



CORNERSTONE JEFFERSON-DOUGLASS ACADEMY

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Location: 6861 Nevada Ave, Detroit, MI 48234

Agenda

August 05, 2024

8:00 a.m.

1) BUSINESS ROUTINE

a) Call to Order (President)

The meeting called to order at 7:55 a.m.

b) Board of Directors Roll Call

Present: Patrick Nelson, Yvette Bing, David Felton, Marla Thrower, Robert Zawideh (arrived at 8:04 a.m.)

Absent: None

Attendees: Andy Anuzis, President; Maggie Durant, Chief Strategy Officer; Clint McDaniel, GVSU Representative (arrived at 8:02 a.m.); John Kava, Legal Counsel (arrived at 8:04 a.m.); Mary Ann Johnson, Finance Director; Dustin Quarrella, Director of Enrollment; Grant Heugel, Director of Operations; Elizabeth Noa Carrion, Compliance Director; Jerusha Usry, Executive Assistant to Leadership; Elijah Richardson, Athletics Director; Joe Valentic

c) Adoption of Agenda

Bing moved. Thrower seconded. All approved.

d) Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

Bing moved. Thrower seconded. All approved.

e) Pledge of Allegiance

Board and attendees said the pledge of allegiance.

f) Sharing of Gratitude

Board and attendees expressed their gratitude's.

g) Appointment of Officers

- i. President – Patrick Nelson
- ii. Vice President – Yvette Bing
- iii. Treasurer – Robert Zawideh
- iv. Secretary – Marla Thrower

v. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to agenda items)

There was no public comment.

vi. PRESENTATIONS

a. Organizational Update – Andy Anuzis

Our Finances and Compliance are getting back on track. One major initiative that we will launch this year is our Dawn to Dusk program. Clark will continue with his philanthropy efforts. We will continue to focus on grants to assist with our expenses. We are actively working towards becoming a licensed Child Care Center. There are currently only two teacher openings at Jefferson-Douglass Academy for a Kindergarten and a 5th grade teacher.

b. Academic Update – Maggie Durant

We started last year with a priority on launching a new phonics program. We are currently rolling into year two. The difference going into this year is there has been more training for staff, and there will be more clarity as to the responsibilities of the teacher's day to day in the classroom. Some teachers will be doing something called "looping" where the teacher moves up in grade level with the same set of students.

Richardson reviewed the minor changes to the Athletic Handbook this year. The changes emphasized a focus on academics. The changes included athletes with a G.P.A lower than a 2.0 cannot participate in games until the next marking period. Any student that has an F in any class cannot participate until the grade is improved to a passing grade. Athletes are required to obtain a progress report from their teachers in order to participate in weekly games.

c. Enrollment - Dustin Quarrella

Nothing is final until Count Day, we are accepting more students this year to ensure we hit our enrollment goals. Jefferson-Douglass Academy has a gain of 51 students as compared to last year's Count Day. Our Fall trend is 568 students in total. We have 144 accepted and confirmed students at this point.

d. Finance – MaryAnn Johnson

Johnson pointed out a financial "cheat sheet" for the board members so they can further understand the line items of the budget. Johnson reviewed the income statement and balance sheet for the Board members, and informed them that these are the numbers that will be checked and confirmed for the auditor to review.

Valentic reviewed the options for the auditor, Finance recommends UHY as the best choice for our upcoming audits.

vii. BOARD POLICY WORK

a. Charter Term: 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2025

Board Meeting Dates for 2024-2024: All on Mondays at 7:30 a.m.

i. August 05, 2024

- ii. October 21, 2024
- iii. January 27, 2025
- iv. March 24, 2025
- v. May 19, 2025
- vi. June 23, 2025

viii. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approval of the 24-25 Student Handbook as presented.
- b. Approval of the 24-25 Athletic Handbook as presented.
- c. Approval of the Student Technology Use Agreement.
- d. Approval of MHSAA Resolution as presented.
- e. Approval of the 24-25 Employee Handbook

Nelson moved to approve Action Items a-e, and Zawideh seconded. All approved.

ix. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Recording Secretary (Elizabeth Noa Carrion)
- b. Approval of 23-24 Auditor as presented
- c. Approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Legal Counsel (John Kava)
- d. Approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of a Compliance Representative (Elizabeth Noa Carrion)
- e. Approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Local Liaison for Homeless Children and Youth (Elizabeth Noa Carrion)
- f. Approval of The Title IX coordinator (Elizabeth Noa Carrion)
- g. Approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of the Freedom of Information Act Coordinator (Elizabeth Noa Carrion)
- h. Approval of the Detroit Free Press as the 24-25 Local Newspaper for Legal Notices.
- i. Approval of 6861 Nevada Ave, Detroit, MI as the 24-25 Office of the Principal.
- j. Approval of the Resolution Identifying the Chief Administrative Officer (Andy Anuzis)
- k. Approval of the Resolution Identifying the Board Spokesperson
- l. Approval of the 24-25 Toxic Preparedness Officer. (Grant Heugel)

Nelson moved to approve Consent Items a-l, and Felton seconded. All approved.

x. AUTHORIZER COMMENTS

This year GVSU will authorize 79 charter public schools serving approximately 35,000 students.

CSO welcomes a new Deputy Director for School Performance and Innovation, Sarah-Kate LaVan.

The 2024-2025 board training schedule is set. There will be training opportunities for board members governing GVSU charter school, all training sessions count towards the school board continuous learning requirements that are associated with the GVSU CSO academic grant. The first training will be held on September 30, 2024.

The Fall Principals meeting will be held on Wednesday October 9, 2024 in the GVSU Detroit Center on John R.

Save the date for the Board Presidents Leadership Retreat, which is scheduled for October 3, 2024 at 11:30a – 12:30p. RSVP by September 3, 2024.

Legislative Updates: On July 23rd Governor Whitmer signed the fiscal year 24-25 Omnibus budget.

xi. ANNOUNCEMENTS

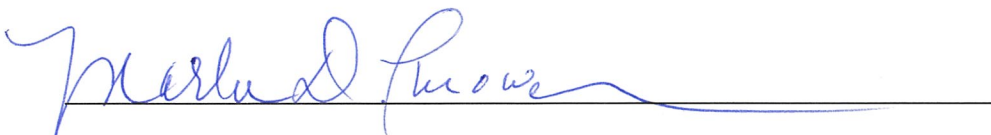
a. Next Meeting: October 21, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

xii. PUBLIC COMMENT (related to non-agenda items)

There was no public comment.

xiii. MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:02 a.m. by Nelson. Zawideh seconded. The above minutes were duly adopted on October 21, 2024 by the Cornerstone Jefferson-Douglass Academy Board of Directors at a properly noticed meeting held at which a quorum was present.



Submitted by Marla Thrower, Secretary