

Guadalupe Education System Inc.
Board of Director Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Beto Lopez, at 4:32pm at the GCI Theater and via Zoom. The board members present established a quorum. Mr. Lopez welcomed all those in attendance.

Board Members Present: Beto Lopez Justine Del Muro Jaime Guillen
 Octavio Villalobos Dr. Julia Vargas Corina Guzman
 Manny Medina

Board Members Absent: Phyllis Hernandez Rosemary Martin

Also present: Dr. Jim Hammen Eduardo Mendez Jennifer Clay Dr. Alicia Miguel
Daisy Myrick Samantha Novak Patricia Hernandez Dr. April Soberon Jesse Harvey
Esteban Martinez Michael Meaney Shannon Spradling Mark Nasteff Alan Olson
Dr. Uzziel Pecina

Dr. Hammen introduced Dr. Pecina, he will be presenting the Feasibility Update which is about the Dual Language Program.

Consent Agenda

February 23, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes
HR Board Staff Report March 2023
FY24 Budget/Salary
February 2023 Financial Statement
February 2023 Check Register
February 2023 Credit Card Statement
UMB- Invest 50% of Cash Reserves in 3 Month Treasury Bills
MCC School Partnership Agreement SY 23/24
Literacy Lab SY22/23
Asphalt Bids
Holter Children's Restroom Sinks
Chapel Upstairs Classroom Remodel
Middle School Cafeteria Oven/Steamer

There were no further questions or concerns noted on the Consent Agenda.

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

Grade 6-12 ELA Curriculum Resource

Dr. Hammen stated the ELA Curriculum was discussed at this month's Finance Committee meeting. There was a discrepancy in the shipping and handling, the previous amount quoted was for \$11,000.00 which was different from what Ms. Clay discussed with the vendor. Ms. Clay followed up with them, the correct shipping and handling is on the quote presented today in the amount of \$7,128.96.

Dr. Vargas moved to accept the ELA Curriculum Resource, Judge Del Muro seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Real World Learning (RWL) Video Production

Dr. Hammen mentioned that the RWL has been shared in the past, which gives opportunities for the students beyond the regular classroom. This agreement with Tico Productions will give 4 videos that will be put together for Early College Academy, Career Academy, Impact Academy and overall GCI services. Judge Del Muro moved to accept the RWL Video Production, Mr. Guillen seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2023-2024 School Calendar

Dr. Hammen stated there was a correction made on the upcoming school calendar. The first day for new teachers to report is August 1, returning teachers report on August 8.

Superintendent Report

60 Second Success-

Elementary School- Dr. Soberon shared a cool experience that the PreK students recently had. They are currently studying different types of balls. They had a special visitor, Mr. Diego Barrios. He is the son of one of the teacher assistants and works for Sporting KC. He talked about soccer balls and provided a soccer ball for each student. He talked about his job at Sporting KC and turning his love for soccer into a career.

Middle School- Mr. Martinez shared that they have some murals that are going up on the school. This is part of an extension project that their ELD teachers are doing with their focus language students. They were able to get 4 artists to design a mural, students were able to talk to them in small groups so that the murals reflect the culture at the school, what they feel is important and represents them and their journey at the middle school. All renderings will be shared with Dr. Hammen for his feedback. Shoutout to Mr. Villalobos for mentoring a group of young men from the school and helping guide them to make better decisions.

High School- Mr. Meaney shared that earlier this year they held their Nelson Hopkins 5K which takes place off campus at Rockhurst University. Nelson Hopkins Jr., who was a student of theirs who was tragically murdered in 2009. To help memorialize him, their National Honor Society students decided to make an advisory competition in which individuals or as a class could write a poem, develop some form of art, create a song or rap. Dr. Hammen shared that some of the students had an opportunity to sit with HOK Architects to talk about their vision, what architects take into consideration and possibilities that they are having input.

By The Numbers- Dr. Miguel stated the school has received 596 of new applications with over 290 new offers already accepted. The numbers continue to be strong and are in a really good place for next school year. Upcoming events include Teacher Recruitment Filming March 15-17, Spring Break March 20-24, Instructional Rounds April 11 (Elem/PreK) April 12 (Middle) April 13 (High) and Teach Appreciation Week May 1-5.

Feasibility Update- Mr. Mendez has been working with Dr. Uzziel Pecina on dual language study. Dr. Pecina is currently the Vice President of Pipeline programs at the Latinx Education Collaborative. He gave a presentation on reasons to lean towards Dual Language Education. He has led the group along with several of the Cabinet members and principals visiting different dual language schools and the success they have had.

Board Appreciations- Dr. Hammen read some appreciation letters given by various teachers regarding the 9% raise in the salary schedule for the upcoming school year. There is currently around 87% of teaching staff that will be returning.

Facilities Report

Mr. Olson reviewed the facilities report. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to him.

Committee Reports

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

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

Instructional & Safety Committee- Dr. Vargas mentioned Ms. Clay updated the committee regarding the Literacy Senate Bill that passed and how they are complying with it. Dr. Miguel stated they received the badges and scanners for Centigix. Staff training will be provided at a later date.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Mr. Nasteff discussed Investing 50% of Cash Reserves in 3 Month Treasury Bills with UMB. He will send a resolution to have signed to allow Beto Lopez and Shannon Spradling to move funds.

Mr. Villalobos moved to accept the Investment, Judge Del Muro seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comment

None.

Executive Session

There being no further information to come before the Board, Judge Del Muro made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Vargas to closed session for legal, real estate, personnel and student issues at 5:50pm.

The motion passes unanimously by roll call vote as follows:

Yes:	Beto Lopez	Manny Medina	Justine Del Muro
	Octavio Villalobos	Dr. Julia Vargas	Corina Guzman



Respectfully Submitted

Patricia Hernandez, Board Secretary

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 25, 2023.**

Minutes prepared by Recorder: Patricia Hernandez, Administrative Assistant