

Global Concepts Charter School  
Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting  
January 27, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.  
Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Global Concepts Charter School was held at the Global Concepts Charter School, 1001 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, New York, and called to order by Dawan Jones at 7:06 p.m.

A quorum was established by roll call:

Present: Dawan Jones, Antonio Estrada, Suzie Mazella, Anthony DeMarco, William Kruger

Excused:

Absent:

Other David Ehrle, Elementary Principal  
Attendees: Tracy McGee, High School Principal/CEO  
Lynda Spahr, Board Clerk

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

New Business

**Item #1 – Principals’ Reports**

Tracy McGee, High School Principal, started with the showing of ‘Selma,’ starring Ruben Santiago-Hudson at the Fine Arts Center bearing his name. Ruben Santiago-Hudson also partnered with Tapestry Charter School and students had a chance to speak live with him through Skype.

February is Black History Month and the High School will hold the following activities: February 5<sup>th</sup> – African Dance and Drummers will perform at the Fine Arts Building, February 12<sup>th</sup> – a speaker series from different industries, and February 26<sup>th</sup> for parents we have a Poetry/Dance presentation starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Fine Arts Center.

David Ehrle, K-8 Principal, began with the need for Lackawanna residents to fill out paperwork and return it to Global for transportation for next school year.

Right now it is open enrollment for K-12. If you would like a student to attend Global Concepts next year, now time to get the application to the school. Open enrollment goes until April 1<sup>st</sup>. If any parts of the application are not correctly filled out or left blank, we have time to get back to you and make sure things are correct before our lottery. Stop in at either school at the front desk, or go to our website and down load it there. Even siblings need apply. Siblings are automatically accepted if the application is complete by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

K-8 will host an Open House on February 29<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Information will be sent home with details for you. Tours will be set up by students and teachers to answer questions.

We are creating a School Leadership Team that involves parents, students and our teachers. If anyone would like information and possible sign up, we will be available after this meeting to talk to you about joining the Leadership Team.

This concludes my report.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve the Principals' Reports as presented. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

### **Item #2 – Secretary's Report**

William Kruger presented the Secretary's report referring to various correspondence that all Board members received in their monthly packets for review. Antonio Estrada made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as presented. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

### **Item #3 – Treasurer's Report**

Suzie Mazella presented the Treasurer's report for the period ending November 30, 2015, referring to the information included in the Board packet, including current assets, property, various cash accounts, accounts receivable, and bonds payable. Antonio Estrada made a motion

to receive the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

**Item #4 – Monthly Meeting Minutes for December 16, 2015**

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve the Board minutes as presented for the regular monthly meeting dated December 16, 2015. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

**Item #5 – Operations/Personnel Issues/Vendors**

**Operations**

William Kruger made a motion to approve the Stohl Environmental Consultants for the 2016 Triennial Asbestos Inspection, in the amount not to exceed \$1,200.00, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada and Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve MySchoolBucks online payment service for student meal accounts, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada and Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve Monroe Extinguisher for updating the cafeteria kitchen range hood exhaust system, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to attend the National Charter School Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, June 26-29, 2016. Attendees to be determined by the Chairman, not to exceed six members. Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

### **Personnel**

Anthony DeMarco made a motion to approve the following resignation, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman:

- Raymond Blackburn – HS Cleaner – effective December 27, 2015

Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Anthony DeMarco made a motion to approve the military leave for Nicholas Kalczynski, Grades 2-3 ENL Teacher, be extended to January 26, 2016, and that Mary Beth Hamilton's Long Term Substitute assignment to that position will end on January 8, 2016, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Anthony DeMarco made a motion to approve the following requests for leave of absence, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman:

- Julie Schneggenburger – Grade 3 Teacher
- Elizabeth Mastromatteo – High School Counselor
- Denise Issa – High School Spanish Teacher

Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Anthony DeMarco made a motion to approve Mary Beth Hamilton as Long Term Substitute for Julie Schneggenburger, Grade 3 Teacher, effective January 11, 2016, at the Substitute Teacher daily rate for 30 days before going to step M1, until the end of the leave for Julie Schneggenburger, anticipated date April 18, 2016, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman.

Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Anthony DeMarco made a motion to appoint the following pending satisfactory background, drug test and fingerprint clearance, as recommended by CEO and Chairman:

- Jennifer Russell – HS Math Intervention Specialist M2 – effective January 20, 2016
- Brie Anna Schultz – Long Term HS Sub Counselor for Liz Mastromatteo– effective date TBD
- Rebecca Galanti – Long Term HS Spanish Sub for Denise Issa – effective December 22, 2015

Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Anthony DeMarco made a motion to appoint the following Long Term Substitutes to cover classroom positions, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman:

- Melissa Lozanovski for Ashley Toy – effective December 17, 2015
- Laurie Westoven-Sander for Amy Rabb – Effective January 4, 2016
- Mary Beth Hamilton for Julie Schneggenburger – effective January 11, 2016

Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes

Mr. DeMarco Yes  
Mr. Kruger Yes

Motion passed.

Anthony DeMarco made a motion to adjust the salary of Jacob Waszak, HS Science Teacher, for his Master's Degree, effective January 12, 2016, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Ms. Mazella Yes  
Mr. Estrada Yes  
Mr. DeMarco Yes  
Mr. Kruger Yes

Motion passed.

### **Vendors**

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve the following new vendors, visiting theater artists for the High School as recommended by the CEO and Chairman:

- Anthony Alcorcer – Acting Specialist/Movement Coach
- Robert Cooke – Choreographer
- Jesse Tiebor – Improve Specialist
- Adam Rath – Fight Coordinator
- Megan Callahan – Dialect Coach/Movement Specialist/ Director
- Joseph Donohue – Vocal Coach/Musician/Actor

Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

Ms. Mazella Yes  
Mr. Estrada Yes  
Mr. DeMarco Yes  
Mr. Kruger Yes

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve new vendor Vastola for a service call for the High School heating system, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Ms. Mazella Yes  
Mr. Estrada Yes  
Mr. DeMarco Yes  
Mr. Kruger Yes

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve Ark Office Supplies for K-8 copy paper in the amount not to exceed \$\$1210.00, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve Tri-Delta Resources for K-8 auditorium recording equipment in the amount not to exceed \$1,088.00, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve Danielle Huber for web site hours from January 2015–December 2015 in the amount not to exceed \$765.00, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve Kirisits & Associates for a two -month invoice in the amount not to exceed \$2965.00, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

### **Student of the Month Awards**

David Ehrle, K-8 Principal, announced the January Student of the Month Awards:

Kindergarten, nominated by Mrs. Hajduk – Hamza Alhaddad  
Kindergarten, nominated by Mrs. Johnson – Esa Jum Jum  
First Grade, nominated by Mrs. Dake – Amitillah Galab  
Second Grade, nominated by Mrs. Aldrich – Mohamed Zaied  
Third Grade, nominated by Ms. Hamilton – A’Jane Huff

Fourth Grade, nominated by Mrs. Amann – Rennika Gilbert  
Fifth Grade nominated by Mrs. Winkler – Evan Dimitrievski  
Sixth Grade, nominated by Ms. Voigt – Paige Gritzke  
Middle School Math, nominated by Mrs. Lawrence – Ashley Velasquez  
Middle School ELA, nominated by Mrs. Kuras – Sasha Mojica  
Middle School Science, nominated by Mr. Baillie – Cameron Pfol  
Middle School Social Studies, nominated by Mr. Rupp – Jaydyn Letina  
Home and Careers, nominated by Mrs. Urbank – Joey Baillie  
Physical Education, nominated by Mr. Mondello – Kearra Cotter  
Violin, nominated by Mrs. Savka – James Davila  
Health, nominated by Ceccarelli – Aminah Hafi  
Art, nominated by Mrs. Pastore – Katrinna Shepard  
Music, K-8 Band, nominated by Mrs. Serrano – Frelic Nyziriye  
Music – Middle School Band, nominated by Mrs. Serrano – Annisa Hammond  
Library, nominated by Mrs. Unger – Bethany Sopko  
K-8 Spanish, nominated by Ms. Bauer – Madison Mekelburg  
Middle School Spanish, nominated by Mrs. Zawadski – Ayanna Calderon  
Arabic, nominated by Ms. Ali – Chai Clendening  
Industrial Technology, nominated by Mr. Reimers – Camilo Surez-Rodriguez  
Counselors Choice, nominated by Mrs. Thompson – Olivia Stone  
Math, nominated by Mr. Mrs. Polino – Zaynab Nasser  
Reading, nominated by Mrs. Payne – Maram Algawani  
Teachers Choice, nominated by Mrs. Romance – Mackenzie Daniels

The Board and audience congratulated the winners.

### **Public Participation**

There were no questions from the public.

### **Adjourn**

Suzie Mazella made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Submitted by

Lynda Spahr, Clerk for GCCS Board of Trustees

Approved by

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William Kruger, Secretary