

Guadalupe Education System Inc.
Board of Director Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2022

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 Dr. Julia Vargas Phyllis Hernandez
 Sandra Garcia Jaime Guillen Justine Del Muro
 Octavio Villalobos

Board Members Absent: Valerie Coyazo

Also present: Dr. Jim Hammen Dr. Steve Lumetta Eduardo Mendez
Charlotte Hawkins Dr. Mike Wilhoit Patricia Hernandez Samantha Novak
Michael Meaney Luis Posada April Soberon Jesse Harvey
Lineth Posada Alan Olson James Engelby Amy Quinn
Shannon Spradling Omar Fierros Diana Ash Theresa Torres
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Consent Agenda

March 2022 Meeting Minutes
Board Staff Report April 2022
March 2022 Financial Statement
March 2022 Check Register
March 2022 Credit Card Statement

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Transportation 22-23

Mr. Mendez talked about the update in pricing with First Student Transportation agreement for the upcoming school year. The 6.2% increase is largely due to inflation in gas prices. They were able to negotiate a lower rate in turn of a 3 year contract locking in at a 3% increase per year. Judge Del Muro moved to accept the Transportation 22-23, Dr. Vargas seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

KU Research Service Agreement

Mr. Mendez stated that for this school year, they had joined in partnership with the University of Kansas Research Department and their clinical psychology division with Dr. Omar Gudino. The collaboration provides bilingual mental health services for students and extends to families. There has been great feedback from counselors and social workers and proposes to continue this service for the next 2 years as part of the ESSER budget.

Mr. Guillen moved to accept the KU Research Service Agreement, Judge Del Muro seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Revise Policy 6273 Program for Homeless Students

Dr. Hammen stated there was some verbiage that needed to be corrected on Policy 6273 with McKinney Vento, the homeless education program. This was reviewed by our legal counsel and revised with striking the words “or are awaiting foster care placement” everything else stays the same.

Ms. Phyllis Hernandez moved to accept the Revise Policy 6273 Program for Homeless Students, Judge Del Muro seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Superintendent Report

60 Second Success Stories-

Elementary School- Mrs. Soberon mentioned they have had the smoothest start with MAP testing that took place this week. She'd like to celebrate the team effort with the assessment coordinators and assistant principal, Jesse Harvey, for taking the lead this year. Thank you to everyone involved with the testing process. PreK had their first kindergarten roundup and it was a very sweet, fun event. About 1/4 of the incoming kindergarteners attended the event. They were able to tour the building and meet with teachers.

Middle School- Mrs. Posada stated that they are wrapping up the NWEA testing. She would like to highlight the resiliency from all of the students, families and staff for pushing through.

High School- Mr. Meaney mentioned Mrs. Baker is retiring this year. She and her husband have worked on creating an outdoor work space to help accommodate students in every way needed. They worked with Home Depot and other organizations within the school. There are 6 benches and a whiteboard for teachers to utilize that area. Another highlight, Mr. Meaney and a group of their impact academy students went to Jefferson City to advocate for the House Bill 3003. Focusing on the equitable access to college tuition for undocumented students and so it's really, fun to see our kids advocate for something they really care about.

Dr. Hammen would like to thank all of the Administrative staff in the district for all of the work they do.

District Communication Plan- Ms. Novak wanted to highlight the need for a District Communication Plan: 1. Use communications to build awareness and appreciation of GCCS systems and programs, 2. Communicate effectively with internal and external customers such as stakeholders, 3. Build public understanding of and support for GCCS' Mission and Vision. Some of the goal areas of focus include, cohesive culture, unified staff relations, community relations and involvement, marketing improvement, crisis communications, brand consistency and social media presence and growth.

Strategic Plan Update- Dr. Lumetta stated the pillar committee's met in March and are coming along on planning more in depth. They worked around some action planning for the various objectives under their respective pillars. They will meet again June 1 to kind of finalize what those short term and long term actions steps are as they move into the summer.

Student Attendance/Enrollment Update- Mr. Mendez indicated that ADA is currently 89.8%. Enrollment is currently at 1446 and 200 students on the waiting list for the upcoming school year.

COVID Update/Mark Requirement- Dr. Hammen stated COVID cases in the past 10 weeks and have less than 5% of cases in the school district. He recommends wearing a mask optional. This recommendation comes from seeing other school districts and businesses lift the mask mandate. All board members present are in support of this decision.

June Board Meeting- Dr. Hammen will not be available for the current scheduled May board meeting. He would like to move from 23rd to 30th, all board members approved to reschedule to this date.

Operations Report

Mr. Olson stated he sent out bids for maintenance deferred projects such as windows, asphalt and other items. The high school HVAC is in line and ready to move forward.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee- Mr. Lopez stated they did meet. All finance items on the consent agenda were discussed as well as some of the action items on this agenda.

Executive Committee- Mr. Lopez stated they did meet, most of the action items were discussed at that time as well.

Instruction Committee- Ms. Garcia stated they did meet. They got updates on the proposed professional development structure for the upcoming school year, Real World Learning academy and Portrait of a Graduate which is something that they should be anticipating very soon.

Safety Committee- Mr. Mendez stated they did meet. Mr. Villalobos discussed some safety measure upgrades on technology devices that the kids use to make sure that the teachers have access to everything that's going on. There is an ongoing partnership with East High School to use their facility in the case of emergencies or other means should the elementary school need to evacuate the Villa premises.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Dr. Hammen stated Teacher Appreciation is next week. Food trucks, coffee and bagels will be provided amongst other events being held to give thanks to the dedicated staff. He would like to invite the board members to the following high school senior events: May 6 is the senior signing ceremony in the high school gym, May 18 is the senior banquet at the elementary school gym, May 24 is the graduation being held at Community of Christ in Independence. An invitation to all of these events will be sent to the board members.

Public Comment

None.

Motion to Closed Session

There being no further information to come before the Board, Judge Del Muro made the motion, second by Mr. Guillen to adjourn the meeting and go into closed session for legal, real estate, personnel and student issues at 5:31pm. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Beto Lopez	Phyllis Hernandez	Absent: Valerie Coyazo
Dr. Julia Vargas	Jaime Guillen	
Justine Del Muro	Octavio Villalobos	
Sandra Garcia		

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Respectfully Submitted

Sandra Garcia, Board Secretary

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 26, 2022.**

Minutes prepared by Recorder: Patricia Hernandez, Administrative Assistant