

GENESEE STEM ACADEMY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: September 17, 2015  
TIME: 6:00 p.m.  
PLACE: At 310 W. Oakley St.  
Flint, Michigan 48503

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Mr. Edgar Taylor was given the oath of office by Gregory M. Meihn, Board Attorney. Mr. Taylor executed the Resolution.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

**Roll Call**

A roll call of attendance was taken.

The following Board Members were in attendance:

Board Members

NICHOLAS MORGAN-PRESENT  
LORRAINE MCCUNE -PRESENT  
LAURA LEGARDYE-PRESENT  
EDGAR TAYLOR-PRESENT

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Also attending the meeting were the following individuals:

Attendees

Gregory M. Meihn, IPA Board Attorney  
Rita Checks-GSTEM Academy  
Debra Rosebush-GSTEM Academy

**Approval of the Agenda**

It was moved by Board member Legardye and seconded by Board member Morgan to approve the Agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor of the Motion. MOTION PASSED.

### **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Board member Legardye and seconded by Board member McCune to approve the August, 2015 meeting minutes, with the correction of the addition of the discipline hearing into the minutes.. The vote was unanimous in favor of the Motion. MOTION PASSED.

### **Public Comment**

No Public Comment.

### **Student Hearing**

Student #001. Mother and student appeared at the hearing. The mother preferred that the discipline hearing be held in public meeting. The Management Company presented violation of the student. Motion was made by Board member Morgan and second by Board member McCune that the student be suspended for 10 days. The vote was unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

Student #002. The Mother and student appeared at the hearing. The mother preferred the discipline hearing be held during the open meeting. The management company presented the alleged violation of the Student Handbook. During the discussion it was made known that the Student may have a 504 plan or is in need of a 504 plan. Because there were issues of whether the discipline issue related to the Student's purported 504 disability, motion was made by Board member Morgan and second by Board member McCune to adjourn the discipline hearing until October to give the management company sufficient time to complete 504 investigation. The vote was unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **Director's Report**

The Board reviewed the Director's Report. Board member Morgan asked questions about the enrollment being up to date, and Ms. Rosebush stated that the enrollment to the best of her knowledge was 273 when she sent the packet out to the Board. Mrs. Cheek introduced new staff members; Mrs. Cheek stated that she wanted to point out some highlights those being the enrollment fair, parent orientation and the beginning of school how parents commenting at the curriculum night were appreciating the cones being outside stating that they really help with the flow of traffic. There are 5 fourth graders on waiting list; fourth grade is full right now and 4 on kindergarten waiting list. Both kindergarten classes are full.

Mrs. Coulter reported that there were 2 sixth grade students who tested beyond the eleventh grade level in reading.

Board member Morgan asked how things were going on the bus, Mrs. Coulter stated that all students who use the bus services still have their riding privileges. Mrs. Cheek stated that some

students were complaining about the Bus drivers using profanity, Mrs. Cheek stated that she has requested to view the cameras on the bus.

Board member Morgan asked how things were going with the dress code; Mrs. Cheek stated that the dress code was going well. Board member Morgan also asked about the attendance; Mrs. Cheek stated that no letters will go out yet until after count day. Board member Morgan stated that he asked the question because the Board voted to enforce the Truancy policy.

Mrs. Cheek stated that 7 out of 12 classes had 100% attendance and that she was going to do some recognition for attendance at the Principals breakfast.

Mrs. Cheek stated that the School was approved for the Title 1 School Wide Plan.

### **Compliance Update**

Deb Rosebush reported that Title 1 and Title 2A funding for the 2015-2016 school year has been approved by the State and we can now move forward with our plan and the expenditures have been approved.

### **Business Manager's Report**

John Carberry reported by phone, the cones have arrived and that signs have been ordered and should arrive by Wednesday of next week. On the security cameras, Mr. Carberry stated that he did not hear back from Sonitrol and recommended that the Board move forward with the Tyco proposal.

Board member Legardye asked John to check on the lease of the Cameras. Board member Legardye made a motion to speed things along that if the cameras are at the price they quoted us and the cameras are mobile at the price quoted that we go ahead and agree to have them install at the earliest opportunity if they agree that the cameras are in fact mobile. John stated that he could make it happen if the Board agrees. Board member Legardye asked that John get a quote on cameras in the classrooms, John stated that he would get the quote. No action was taken on the motion as it was not seconded. The Board decided that it would wait until the October Board meeting to make the decision.

Mr. Carberry stated that the roof was repaired in the places where the leaks developed and once up there 2 more places were identified that need repairing. The company is working up a bid to present. According to Mr. Garcia there have not been any other issues; the other two places will be addressed. Mr. Carberry stated that he will email the Board when the repairs were to take place.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Board member Legardye reported and submitted copies for the board to review. No action was taken. The Report was for information only.

## **Legal Report**

Board attorney Meihn reported to the Board the lawsuit filed by the prior Board lawyer in the matter for work that was allegedly done by the prior Board lawyer. Because none of the existing Board members were on the Board when the prior Board lawyer was hired, the Board members could not comment on the bill. Motion was made by Board member Legardye and second by Board member McCune to have the Board attorney file an answer to the complaint and attempt a resolution. The vote was unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

## **Old Business**

### **School Facilities – repairs/issues**

John Carberry stated that there were no more issues with roof repairs other than what was already disused, he stated that they were working on replacing the carpet in the special education room. Mr. Carberry stated that he will give the Board a time line of when it will be accomplished.

Board member Morgan asked how things were coming with the Bridge Loan, Mr. Carberry stated that they are working with John Hyatt and their credit committee is looking at numbers.,

Board member Taylor asked what budget does the playground repairs come out of and Deb Rosebush stated that the money comes out of the maintenance account.

### **Facilities search**

Board Legardye stated that she along with Mrs. McCune are still assessing properties to see if they are viable for growth for us at this time we have no information to provide at this point, this is still a fact find.

## **New Business**

### **Ready Nurse Contract**

Board member Morgan made the motion to approve the Ready Nurse agreement and Board member McCune seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. MOTION PASSED

### **IT Services**

Board member Legardye made the motion to approve the IT services and Board member Morgan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

### **Fingerprint Requirements under New MDE policy**

Deb Rosebush reported that the State Police and MDE passed new legislation effective October 12, 2015 stating that she (because she is an employee) or the management company cannot have access to fingerprint reports or background history reports. Their requirement now is that the

person must be identified as a member of our Board, or an employee of the board which the Board does not have or SVSU (could handle it) but SVSU states that they will not handle that role and states it must be handled at a local level or an employee of the ISD which is not an option for us as well.. Board member Legardye made the motion to accept Board member Taylor to the position of Criminal History Records Information (CHRI) liaison; Board member Morgan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. MOTION PASSED

### **Proposed Facility use by Dancing Divas**

Mrs. Cheek reported the requested use of the facility by Dancing Divas. The Board recommended that Mrs. Cheek talk to Greg our attorney for direction due to liability issues. Motion was made by Board member McCune and second by Board member Legardye to table this issue to the October, 2015 meeting. The vote was unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

### **Snow Removal Contract**

Mr. Carberry stated that he will come to the next meeting with comparisons for the Board to consider.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Marketing and Community Relations Committee**

Deb Rosebush reported that they will be setting up a booth at the Perani Arena for the fall festival event for a big marketing strategy to increase student numbers.

#### **Board Development Committee \**

No report

#### **Academic Task Force Committee**

No report

#### **Finance Committee**

No report

#### **Grants Committee Report**

Deb Rosebush stated they did receive the grant funding for the Stenmetics program and that Mr. Blanchard from Kettering is researching various grants before bringing to the Board for approval. Mrs. Cheek stated the they are working on Fine Arts grants and that there is an upcoming fieldtrip that they want to take 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to Meadowbrook Hall at Oakland University for a play “A Christmas Carol”, Huckleberry Railroad Village, Sloan Museum, and Planetarium. Mr. Carberry is also working on providing the funds to take the 7<sup>th</sup> graders to Washington DC. We are looking for sponsors or donors to contribute \$15.00 per

student for the Meadowbrook outing. We want to expose the students to different universities every year.

**Extended Public Comment (not limited to agenda items)**

Public comment is limited to 5 minutes per person – no public comment.

**Adjournment**

Board member Taylor made motion that the meeting be adjourned; Board member McCune seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. MOTION PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 8:33

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory M. Meihn

Gregory M. Meihn, Acting Secretary

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I certify these Minutes were approved [ ] as read [ ] as corrected by the Academy Board at a duly noticed open meeting held on October \_\_, 2015 at which a quorum was present.

By: Lorraine McCune *Lorraine McCune* 10/2/2015

Its: Secretary \_\_\_\_\_