

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School
Board of Trustees Official Minutes
Thursday November 16, 2023

Board Members Present

Rose Thornberry, Vice Chair

Becky Uppercue

Amy Brown

Elaina King

Traci Elligson

Missing

Tom Hockensmith, Chair

Others Present

Faye Pleso

Tammy Hogan

Jessie Bean, Charter Choices Business Manager

Nicole Wilt

Public

Ron Arbogast Jr. Parent

Jason Officer-Parent

Savanna Zinn- Parent

Danielle Roberts-Parent

Call to Order

Rose Thornberry called the meeting to order at 6:34pm. Introductions were made for attendees.

Old Business

None

Administrators Report

- Hiring of Stacy Fazenbaker, new food service coordinator
- Cookbook Sale, holiday shop and
- Scarecrow Charity for in the Community supporting SPCA of Adams County
- Upcoming donations for local nursing homes
- Response from Veteran recipients of the letters to Veterans initiative with students
- Skating Party 11/21/23
- Early dismissals 12/8 & 12/21 School closed 12/22/23-1/1/24.
- Majestic Theatre Trip 12/13/23
- Winter Sprit Week
- January fundraiser with Stoney Point Snacks
- National School Choice Spirit Week of Jan 26th

Review report from Future Ready PA Index for PSSA/Acadiance benchmark results in comparison with PA State Average

- Above average statistics in math and science

Employment

- Food service requisition posted,
- Move to hire Stacy Fazenbaker as Food Service Coordinator at \$18 per hour, under 30 hours per week, starting November 1st.
Motion Becky Uppercue
Second Traci Ellison
All those in favor, unanimous
- Move to replace Stacy Fazenbaker's position with Kayla Solomon as Food Service Staff at \$15 per hour, under 30 hours per week starting November 16th.
Motion by Elana King
Second Motion Traci Ellison
All those in favor, unanimous

Enrollment

- 274 students

Consent Agenda

- Motion: Rose
- Second: Rebecca
- All in favor, approved

Finance Committee-Beck Uppercue and Jessie Bean (Charter Choices Business Manager)

Review of October Financial Statements

- Total Current Assets have decreased to \$1.8M since June 30th due to combination of a decrease in Cash (\$1.5M at 10/31) and an increase in District Receivables (\$214K at 10/31). Some school district payments were delayed over the summer months due to the PA Budget Impasse
- The school's Key Performance (financial health) Indicators are generally healthy and trending positively, with short-term data points such as Current Ratio (13.2) and Days COH (120.5, as well as long-term figures such as Fund Balance (37.2%) and Debt Ratio (52.5%) all exceeding suggested benchmarks. YTD Margin is slim (0.5%) as receipt of State and Federal Grant Revenues lag behind the associated expenses that have been incurred.

Budget vs. Actual

- YTD Expenses of \$1.3M are under budget by \$55K at 10/31, as positive variances on Property and Supplies (parking lot improvements, summer equipment purchasing, etc.) are offset by seasonal "savings" (delays) on Personnel Costs and Professional Services

Governance Committee

- Applications are being taken for Open Board Positions, closes 10/31/23

New Business for the Good of the Order

None

Public Comment

- Ron Arbogast proposed planting trees at school with grant assistance.

Adjourned at 7:04 PM