

Great River School Board Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2010

Board Members Present: Christina Beck, Kira Donnelly, Michael Flood, Mary Gantenbein, Candy Husemoller, Sarah Lawrence-Lupton, Andrea Martin, Neal McMahon, Ben Moudry, Cory Olson, Deborah Schlick, Paulette Zoë **Board Members Absent:** Andrea Christensen, Kate Diehn
Non-Board Members Present: Dean Walczak (Finance Manager)

1. Consent Agenda

- Approval of the March 2010 Minutes, with correction
 - Karen Geiser contract approved
- EdifYouth contract approved

Motion 1004211

Motion to approve the consent agenda

Offered by Kira Donnelly

Seconded by Andrea Martin

Motion passed unanimously

2. General Reports

- Director's Report
 - Board training guidelines have been posted
 - Board members seated before 1/1/10 must begin training by 6/30/10 and complete by 12/1/10
 - Newly elected board members have 6 months to get the training
 - Once the training is done, it does not have to be repeated each year
 - Past training does not count
 - Discussion of upcoming National Charter School Week in Washington, D.C.
 - Christina Beck will represent GRS at the event
- Financial Reports
 - Currently drawing down from cash reserves and not as much as anticipated
 - Currently not drawing down from the line of credit
 - Positive bank balance
- 2009-10 Budget Revisions
 - Revenue outpaces expenses; expenses are projected as slightly higher
 - New format is being developed for next year that will be easier to read
 - In revising the budget, multiple scenarios were discussed given the inherent uncertainties in any year's budget
 - Discussion about incrementally planning for possible impact of uncertainties on budget over the next several years
 - Discussion about timing for setting and approving next year's budget

Motion 1004212

Motion to approve the revised 2009-10 school year budget as presented

Offered by Candy Husemoller

Seconded by Michael Flood

Motion passed unanimously

3. By-Law Review
 - Proposed changes to the reviewed By-Laws were presented and discussed
 - By-Laws will be acted on in May, 2010
4. Results of Parent Survey
 - Results of parent survey were presented and discussed
 - Positive results overall; idea for survey, format and questions were good

Old Business

5. Special Education Workload Policy
 - Update presented, still in progress
 - The formula is good and makes the workload easier to translate

New Business

6. 2010-11 Calendar
 - The 2010-11 Calendar was presented and reviewed

Motion 1004213

Motion to approve the 2010-11 school calendar as presented

Offered by Ben Moudry

Seconded by Sarah Lawrence-Lupton

Motion passed unanimously

7. 2010-11 Preliminary Staffing Proposal

Information was presented as a working document, reviewed and discussed
8. Board Composition
 - By-Law guidelines for Board composition were presented, reviewed, and discussed
 - Overall balance
 - Teacher majority
 - Student representatives
 - Nominations committee will post openings and recruit in May, 2010
9. Annual Meeting
 - Deborah Schlick will invite others to join a general planning meeting

Motion 1004214

Motion to adjourn at 8:40pm

Offered by Andrea Martin

Seconded by Candy Husemoller

Motion passed unanimously

Minutes respectfully submitted by Paulette Zoë, Secretary