

GRAND RIVER PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 21st, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting held at:
 Grand River Preparatory High School
 650 52nd Street, SE
 Grand Rapids, MI 49548

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: PRESENT UNABLE TO ATTEND TERM EXPIRATIONS

John Booy – Vice President-Treasurer	X		June 30, 2017
Pamela Cuthbertson – Secretary	X		June 30, 2018
Andrew DeVries – President	X		June 30, 2018

Non-Board Members Attending:

- 1) Dave Angerer – Director of Educational Services, PrepNet
- 2) Jason Bannister – Principal, Grand River Prep
- 3) Jennifer Dooms – Grand River Prep Special Education Teacher
- 4) Sideon Harvey
- 5) Sean McAnally – Board Relations, PrepNet
- 6) Randy Remenapp – Field Representative, GVSU
- 7) Doug Wilson – Assistant Principal, Grand River Prep
- 8) Patti Zehr

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. DeVries called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment on agenda items was given.

4. MANAGEMENT REPORT

a. School Leadership Report

Mr. Bannister introduced the Board to Ms. Dooms, a Grand River Prep special education teacher. Ms. Dooms shared her background and passion for working with students with special needs and answered questions from the Board. The Board thanked Ms. Dooms for her dedication and for sharing with the Board.

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Mr. Bannister provide an application and enrollment update, noting the upcoming New Student Welcome event for applied families to complete enrollment paperwork, sign up for classes and extracurriculars, and interact with faculty and staff.

Mr. Bannister discussed the School Improvement Plan under development and shared an update on the team's progress in planning initiatives to address identified needs in 2015-16.

Mr. Bannister provided an update to the Board on the purchase of a portable electronic scoreboard for the soccer fields. He also provided more information, requested at a prior meeting, about student attrition by school of origin.

5. COMMENTS BY AUTHORIZER

Mr. Remenap reminded the Board of the upcoming social events for Board members sponsored by the Charter Schools Office in June.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. 2015-16 Student and Parent Handbook

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed changes to the Parent and Student Handbook for the 2015-16 school year.

b. 2015-16 Compliance with Children's Internet Safety Act (CIPA) Assurance

The Board reviewed the annual CIPA Compliance Assurance form.

c. MHSAA 2015-16 Membership Resolution

The Board reviewed the 2015-16 MHSAA membership resolution.

d. Nomination of Patti Zehr and Sydeon Harvey for Board Membership

Mr. DeVries invited Ms. Zehr and Mr. Harvey to share a few words with the Board about their proposed nomination to the Grand River Prep Board.

Mr. Harvey shared his interest in ensuring students of color are represented and supported in the school, and that the school's educational program is as strong as possible for all students.

Ms. Zehr reflected on the past 13 years of involvement at Excel Charter Academy and Grand River Prep as a parent, including six years on the Excel/Grand River Prep Board, and looked forward to continuing to serve on the new high school Board.

7. BUDGET HEARING

a. CAO Call Budget Hearing to Order

Mr. DeVries called the Budget Hearing to order at 4:21 p.m.

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b. 2015-15 Preliminary Budget Discussion

The Board reviewed the proposed 2015-16 preliminary budget. Mr. Booy stated that his questions to the school leadership team, PrepNet, and GVSU were answered satisfactorily and he recommended the budget for approval by the Board.

Mr. Angerer answered a question from the Board about the proportion of instructional expenses compared to administrative and operational expenses.

c. Public Comment on 2015-16 Preliminary Budget

There was no public comment on the 2015-16 preliminary budget.

d. CAO Adjourn Budget Hearing

Mr. DeVries adjourned the Budget Hearing at 4:26 p.m.

8. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of the April 16, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Cuthbertson and supported by Mr. Booy to approve the April 16, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Approval of the 2015-16 Parent and Student Handbook

A motion was made by Mr. Booy and supported by Ms. Cuthbertson to approve the 2015-16 Parent and Student Handbook as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. Approval of the 2015-16 Compliance with Children's Internet Safety Act (CIPA) Assurance

A motion was made by Ms. Cuthbertson and supported by Mr. Booy to approve the 2015-16 Children's Internet Safety Act (CIPA) Assurance as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

d. Approval of the 2015-16 MHSAA Membership Resolution

A motion was made by Mr. Booy and supported by Ms. Cuthbertson to approve the 2015-16 MHSAA Membership Resolution as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

e. Nomination of Patti Zehr and Sydeon Harvey for Board Membership

A motion was made by Ms. Cuthbertson and supported by Mr. Booy to nominate Patti Zehr and Sydeon Harvey for appointment by GVSU to the Grand River Prep Board of Directors. The motion was approved unanimously.

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9. BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Cuthbertson requested of the school leadership team that the sprinklers be activated either earlier or later than the current setting, as they are currently on during student arrival.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment on agenda items were given.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Cuthbertson and supported by Mr. Booy to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

OFFICER OF THE BOARD

SIGNATURE Pamela R. Cuthbertson

Next Meeting:

Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.