

GREEN CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES – February 21, 2017

Meeting Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda items
3. Approval of last meeting minutes 1.10.2017
4. GCOM Update
5. High School Building Update
6. Update on Financials
7. Athletics courts project
8. Principal Remarks
9. Public Remarks
10. Closure of the meeting

PRESENT: Craig Young*, Melinda Young, Karen Spell, Uma Vaizers,* Yavuz Koruk, and Sanober Ebrahim

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1. Board President Sanober Ebrahim called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Board VP Karen spell made a motion to approve the agenda.

2nd: Craig Young

Vote: 5-0 passed

3. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Board President Sanober Ebrahim made a motion to approve the January 10, 2017 meeting's minutes.

2nd: Uma Vaizers

Vote: 6-0 passed

4. GCOM Green Charter of Midlands update:

Report from Principal Adem Dokmeci: The new school in the Midlands has a marketing postcard ready. Also, GREEN has received a planning and implementation grant to help with the school's first and second years of operation. The grant money will help pay for advertising, a copy machine purchase, computers, furniture, Promethean Activpanel, and other items that meet the grant's criteria.

Mr. Dokmeci has interviewed potential principals for the school and identified Osman Demirel as the best qualified.

MOTION: Ms. Ebrahim made a motion to offer Mr. Demirel the principal job for the Midlands GREEN Charter school.

2nd: Craig Young

Vote: 6-0 passed

5. HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING UPDATE:

Report from Mr. Dokmeci: The principal met with contractors and is satisfied that construction is on schedule. What currently is needed is a project manager to check on the construction on a weekly basis. The school is set to open in August.

Also, GREEN will give Chromebooks to all 7th, 8th, and 9th graders in the 2017-18 school year for use during the school year. The principal found a great deal for these on Amazon, lower than the previously purchased Chromebooks. The total cost will be around \$25,000. Use of the computers will save on copying costs. Also, each student will pay a one-time \$50 technology fee that will cover one replacement of original Chromebook is damaged.

MOTION: Ms. Ebrahim made a motion to purchase the Chromebooks.

2nd: Ms. Vaizers

Vote: 5-0 in passed

6. UPDATE ON FINANCIALS:

As of January, 2017, the school had a net income as expected.

MOTION: Ms. Ebrahim made a motion to approve incentive prizes for Science Olympiad team members who won First through Third Place awards at the state competition, and to recognize all 15 team members at a luncheon.

2nd: Ms. Vaizers

Vote: 5-0 passed

Also, Mr. Dokmeci renegotiated a more favorable lease rate with the landlord of the school on Pelham Road. The new payment will be \$39,145 per month, a \$5,410 monthly savings for a six years savings of more than \$540,000.

MOTION: Ms. Ebrahim made a motion to approve the reduced monthly lease rate on the buildings on Pelham Road for the remainder of the lease. The lower rate is contingent upon the school prepaying rent for the months of March, April, May, and June 2017.

2nd: Uma

Vote: 5-0 passed

7. ATHLETICS COURTS PROJECT APPROVAL:

The school received a quote of \$219,768.76, from Mableton Concrete of Georgia, for concrete and site work for GREEN Charter School playfields. It was the lowest quote. Some of the funding will come from family donations. Through Feb. 21, the school had raised more than \$11,000.

MOTION: Ms. Ebrahim made a motion to accept the construction bid from Mableton Concrete.

2nd: Ms. Spell

Vote: 5-0 passed

8. PRINCIPAL REMARKS:

Mr. Dokmeci reported that he and faculty had begun to meet with students who would be attending the high school, assisting them in scheduling classes.

Ms. Vaizers reported that the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Math in Hartsville had a program called "Accelerate" that would interest GREEN parents. The program allows high school 10th graders through 12th graders to complete a first-year engineering program, earning course grades and credits from Clemson that would be useful at any college in the country. The school's curriculum is virtual and taught by adjunct Clemson University professors. Students have to have completed Algebra II by the end of 9th grade and have to apply to be enrolled.

Mr. Dokmeci commented that the Accelerate program is separate from the dual enrollment agreement with Greenville Technical College.

CLOSURE: Ms. Ebrahim closed the meeting at 7:50

* Board member was not present for the entire meeting, but quorum was never compromised.