

Green Tech High Charter School
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 12, 2023

Present: Matthew Toporowski, Board Chair, Dona Bulluck, Isaiah James, Pamela Williams

GTH Staff: Dr. Teresa Haig Nicol, Brian Rodriguez, Tanya Ford, Kelly Sweeney

Guests: Barry D. Walston, Marie Allen-Campbell, Sierra Sangetti-Daniels

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm, by the Board Chair, Matthew Toporowski.

Public Comment: None

Executive Session

Dona Bulluck moved to go into Executive Session to discuss "matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person..." The motion was seconded by Pamela Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 5:43 pm.

During the Executive Session board members discussed the appointment of new Board Candidates.

Dona Bulluck moved that the board go back into open session. The motion was seconded by Pamela Williams. The motion carried and the Board entered open session at 5:57pm.

Motion

Dona Bulluck moved that the board minutes of December 1, 2022 be approved. The motion was seconded by Pamela Williams. The motion was carried unanimously.

Dona Bulluck moved that we accept the recommendation to appoint Marie Allen-Campbell to the Green Tech Charter High School Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Pamela Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

Dona Bulluck moved that we accept the recommendation to appoint Sierra Sangetti-Daniels to the Green Tech Charter High School Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Isaiah James. The motion carried unanimously.

Pamela Williams moved that we accept the recommendation to appoint Barry D. Walston to the Green Tech Charter High School Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Dona Bulluck. The motion carried unanimously.

Finance Report-was reviewed by the Board (attachment on file)

Kelly Sweeney informed the Board that:

- Watervliet has not paid the \$95,000 owed thus far this year. She stated that she is not concerned about it because last year they waited till the end of the year and paid up their debt in full'. Schenectady is also pending payment but has in times past paid their debt later in the school year as well.
- December is usually a month that we do not have much coming in. This month we also had 3 pay periods yet we are looking good.

- There was a small increase in Payroll services this year. Our consultants' fee is higher due to the Principal search and the mentoring fees for the Acting Principal.
- Food Service we are over budget due to the significant price hike of food, with some items experiencing a 30%-50% increase.

Principal's Report:

- Staff morale has been consistently positive. We had our staff Holiday Celebration on Dec. 22nd and it was a success. Teachers shared with the Admin Team how they felt appreciated.
- Toys for Tots was a great event beyond what we have experienced in past years. Boys were coming and getting gifts not for themselves but for their siblings and/or parents. It was a beautiful sight to see.
- Staff illness is always a concern; this time the Instructional and Admin Team was hit with illness. Teachers were not hit as heavy and we were able to cover all that needed coverage.
- Metal Detector-Last month we randomly scanned all students entering the building and found no weapons of any kind. We have not and do have any concerns with weapons but giving what is happening around the country we wanted to be prepared should we ever need to be. We are using the Metal Detector at our school basketball games as they are open to the public and we want to ensure safety.
- We are currently interviewing for a Middle School Science Teacher.
- Our student Government said they are not ready at this point to meet with the board. They would like to get together and decide what they are in need of and then come up with a plan to present to the board.

Office Report: presented and reviewed by the Board (attachment on file)

Data Statistics Report: presented and reviewed by the Board (attachment on file)

Family Intervention Specialist Report: presented and reviewed by the Board (attachment on file)

Instructional Report: presented and reviewed by the Board (attachment on file)

Middle School Principal Report: presented and reviewed by the Board (attachment on file)

Director of Student Services Report: presented and reviewed by the Board (attachment on file)

Operations Report: Verbal Report

We have 120 Chromebooks we are able to get through E-rate this year;

The Window Shields are being repaired as needed in class rooms due to Covid and the rise of different viruses.

New Business

None

Executive Session

None required

Motion: With no further business Isaiah James moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dona Bulluck. The motion was carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Our Board Chair, Matthew Toporowski adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

By Tanya Ford-Otieno, Board Assistant