

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School

Board of Trustees Official Minutes

Thursday January 25, 2024

Board Members Present

Tom Hockensmith, President

Rose Thornberry, Vice Chair

Becky Uppercue, Treasurer

Amy Brown, Secretary

Elaina King, Member at Large

Traci Elligson, Member at Large

Others Present

Faye Pleso

Tammy Hogan

Nicole Wilt

Public

Ron Arbogast Jr. Parent

Jason Officer-Parent

Danielle Roberts-Parent

Call to Order

Tom Hockensmith called the meeting to order at 6:11pm. Introductions were made for attendees.

Old Business

None

Administrators Report

- Enrollment
 - 275 students
- Site Development Project
 - Playground Expansion
 - Pave existing stone parking lot

- “Snake Run” perimeter fencing
- Driveway entrance barrier gates
- New East playground
- Expand existing West playground
- Prefabricated storage shed + concrete slab
- 2 Timber framed classroom pavilions (prefab vs. custom) + concrete slabs
- General Earthwork, Soil Erosion control

The estimate totals are \$587,235 and \$627,735 with the cost difference being related to prefabricated vs. custom built options for classroom pavilions

- Dr. Hogan Curriculum Review
 - ELA and Math to be reviewed in partnership with LIU creating scope and sequence
 - PA State Standard Collaboration focusing on keeping students on track
- Nicole Wilt shared School Update with upcoming activities planned for next month

Employment

PT Special Ed Teacher Approval

-Approve rehire of Brittney Perry \$28.69, under 30 hours

Motion to approve by Becky Uppercue

-2nd Motion from Tracy Eligson

All in attendance - approve

PT PCA approval

-Kelsey Rudy to hire at \$15 / hr under 30 hrs per week

-Motion to approve by Rose Thornberry

-Second motion to approved from Elena King

All in attendance - approve

Consent Agenda

- Motion to approve by Tom Hockensmith

2nd Motion from Traci Eligson

All in attendance - approve

Finance Committee-

Becky Uppercue and Jessie Bean (Charter Choices Business Manager)

Review of 6 month plan vs. actual Financial

- After six months of 23-24 budget activity (12/31), District Revenues of \$2.08M are slightly below budget (by \$99K). The school has also received \$122K of an anticipated \$410K in State and Federal Funding for the 23-24 school year

Governance Committee

- Committee nominated Gregory Colosimo to fill open seat on the board.

New Business for the Good of the Order

None

Public Comment

- Ron Arbogast proposed planting trees at school with grant assistance. -
Alliance for Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- Jason Officer inquired about the next Treasurer. Becky Uppercue said Elena King has been learning about the role through being on the Finance Committee

Adjourned 6:57PM