

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School

Board of Trustees Official Minutes

June 29, 2023

Board Members Present

Tom Hockensmith, Chair

Rose Thornberry, Vice Chair

Becky Uppercue

Elana King

Traci Elligson

Missing

Amy Brown

Others Present

Faye Pleso

Tammy Hogan

Nikkie Wilt

Public

Ron Arbogast Jr.-Parent

Jason Officer-Parent

Heather Laughman-Parent

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 and asked board to reject Good News Club
- Open Meetings Act
 - Parent asked about Executive Session subject matter.
 - Tom replied that the subject matter is/was personnel matters.

Old Business

None

Administrator's Report

- Enrollment
 - 279 students enrolled for new school year
- Good News Club
 - No motion, all board members opposed - denied
- Hiring Motions
 - Ashley Raylock, \$46,500; August 14
 - Motion: Rose
 - Second: Tom
 - All in favor, approved
 - Destiny Stephenson, \$44,500, August 14
 - Motion: Tom
 - Second: Rose
 - All in favor, approved
 - Helayna Thomas, \$40,500, August 14
 - Motion: Becky
 - Second: Elana
 - All in favor, approved
- Exit surveys were performed
 - Reasons for leaving GMCS included:
 - Aged out
 - Moving
 - Long Bus Ride
 - Behavior Issues in classrooms
 - Lack of communication from teachers
 - Lack of Montessori at lower levels
 - Where expectations were exceeded
 - Teachers
 - Student Growth
 - Security and Safety
- Helping Hands
 - Excited for the new year
 - Back to school night to be held in August
 - Dubs Karate to have program in September
 - ASPCA assembly will be coming
 - Many more events being planned and will be reported on later

Consent Agenda

- Motion: Becky
- Second: Tom
- All in favor, approved

Chair Report

- Surveys
 - Will be close and reports issued

Finance Committee-Becky Uppercue

- Assets continue to grow
- Liabilities stay stable
- Revenue over budgeted figures due to enrollment growth
- Budget - Approval
 - Motion: Becky
 - Second: Tom
 - All in favor, approved

Governance Committee

- Scheduling meeting for vacant position
- Recruitment continuing

New business: For the good of the order

None

Public Comment

None

Adjourned at 6:32pm