

**Gateway Science Academy Board of Directors Meeting
September 26, 2018 at 1:30pm**

**Concept Schools Regional Office
6025 Chippewa St. Ste. 206,
St. Louis, MO 63109**

AGENDA

Call to Order Mr. Goerger

Roll Call Mr. Goerger

Mission Statement Mr. Goerger

Approval of the Agenda Mr. Goerger

Public Input Session Mr. Goerger

(Please note, the GSA Board public participation policy allows each speaker no more than three minutes and each topic is limited to no more than 20 minutes except with concurrence of the majority of the Board.)

Announcements/Acknowledgements

Consent Agenda *Mr. Goerger*

Approval of August 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes *Mr. Goerger*

Board Related

GSA Board Professional Development Plan *Mr. Goerger*

Adjourn the Meeting Mr. Goerger

Items in italics are action items.

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MEETING MINUTES

1. Session Opening:

Mr. Goerger commenced the meeting to order with the roll call (5:32pm) at the address 6025 Chippewa St., Suite 206, St. Louis, MO 63109.

Members Present: Orville (Beau) Goerger, Vivian Resch, Patricia Hunt, Patrick Walker (via zoom), Ben Diefenbach

Members Absent: Mehmet Kahveci

GSA: Nuh Celik, Principal, Wendy Gilliam, Principal

Concept Schools: Engin Blackstone, Superintendent

Sponsor: Lynda Leavitt

Guests: Shannon Mitchell, Marcus Robinson, Evan Rudall (via Zoom)

Mission Statement is read by Mr. Goerger.

2. Adopt an Agenda:

Ms. Resch made a motion to adopt an agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Diefenbach. Motion approved.

3. Public Input:

Mrs. Shanon Mitchell, Social Studies Teacher at Fyler Campus, shared couple of requests with the Board.

4. Announcements/Acknowledgements

Mr. Blackstone announced the MCPSA Annual Conference and invited the Board members. He also introduced Mr. Marcus Robinson with the Opportunity Trust and he talked about the potential partnership and support his organization offers to GSA.

5. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mrs. Hunt moved, Mr. Diefenbach seconded to approve the consent agenda.

Approval of June 4, 2018 Meeting Minutes:

No discussion

Approval of May and June 2018 Financials:

Mr. Blackstone presented the financials and answered the questions. End of year financials show \$593,903 net income and total of \$2,186,718 in main and saving account.

Mr. Blackstone talked about the loan refinance process with the 5/3 Bank and provided information about the current state of the process. The maturity date of the loan is September 9, 2018, and the refinance process is planned to be completed by that date.

Approval of Personnel Report:

Mr. Blackstone presented the full personnel report for the 2018-2019 school year.

Approval of 18.19 Student and Parent Handbook

Mr. Blackstone presented the handbook with the changes and asked for Board's approval.

Consent agenda approved unanimously.

6. Student Achievement and Activities:

Superintendent's Report:

Planning for Impact - Strategic Planning: Mr. Blackstone introduced Mr. Rudall (via Zoom) and talked about the potential partnership to run strategic planning for GSA.

Beginning of the Year Report: The new school year started on August 1st for the teachers. They had five days of planned PD and prep schedule prior to the first day of school. The first day of students was August 8th. We currently have 1440 students enrolled, which is 15 students more than the budgeted amount.

Facility Search Update: We are still in active search of the available buildings in the neighborhood.

Sponsor's Input:

Dr. Leavitt mentioned about the Epicenter, new compliance monitoring tool, and how it is going to help the Sponsor, Board, and GSA to keep track of compliance. She mentioned that Mr. Blackstone, Mr. Goerger, and Mr. Diefenbach got the training. She reminded about the Board Action Plan for the unmet items on the Board Report and extended the submission deadline to September 15th.

Lindenwood University is sponsoring the Board training sessions at the MCPSA Annual Conference, and Dr. Leavitt invited to GSA Board members to attend.

She also mentioned that the Zoom Space system will be installed to the Mr. Blackstone's office by the October Board meeting.

7. Board Related:

Board Elections: Board decided to hold the elections in next meeting.

8. Closed Session:

Mr. Diefenbach moved, Mrs. Hunt seconded to move into closed session to discuss personnel matters. The Board invited Mr. Blackstone to the closed session and got an update about the personnel issue discussed in the June meeting.

9. Adjourn the Meeting

Mr. Diefenbach moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Resch seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.