

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School Finance Committee Meeting

July 20, 2022 at 3:30pm

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3:30pm Meeting called to order

3:31pm Introduction of Members and guests

- Dr. Faye Pleso, CEO
- Jesse Bean, Charter Choices business manager
- Rose Thornberry, Board Vice Chair
- Becky Uppercue, Board Treasurer

3:31pm Review of March Financial Statements

- Cash (in Checking/Savings Accounts) has shown a slight increase since June 2021 to \$1,449,290 due to a combination of one-time capital outlays (modular removal + construction + furniture) which were offset by a steady increase in enrollment-related revenues
- Principal payments to Members 1st FCU on the construction loan commenced in February 2022; the debt service is reflected as a Long-Term Liability on the Balance Sheet (this amount increased at 5/31 as the auditor's prior adjustment of ~\$1.1M was capitalized to the Debt Service account)
- Accounts Payable balance is currently at \$60,875 and all invoices received have been settled, while Accrued Payroll for 10-month employees has grown to \$93,956 at 06/30/22
- The school received its ESSER II grant funds (\$108,805); these were applied to prior year (FY21) Personnel Costs (i.e., maintain staffing levels despite COVID-related enrollment decline in Fall 2020). ARP ("ESSER III") funds (\$203,755) were applied for in February and are being utilized to offset allocable expenses in the current year (FY22)
- The school's financial health indicators have rebounded to pre-construction levels since the project ended in Summer 2021 (Current Ratio = 8.3; Days COH = 132.8). Enrollment holds steady at roughly 260 students with 280+ pre-enrolled for the 22-23 school year

Budget vs. Actual

- At the conclusion of the 2022-23 school year, Total Local Revenues are over budgeted figures (by \$358,510) as enrollment has grown above anticipated levels. We also anticipate receipt of \$145,952 in Federal Revenues (ARP ESSER) over

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the Summer; these funds will be recognized as FY22 revenues by the auditors

- Total Expenses at year-end (06/30/2022) came in over budget (by \$119K) due to variances in Contracted Services (\$89K), Site Costs (\$122K), Equipment (\$44K) and Food Service (\$69K) costs; these are partially offset by negative variances (“savings”) on Personnel (-\$171K) and Operational Supplies (-\$44K). These variances are due in part to the return to in-person learning and in order to accommodate the school’s newly constructed spaces/increased enrollment
- GMCS shows a year-end surplus of \$336,173 (exclusive of net proceeds from the financing activity). Final audited figures may improve as Federal Revenues (tied to FY22 expenses) are received in the weeks ahead

3:47pm New Business/for the good of the order

- Jesse recognized that given our surplus this year and projections for next year, “you are in a very good position to consider the personnel compensation you have been considering to retain staff”
- Dr. Pleso indicated she would like to confirm enrollment for next year before offering compensation the salary committee (composed of Dr. Pleso, Rose Thornberry, and Becky Uppercue) had proposed for consideration by Charter Choices following meeting last month on 6/23/22 and addressed with full board in executive board meeting last month to support staff retention
- Rose inquired about recent challenges in filling the nurse position we budgeted \$45k for, and we discussed advertising position at \$45-50k to potentially attract more applicants

3:52pm No Public Comment

3:52pm Meeting Adjourned