

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
Thursday March 27, 2025

**Board Members Present**

Rose Thornberry, Vice Chair  
Greg Colosimo, Secretary  
Amy Brown, Treasurer  
Jeffery Sours, Member at large  
Elena King, President  
Traci Elligson, Member at Large

**Others Present**

Jesse Bean, GMCS Financial Representative  
Stacy Fazenbaker, GMCS Food Service Director

**Public**

Danielle Roberts, Parent  
Bob Gano, G-force Security Owner  
Steve Junkin G-Force School Security Director

**Call to Order**

President Elena King called the meeting to order at 6:52 PM.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

None

**Old Business**

**G- Force Security presentation – Bob Gano/ Steve Junkin**

Discussed state requirements/ state laws regarding Armed School Security Officers

Discussed Company guidance/ Company training for officers  
Company carries insurance and workers compensation  
Security substitutes available if primary officer is on leave  
Discussed day to day routine of officer, daily tasks, and ability to work with school teachers and administration to serve the school wholly  
Possible staff presentations from company regarding community trends/ influences, to include vaping, etc.  
Possible student assemblies/ lesson from company  
Possible parent teacher night involvement as guided

**Administrators Report** presented by Dr. Faye Pleso, CEO and Principal

**Enrollment**

- 260 students currently
- **Technology Plan prepared by Hilary Dufendach**  
Maintenance, upgrades, attention to and/or inspection of the following:

- Assessment 2 times per year/ tech resources
- EDR software
- Chromebooks
- Barracuda web security
- Computers updated twice per year
- Replace HDMI parts
- Remind staff to not use real passwords on device(s)
- Gather feedback from stakeholders

**Homebound instruction approval:**

**1 Student @ 1 hour per day, \$40 per hour for teacher**

*Vote to approve Homebound Instruction:*

Rose Thornberry Motioned to approve

Elena King Seconded

- Gregory Colosimo, Amy Brown, Traci Elligson, Jeffery Sours in favor of motion

**Food Service Update-** presented by Stacy Fazenbaker Food Service Director

3 Bids for food service contract

Ordo Food service company is leading vendor at this time.

Lunch price to decrease to 4 dollars per meal

Requires food to be ordered weekly

Food is more fresh and is sourced from Adams County PA

**Vote to move forward with Orda food service bid:**

Elena King Motioned to Approve

Greg Colosimo Seconded

Rose Thornberry, Amy Brown, Traci Elligson, Jeffery Sours in favor of motion

**Air Quality monitoring station partnership Project**

Board discussed advancing with **project** at this time

Elena King Motioned to Approve

Amy Brown Seconded

Rose Thornberry, Greg Colosimo Traci Elligson, Jeffery Sours in favor of motion

**Employment**

- Staff Transitions
- **Delayney Massey – Teachers Assistant**  
**\$20/ hour under 30 hours a week**  
Elena King Motioned to approve
- Greg Colosimo Seconded
- Rose Thornberry, Amy Brown, Traci Elligson, Jeffery Sours in favor of motion
- **Nicole Ortman- PCA-** new PCA position deferred to 25/26 school year
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- **Melissa Mitchell – As needed Substitute Nurse – \$35 per hour as needed**

- Elena King Motioned to approve
- Jeffery Sours seconded
- Rose Thornberry, Greg Colosimo, Amy Brown, Traci Elligson, in favor of motion

Board discussed a proposal to alter the starting and ending times at GMCS per Dr. Hogan. 2025- during February 2025 meeting  
*At this time, there will be no change to the start or end time of the school day at GMCS per Dr. Pleso*

**School Updates presented by Dr. Pleso**

- Book Blast – 797 books delivered up.
- Gertrude Hawk fundraiser approx. 5,100 dollar profit
- Career day- 16 members – positive feedback
- Science Fair- good experience
- Talent show on 4/16/25
- Read across America
- Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser
- Hersey Park Fundraiser
- Upcoming skate party planned
- Spring book fair upcoming
- MOU with Gettysburg PSP confirmed- No objections from PSP for Armed Security in school

**Consent Agenda**

- Approval of Consent Agenda
  - Previous financials
  - Meeting Minutes
  - Contract / Agreements Approvals,
- Rose Thronton Motioned to Approve
  - Jeffery sours second the motion
- Rose Thornberry, Gregory Colosimo, Amy Brown, Traci Elligson in favor of motion

**Chair Report**

Initiate parent surveys with additional selected question on safety/security

**Finance Committee - Amy Brown, Rose Thornberry**

- Fund balance is 1.7 million
- Cash is 1.8 million
- Monthly burn = 450K
- Current rate dispute with GSD
- Audit almost done
- *Additional info can be reviewed within 03/27/2025 Finance report*

**Governance Committee\*\***

- None

**New Business for the Good of the Order**

Board VP Rose Thornberry commended Dr. Tammy Hogan on outstanding performance within GMCS

**Public Comment**

- Parent Danielle Roberts requested to lead family night, wants to take over. Requests to be more involved.

**Adjourned – Meeting recessed @ 8:45 PM by Elena King**