

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School
Board of Trustees Official Minutes
May 23, 2024

Board Members Present

Tom Hockensmith, Chair
Rose Thornberry, Vice Chair
Becky Uppercue, Treasurer
Amy Brown, Secretary
Elena King, Finance Committee
Greg Colosimo, Member at Large

Board Members Absent

Traci Elligson, Member at Large

Others Present

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

Public

Jesse Bean (Charter Choices)
Ron Arbogast

Call to Order

Tom Hockensmith called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM
Introductions were made for attendees.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

Old Business

None

Executive Session

CEO Report-Dr.Faye Pleso

- 277 Students currently enrolled
- 293 Students enrolled for 2024/2025 school year
- Waitlist for 1st and 2nd grade

- ❖ Student/Parent Handbook Revisions
 - Arrival procedure and bus regulations
 - Behavior protocol, positive behavior management system, dress code
 - Health service requirements, delete covid-19 rules, wellness policy/allergies
 - Enrollment forms online

- ❖ Home Bound Instructional Policy
 - Full time vs. Part Time

- ❖ Suspension Revision
 - Children with a diagnosed disability, school will seek appropriate placement.

Academic Progress Update- Tammy Hogan

- ❖ Student of the Month
- ❖ PBIS Focus on Character Traits such as perseverance, kindness, respect
 - Enjoy a special lunch as a reward, bulletin board announcement, with intent to develop whole child impacting confidence with positive behavior rewards
- ❖ Nicole Wilt shared School Updates
 - School Yearbooks for sale \$1124 profit to date
 - June 19th Skate Party at Magic Elm
 - Stand Tall, Smile, Pass the Torch,
 - \$14,705 YTD fundraising total

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- ❖ Consent Agenda Motion to Approve
 - Motion to Approve-Tom Hockensmith
 - Second motion-Rose Thornerry
 - All those present in favor

Finance Committee

Presented by Jesse Bean – Charter Choices

- 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
- Jay Appleton Site Improvement Beginning Mid May
- Upcoming I
 - Fencing completed by end of May

- Next project, \$164,000 parking lot in gravel area to be completed in June
- Playground to begin in July \$209,000 expansion \$36,000
- August \$22-\$33,000 custom fabricated shed
- Outdoor classroom (2) in Fall anticipated cost \$141-\$185,000
- Total estimate cost \$633-\$691,000 from capital improvement funds
- ❖ March financials total current assets have decreased to \$1.9 million to
- ❖ And increasing district receivables and a decrease in state and federal receivables
- ❖ Liabilities from the 31st of March have decreased to 217,000 due to reductions in accounts payable and payroll, the school construction
- ❖ Performance Financial Health on indicates our healthy and trending positively
- ❖ The budget versus actual after four months of the 2324 budget actually District revenues of 1.2 million are below budget due to delayed receipt of local school district payments. The schools also received 119,100 thousand in state and federal funding in the first quarter. After nine months, the budget activity district revenues of 3.1 million are below budget. This was also received 148,000 of an anticipated 404,000 in state and federal funding for the year. Year to date, expenses are 3.3 billion which is under budget by 98,000. Positive variance on supplies, parking, lot improvements, similar equipment are offset by savings and personal personnel costs, property and other purchases purposes. We show a year-to-date surplus of 31,372 through nine months and a fund balance of just over 1.7 million. Projected to have a surplus at the end of the year \$45,000.
- ❖ Vote on Budget in June

New Business

- June Meeting to be held via Zoom

Governance

Presented by Rose Thornbury

- ❖ Re-vetted Tom Hockensmith
 - Motion to Approve-Rose Thornbury
 - Second to Motion-Amy Brown
 - All present in favor
- ❖ Re-vetted Traci Eligson
 - Governance Committee recommendation is to move forward
 - Vote in June

Public Comment

- ❖ Ron Arbogast presented Farm, AG School
 - Local farmers participate, community involvement.
 - Financial support via Grants through Secretary of Agriculture
 - Farm to table food and greenhouses

Recess

The meeting recessed at 7:59PM

Reconvene

Thursday, June 27, 2024 via Zoom