

Greenville Technical Charter High School
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
March 18, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.
Greenville Technical College
Administrative Board Room

Approved 4/22/08

Submitted by Chris Stolarski on 3/18/08

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Dr. Bob Nash.

1. Roll call: The following members of the Board were present: Dr. Bob Nash, Chris Stolarski, David Dolge, Ken Payne, Jerry Sprouse, Michael Burdine, Wanda Clark, Henry Parr, and Sandy Brigmon. Board members not in attendance were: Jayne McClain, Dr. John Piccione, Dr. Julius Earle, Jay Whitacre, Issie Wright, and Eric Adams. Also in attendance were: Fred Crawford, Ms. Cheryl Frazer (parent), David Gantt, and Skip Snow.
2. Agenda: The agenda was reviewed.
Henry Parr motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. David Dolge seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
3. Approval of minutes:
The minutes from the February 26, 2008 board meeting were reviewed.
Ken Payne motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. David Dolge seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. Chairs report (attachment 1):
Additional items: Dr. Nash attended a presentation of the GTCHS Foundation.
5. Finance Report:
The committee did not meet in March. Next meeting is in April. The finance committee will review the 3rd quarter and year to date reports. There have been no extraordinary events last month.

GTCHS has received some categorical funds from GCSD.
6. Principal's report:
GTCHS was runner up for the fourth time for Palmeto's Finest. It is good to get the GTCHS name out in the public in this way.

Palmeto Gold – GTCHS is receiving a Silver award of \$ 10,924. The plan is to use the funds to support the technology plan and purchase smart boards and computers for the new classrooms.

GTCHS participated in U.S. Department of Education's Regional Summit on Innovation. Mr. Crawford was on a panel in the afternoon speaking about charter schools.

Currently we have 109 senior project judges. The goal is to have 120 to reduce the number of projects per judge to 3. The senior project meets the Capstone requirement in the school's charter for graduation.

Early College grant – Transition to College. Some of our teachers and a couple from Brashier Middle College will be doing exchanges with college instructors.

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This year's graduation is at Furman on May 26 at 4 pm.

Filing for county and local government elections are coming soon. There are six seats up for the GCSD Board of Trustees this year.

Security for the school - Four of the GTCHS staff went through the training at the college. All staff will be wearing ID's.

7. Board Committee Reports:

- a. Executive Committee
No report
- b. Finance Committee
No to report
- c. Development and Governance Committee
3 pm Friday is the deadline for filing.
- d. Audit Committee
The Audit committee did inspect the Brashier portables. No issues were found.
- e. Appeals (Grievance) Committee
None
- f. Instruction Committee
None

8. Old Business:

- a. GCSD Task Force: (attachment 2)
House approved the bill on 3/12/08. It was then sent to the Senate. We expect the Senate will not take action until 1st week in June. This is a good time to contact your Senator and encourage them to support the proviso.
- b. Addressing GCSD Board of Trustees:
Four local charter schools have agreed to send a representative to talk to the GCSD Board of Trustees meeting each month. This May will be GTCHS turn.
- c. Board of Directors Elections
Upcoming dates are on the web site for review.

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9. New Business:

a. Appointment of GTCHS Alumni Officers:

The school has been in operation for 9 years and there have been 6 graduating classes. The Alumni Association needs to be started now to build the contact database for future events.

A letter from Shabnam Pourman, (attachment 3) was reviewed.

She recommends the following officers for the Alumni Association:

Co-presidents – Shabnam Pourman and Karissa Chorbajian, class of 2002.

Vice-president – Will Getty, class of 2003.

Secretary and Public Relations – Kayvon Pourmand, class of 2005.

Treasurer – Maureen West, class of 2003.

Wanda Clark motioned to approve the officers recommended by Shabnam Pourmand for the GTCHS Alumni Association. David Dolge seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Administrative Procedures

Procedures for Board section of the GTCHS web site were discussed. It is imperative the Web Master have a single contact for the Board for documents and other posting to the web site.

Henry Parr motioned that the board secretary be the gate keeper for the board section of the web site. David Dolge seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chris Stolarski passed out committee duty documents that currently exist. He requested that committee chairs review these with their committees and bring back recommendations for changes to the full board for approval. The plan is to update the duties for each committee and bring them to the full board for approval. After they are approved, they will be put on the web site so the most up to date revision is available to the board.

The current five year goals for the school (attachment 4) were handed out to the board. The chair asked that each board member review the plan for items to discuss at the next board meeting. If they are sufficient, we will decide to re-adopt the current plan and when to revise it.

10. Executive session for a legal matter:

No need. There will be no executive session.

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11. Adjournment: With no further business, David Dolge motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sandy Brigmon seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Attachments:

1. Chair's report.
2. GCSO Task Force Report
3. Letter from Shabnam Pourman, dtd 3/18/08. RE: GTCHS Alumni Association
4. GTCHS Five Year Plan, dtd 2/22/05.

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Attachment 1: Chair's Report.

**Chairman's Report to
GTCHS Board of Directors
March 18, 2008**

- 1. Met with the Greenville County School District Task Force on February 28th at Langston Charter Middle School and Dr. Jim Rex, SC Superintendent of Education, about the timing issue of funds for Charter Schools. He proposed a pilot program involving Greenville County to solve the problem.**
- 2. Revised the Power Point presentation for candidates interested in running as a candidate for the GTCHS Board of Directors.**
- 3. Presented a informational program for individuals at GTCHS who are interested in being a candidate for the GTCHS Board of Directors.**
- 4. Sent several email messages to other Charter Schools in Greenville County concerning common areas of interest.**
- 5. Reviewed and completed the SDE Orientation/Training program for Charter Board members.**
- 6. Attended a program sponsored by the Greenville County YWCA for honoring Ms. Lynda Leventis-Wells as a new member of the Greenville County Outstanding Females in Leadership.**

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Attachment 2: GCSD Task Force Report

GCSD Task Force Report
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Dr. Bob Nash, a member of the Task Force Committee reported that:

Rep. Garry Smith introduces the following Proviso on behalf of the GCSD Task Force Committee.

The Proviso states: "Of the funds appropriated, districts with locally approved charter schools will receive funds on the 5th day of attendance for those charter schools with approved incremental growth and expansion as provided in their charter application. Funding will be adjusted at the 45-day of school count as is currently the case with the Education Finance Act. This does not apply to schools approved and operating under the South Carolina Charter School District."

The House of Representatives approved the Proviso on Mar. 12th, and it will be sent to the Senate for their approval.

Thanks to Dr. Jim Rex, Ms. Tommie Reece, Ms. Pam Mills, Mr. Paul Hyde, and Rep. Smith.

ATTACHMENTS



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Greenville Technical Charter High School
Alumni Association

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Dr. Nash and GTCHS Board Members:

I had planned to attend your meeting tonight but due to the sudden illness of my Grandfather, I am unable to. I have spoken with the following individuals and we are all excited about the new GTCHS Alumni Association. To get the association started I would like to suggest the following.

- ◆ Leadership for the first year
Co-Presidents Shabnam Pourmand and Karissa Chorbajian, both class of 2002
Vice-President, Will Getty, class of 2003
Secretary and Public Relations, Kayvon Pourmand, class of 2005
Treasurer, Maureen West, class of 2003
- ◆ With the approval of the GTCHS Board of Directors the association leaders will start meeting in April, 08
- ◆ First Alumni Association meeting to be in July, 08

The association committee is planning to ask alumni parents, GTCHS staff and Administration to assist with the first reception to ensure its success. The leadership plans to meet with leaders of Alumni Associations from Universities and private schools to determine how best to start and direct the association.

Sincerely,
Shabnam Pourmand
Class of 2002

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Attachment 4: GTCHS Five Year Plan

Approved on February 22, 2005

GTCHS Board of Directors
Goals for the Five Year Plan

(Committees assigned to develop strategies for each goal are indicated in parentheses.)

GTCHS will...

1. Maintain an excellent rating on the school report card and meet AYP. (Executive)
2. Identify the areas of leadership that GTCHS can and should provide to other charter schools and to the larger community of public education without lessening the quality of services to our own students. (Political Awareness)
3. Become appropriately accredited nationally/regionally. (Governance)
4. Develop a GTCHS capital plan for schools facilities including those for sports, arts education, and lunch service. (Finance)
5. Maintain a minimum fund balance of 10% of the annual budget. (Finance)
6. Meet or exceed all requirements of grant funding. (Finance/Audit)
7. Strengthen the ties between charter schools in Greenville County and the Greenville County School District. (Political Awareness and Administration)