

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School  
Board of Trustees Official Minutes  
February 22, 2024

**Board Members Present**

Tom Hockensmith, President  
Rose Thornberry, Vice Chair  
Becky Uppercue, Treasurer  
Amy Brown, Secretary  
Traci Elligson, Member at Large  
Elena King, Member at Large

**Board Members Absent**

All present

**Others Present**

Faye Pleso, CEO  
Tammy Hogan, Assistant Principal  
Nicole Wilt, Executive Assistant

**Public**

Jesse Bean, Charter Choices Business Manager  
Greg Colosimo, Parent  
Ron Arbogast Jr., Parent  
Jason Officer, Parent

**Call to Order**

Tom Hockensmith called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM  
Introductions were made for attendees.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

None

**Old Business**

None

**Executive Session**

*CEO Report-Dr.Faye Pleso*

- Student activities bank account was merged with primary account

- Bank Account Merge Approval
- -Motion to approve-Rose Thornberry
- -Second Motion-Traci Elligson
- -All those present in favor
- Amend 403B Savings through Penn Serve, mandatory 5% or more  
Motion to approve amendment to allow additional retirement savings plans options  
Which include allowance to transfer funds to 401K  
Vote next month
- Home Bound Instruction for student with medical needs
  - pay mileage and \$40 per hour for 6 hours per week
  - Motion to approve-Tom Hockensmith
  - Second Motion to approve-Elena King
  - All those present in favor

- Two New PCCD Grants
  - Competitive Physical Safety
  - Additional Fencing
  - Upgrade Security Camera System
  - Replace Interior Doors
  - Non Competitive Behavioral Health Assessment
  - Behavior consultants analyze plans and curriculum
  - Data collection and observations with behavioral analyst
- Safety Meeting
  - Re unification of safety plans
  - Fire Drills/extinguisher and trainings
  - Active Shooter trainings
  - Role Play open windows escape

#### Academic Progress Update- Tammy Hogan

- CDT Acadiance Scores
- Next level, strategic growth planning
- Four veteran teachers assisting
- Curriculum training intended to bridge gap between grade bands
  - support each other and students academic needs
  - monthly grade band meetings
  - Focus on students growth areas for success
  - Teachers grades 3-6 are given CDT diagnostic tools
- Glows and Grows Curriculum Focus
  - Curriculum Specialist
  - Partnered with Lincoln Intermediate Unit
  - Professional Development Training
- Nicole Wilt shared School Update with upcoming activities planned for next month

### **Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

- Consent Agenda Items
  - Motion to approve-Becky Uppercue
  - Second motion-Tom Hockensmith
  - All those present in favor

### **Finance Committee**

SOFI Tax documentation for all board members DUE April 15<sup>th</sup>, see link below from the PA Government Ethics page

<https://www.ethics.pa.gov/Pages/Online-Filing.aspx>

- KPI concludes 160 days cash on hand
- District revenues of 2.4 million are slightly below budget by (108k)
- School has received a \$144k grant of an anticipated \$408k in state and Federal Funding for the 2023/2024 school year
- 275 students in attendance, budget is 277

### **Governance Committee**

- Motion to approve Greg Colosimo to Board Member at Large
  - Motion to approve-Rose Thornberry
  - Second motion to approve-Tom Hockensmith
  - All those present in favor

### **Public Comment**

Jason Officer shared comments regarding Hanover's Facebook page/group and posts about GMCS.

### **Recess**

The meeting recessed at 7:35PM

### **Reconvene**

Thursday, March 21, 2024