consistently present and engaged in learning have shown the most growth.

**Special Services Presentation-** Mrs. Hawkins shared highlights within the Special Services Department. There are currently 8 certified Special Education teachers, 3 Speech and Language Pathologists and 3 Paraprofessionals who assist in the special and regular education settings.
Retention of high quality staff is critical, 10 out of the 12 offered positions remained employed for this school year. There are currently 110 students receiving services districtwide and there was a 92% retention rate of students. In 2021, there were 5 graduates who had IEPs, 1 graduated with their
CNA Certification and another graduated with their Associate Degree through the Early College Program. Although a continued gap in performance exists relative to the state across both math and reading, GCS students with IEPs demonstrate continued growth in both reading and math. Despite COVID last year, 9.7% of students in reading and 4.9% of students in math scored at the Proficient/Advanced level. Future goals and areas of focus for growth include alignment of effective practices and instruction in pull-out and co-taught environments, High level practices in special services throughout building and vertical professional development opportunities, post-secondary transition planning and outcomes for grades 6-12 and increased family engagement and advocacy within the special services process..

**Operations Report**

Mr. Olson stated the food department completed their Second After School Snack Program onsite review and the district wide onsite review is underway. They produced and served 25,435 meals in December with a claim amount of $87,574. In the months of December and January, maintenance received 108 work orders of which 90% were completed within 48 hours.

**Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee**- Mr. Lopez stated they did meet, all finances noted under the Consent Agenda were discussed.

**Executive Committee**- Mr. Lopez stated they did meet. He mentioned the Board Retreat was held on January 22 via Zoom due to COVID, it went really well.

**Instruction Committee**- Ms. Garcia stated they did meet. They discussed the English Language Development (ELD) professional development essentials training. They also discussed the High School internship program with Real World Learning and are going to intern with MOU.

**Safety Committee**- Mr. Palmer stated they did not meet, they meet every other month.

**Old Business**

**New Board Member**- Mr. Lopez mentioned there is a vacant Board seat and would like to recommend Octavio Villalobos. He has worked with the schools in the past and is currently a KCPD police officer.

Dr. Vargas moved to accept the new Board member recommendation as mentioned above, Mr. Guillen seconded the motion. *Motion carried unanimously.*

**New Business**

**COVID Safe Return Plan**- Mr. Palmer mentioned they made some slight revisions to the current COVID Safe Return Plan to align with the current CDC guidelines. Dr. Lumetta stated the changes made are the scenarios for staff and students who have illness versus those who test positive for COVID. Mr. Mendez received feedback from the school nursing staff to help keep students and staff as safe as possible. Mr. Nasteff recommended to amend the current agenda to add COVID Safe Return Plan as an action item so that the board can vote to approve it.

Judge Del Muro moved to amend the Agenda to include the revised COVID 2021-2022 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (SRCSP), Mr. Guillen seconded the motion. *Motion carried unanimously.*
Public Comment
None.

Motion to Closed Session
There being no further information to come before the Board, Mr. Lopez made the motion, second by Ms. Phyllis Hernandez to go into closed session for legal, real estate, personnel and student issues at 6:07pm. The motion was approved as follows:

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

Absent: Valerie Coyazo
        Jacob Derritt

Respectfully Submitted
Sandra Garcia, Board Secretary

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 24, 2022.
Minutes prepared by Recorder: Patricia Hernandez, Administrative Assistant