



WASHINGTON-PARKS ACADEMY

A Cornerstone School

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Location: 11685 Appleton, Redford Charter Twp, MI 48239

Agenda

August 20, 2024

7:30am

1) BUSINESS ROUTINE

a) Call to Order (President)

The meeting called to order at 7:31 a.m.

b) Board of Directors Roll Call

Present: Steve Londo, John George, Marcia Kreger

Absent: TeShayla Coates

Attendees: Andy Anuzis, President; Clint McDaniel, GVSU Representative; John Kava, Legal Counsel; Dustin Quarrella, Director of Enrollment; Mary Ann Johnson, Finance Director; Elizabeth Noa Carrion, Compliance Director; Jerusha Usry, Executive Assistant to Leadership; Clark Durant; Joe Valentic

c) Adoption of Agenda

Londo motioned to amend the agenda to insert a new item, the new item being the proposed new lease agreement.

George moved. Kreger seconded. All approved.

Londo motioned to adopt the agenda. George moved, and Kreger seconded.

Londo motioned to keep the current lease and extend it to authorize the Board President to amend the property description only if there is a sale of the green space and parking lot.

George moved, and Kreger seconded.

d) Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

George moved. Kreger 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 – Steve Londo
- ii. Vice President – Marcia Kreger

- iii. Secretary – TeShayla Coates
- iv. Treasurer – John George

2) PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to agenda items)

There was no public comment.

3) PRESENTATIONS

a) Organizational Update – Andy Anuzis

Mary Ann Johnson and Joe Valentic are now handling the Finance Department. We have moved out underperforming staff persons. We are focusing on parent engagement, we are bringing the parents into the conversation. Devon Graham is the principal, and Christina Gaines will be the principal for the grades K-5.

b) Academic Update – Andy Anuzis

We are partnering with two colleges to assist with academics. Patrick Nelson from Lawrence Tech will come to WPA and conduct assessments on the students to ascertain where they are academically. We will also be partnering with Steve Khan from Wayne State University to assist students in Math. Our focus will be meeting students where they are and building from there, teaching them the fundamentals.

c) Enrollment – Dustin Quarrella

Nothing is final until Count Day. You have to accept more students in order to hit your enrollment goal. During last Fall count we had 592 students, we are trending between 610-615 students for this Fall. That is about a 20-student growth as compared from last year. Our Fall 2024 goal is 707 students.

d) Finance – Mary Ann Johnson & Joe Valentic

We are caught up with all of our financials. We are putting the finishing touches on the year end financials. We will have a healthy year-end balance to our budget. On July 5, 2024 we received our held-up grant funds and we were able to pay all of our vendors.

Joe Valentic reviewed the auditor UHY and the benefits of using them as the firm for our upcoming audits.

4) BOARD POLICY WORK

a) Charter Term: 07/01/2023 – 06/30/2028

b) Board Meeting Dates for 2024-2024: All on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m.

1. August 20, 2024
2. October 22, 2024
3. January 21, 2025
4. March 25, 2025
5. May 20, 2025
6. June 24, 2025

Londo motioned to amend the errors in the Charter Term from 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2025 to 07/01/2023 – 06/30/2028. George moved, Kreger seconded.

5) ACTION ITEMS

- a) Approval of the Student Handbook as presented.
- b) Approval of the Athletic Handbook as presented.
- c) Approval of the Student Technology Use Agreement.
- d) Approval of the Curriculum purchases as presented.
- e) Approval of MHSAA Resolution as presented.

Londo motioned to amend and approve the Student Handbook to prohibit the carry of guns on school property and making the immediate protocol contacting the police. George moved, Kreger seconded.

Londo motioned to approve Action Items b, c, and d. Kreger moved and George seconded.

6) 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 11685 Appleton, Redford Charter Twp, 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)

Londo motioned to approve Consent Items a-l. George moved and Kreger seconded.

7) AUTHORIZER COMMENTS

(McDaniel administered the oath of office to John George.)

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.

8) ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Next Meeting: October 22, 2024 at 7:30 a.m.

9) PUBLIC COMMENT (related to non-agenda items)

There was no public comment.

10) MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:20 a.m. by George. Kreger seconded. The above minutes were duly adopted on 10/30/24 by the Cornerstone Washington-Parks Academy Board of Directors at a properly noticed meeting held at which a quorum was present.



Submitted by TeShayla Coates, Secretary