

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School

Board of Trustees Official Minutes

May 25, 2023

Board Members Present

Tom Hockensmith, Chair

Rose Thornberry, Vice Chair

Becky Uppercue

Missing

- No Quorum

Amy Brown

Traci Elligson

Elana King

Others Present

Faye Pleso

Tammy Hogan

Public

Ron Arbogast Jr.-Parent

Jason Officer-Parent

Amanda Messersmith-Parent

Jesse Bean-Charter Choices

Call to Order

Tom Hockensmith called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm. Introductions were made for attendees.

Public Comment on Agenda

- Good News Club
 - Parent spoke about concerns
 - Curriculum are not generally available

- Parent's knowledge is that program is designed to recruit children
 - Due to size of school feels that would affect balance
- Concern that parental input may be removed due to other students, etc.
- Parents cited references mentions of negative terms to child in program

Old Business

None

Administrator's Report

- Enrollment
 - 278 students in May
- Good News Club
 - Vote postponed
- Hiring 1/2 Teacher
 - Vote postponed
- Helping Hands
 - No report

Consent Agenda

- Postponed until next month

Chair Report

- Surveys
 - Close and report
 - Board Self Surveys-complete

Finance Committee-Jesse Bean

- Cash \$1.7 million
- 138 days on hand
- \$258K surplus
 - ~5%
- Move parking lot improvement to FY23
- Priority is "Staff Retention"
- Budget-draft
 - Publicly posted for 30 days
 - Vote in June
 - Expenses budgeted at 3% increase

- Emergency fund back in budget
- Bottom line \$106K
- 2 part time Special Education into 1 position
- 5% staff salary increase

Governance Committee

- Scheduling meeting for vacant position

New business: For the good of the order

None

Public Comment

- Parents thanked school administrators for a wonderful year

Adjourned at 6:46pm