

GREEN Charter School

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING Minutes

1440 Pelham Rd. Greenville, SC 29615

Tuesday, August 11, 2015

6:30 pm at GREEN Meeting Room

-- Board Members present: Kadir Yildirim, Gurcan Comert, Baran Menguoglu, Selcuk Filiz, Esat Yenigun

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda items
3. Approval of the last board meeting minutes 5/12/2015
4. Financials and approval of the 2015-2016 school year budget
5. Approval of the new employees
6. Approval of PLTW program purchase
7. Approval of a new board member
8. Approval of the technology purchase
9. Principal Remarks
10. Public Remarks
11. Closure of the meeting

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Meeting Minutes

1. The Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Approval of agenda items

Motion: Approve the agenda items (Mr. Yildirim)

Second: Mr. Filiz

Vote: Yea – 5

No – 0

3. Approval of the last board meeting minutes 5/12/2015

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

Second: Mr. Filiz

Vote: Yea – 5

No – 0

4. Financials

Mr. Yildirim: The documents in your packet are the A/P Aging Summary as of June 30, 2015 and also the 2015-2016 school year budget. Please have a look at the document.

Motion: Approve the budget for 2015-16 school year (Mr. Yildirim)

Second : Mr. Filiz

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5. Approval of the new employees

Mr. Adem: The employee excel file is in your document. We have added an assistant principal, Ms. MJ Anderson, to our administration team. Total full time employee is going to be 52; 35 teachers and 17 support staff. We are planning to hire a full time school counselor and a full time nurse as well.

Motion: Approve the new employees. (Mr. Yildirim)

Second: Mr. Filiz

Vote: Yea – 5

No – 0

6. Approval of PLTW program purchase

Mr. Adem: We would like to implement Project Lead The Way's (PLTW) elementary school program Launch. GREEN Charter will be the **first** school in Greenville to implement this program for elementary students. PLTW is the nation's leading provider of STEM programs to students in grades K-12, and GREEN joins more than 6,500 schools across the U.S. in offering PLTW programs to their students. The new curriculum started with the beginning of the 2015-16 school year. Beginning in the 2016-17 school year, the PLTW Gateway program for middle schools will begin at GREEN, and plans are in place to implement high school PLTW programs in the 2017-18 school year.

Studies show that students decide as early as elementary school if they like Math and Science and if they think they will be successful in them. Engaging students at a young age builds confidence, grows interest, and puts them on a course for future success in middle and high school, and beyond. Through PLTW Launch, GREEN's students will become problem solvers. They will engage in design problems that encourage collaboration and use touch technology, robotics, and everyday materials to explore topics such as energy, light and sound, motion and stability, and gravity. PLTW Launch ignites in students a passion for and confidence in STEM subjects, encouraging them to continue their learning in middle school, high school, and beyond.

The cost for the 2015-16 school would be around \$ 10,000 including training and the kits.

Motion: Approval of purchasing PLWT program (Mr. Yildirim)

Second: Mr. Filiz

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Vote: Yea – 5

No – 0

7. Approval of a New Board Member

Mr. Yildirim: We received an application for a board member position. Please see the copy of Mr. Yasin Yilmaz's resume in your folder. Mr Yilmaz is working at Redi Groups. He has over 8 years of experience in sales and marketing.

Motion: Approve the Mr. Yilmaz's board member position application (Mr. Yildirim)

Second: Mr. Filiz

Vote : Yea-5

No -0

8. Approval of the technology purchase

Mr. Adem: We would like to purchase iPads and Chromebooks for our school's technology needs. We are implementing Daily 5 reading program for our K5-2 grade classroom. We already have an iPad cart but the classroom teachers would like to have centers with iPads in their classrooms. This purchase would consist of 50 iPads.

We would like to add another Chromebook cart for the new middle school building. We would like to buy 30-35 Chromebooks. The total cost for both is going to be around \$ 40,000.

Motion: Approval of the iPads and Chromebook purchase (Mr. Yildirim)

Second: Mr. Filiz

Vote: Yea-5

No -0

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9. Principal Remark:

Mr. Adem: We had our pre-planning with our staff last week. All of our staff reported. Today August 11, 2015 was our first day of the school. We did not have any issues. First day student count was 580 students.

We are expecting to have a great school year. Our staff, parents and student are very excited for another year at GREEN.

10. Public Remarks

There were no public remarks.

11. Closure of the meeting – Mr. Yildirim moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Filiz seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

I acknowledge that these minutes reflect the business of the Board of Directors meeting of August 11, 2015.

Kadir Yildirim

Gurcan Comert

Baran Menguoglu

Selcuk Filiz

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