

GREEN Charter School

Minutes of 3/8/2016 Board Meeting

- Board Members present: Yasin Yilmaz, Karen Spell, Sanober Ebrahim, Selcuk Filiz

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda items
3. Approval of the last board meeting minutes 2/9/2016
4. High School Campus Update
5. Building Improvement Update
6. Medical Policy Approval
7. Replication Update
8. Financial Update
9. Principal Remarks
10. Public Remarks
11. Closure of the meeting

Meeting Minutes – 3/8/2016

1. The Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Approval of agenda items

Motion: Approve the agenda items (Mr. Yilmaz)

Second: Ms. Ebrahim

Vote: Yes – 4

No – 0

3. Approval of the last board meeting minutes 2/9/2016

Motion: Approve the last board meeting minutes (Mr. Yilmaz)

Second: Ms. Ebrahim

Vote: Yes – 4

No – 0

4. High School Campus Update

Mr. Yilmaz: Our \$30,000 deposit was refunded to us. There are a few options for our High School campus site. We are working with our Real Estate Agent to finalize the process. We will update you as we hear back from the sellers.

5. Building Improvement Update:

Mr. Yilmaz: The rezoning for the additional GYM construction is not getting any better. There are a few complications as we need to get a permission letter from everyone who has a property in the PD, and the construction would cost us a lot of time and money. The GYM cost is over two million dollars since the building has to have a certain elevation, such as a brick exterior, to be aligned with surrounding structures.

Instead of pursuing this project we came up with an alternative plan to provide a GYM area for our school. We recently heard that the Thai restaurant lease is expiring at the end of May 2016. As they leave, we can renovate this approximately 6,000 sf building at the east wing of our property by changing it into a cafeteria, two classrooms and two offices.

Then, we can turn the current cafeteria into a small indoor GYM space. It will not hold a full-size basketball court, but it will be large enough to serve the needs of our existing students as this campus will be a K5-6 grade school, and we would not need a 13,000 sq. ft. gymnasium with a budget of over 2 million dollars. The recommended renovation of our current cafeteria would be less than \$ 100,000 vs the 2 million a new GYM would cost.

Meanwhile, we got in touch with the landlord and informed him that either (1) he can make the improvement on the east site wing and then lease it back to us OR (2) we can make the improvement

ourselves and not pay any rent for the remaining seven years of our lease term. The project budget would be around \$500,000.

Also, we will be seeking approval to make a basketball and tennis court at the corner of the property where we originally planned to build the gym. This project would cost less than \$100,000.

I ask you to approve the new plans for the current campus and give permission for Mr. Adem to talk to the landlord regarding the financing option for the renovation.

Motion: Approve the new plans for the current campus. (Mr. Yilmaz)
Second: Ms. Ebrahim
Vote: Yes- 4
No- 0

6. Medical Policy Update

Mr. Yilmaz: The files in your folders are from our school nurse and are the school's Medical Policy that you received for review earlier. I ask your approval for these.

Motion: Approve the new medical policy. (Mr. Yilmaz)
Second: Ms. Ebrahim
Vote: Yes- 4
No- 0

7. Replication Update

Mr. Yilmaz: We have a hearing for GREEN Charter of the Midlands in Columbia on March 24, 2016. We are hoping to get approval for GCOM. If approved, we will start looking for a school property in the Columbia area.

8. Financial Update

Mr. Yilmaz: The proposed salary increase was discussed during our last meeting. We would like to increase the teachers' salaries by \$1,000 for the staff who has less than five years of experience and increase by \$ 1,500 for the teachers who have five or more years of experience.

Motion: Approve the teachers' salary increase for 2016-17 school year. (Mr. Yilmaz)
Second: Ms. Ebrahim
Vote: Yes- 4
No- 0

9. Principal Remark:

Mr. Adem: The PTO will be hosting a Daddy Daughter Dance on March 12, 2016. Also, our 4th and 5th graders participated in the Math Kangaroo competition on March 17. Results will be in around the

end of April or beginning of May. We have begun free Reading and Math tutoring for our 3rd grade and above students in preparation for state testing.

10. Public Remarks

There were no public remarks.

11. Closure of the meeting

Mr. Yilmaz moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Yilmaz seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

I acknowledge that these minutes reflect the business of the Board of Directors meeting of
March 8, 2016.

Yasin Yilmaz

Karen Spell

Selcuk Filiz

Sanober Ebrahim