

Global Concepts Charter School
Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting
October 26, 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, Ruben Santiago-Hudson Fine Arts Center, 168 Roland Avenue, Lackawanna, New York 14218, and called to order by Dawan Jones at 7:00 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, K-8 Principal
Attendees: 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:

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

Motion passed.

New Business

Principals' Reports

David Ehrle, K-8 Principal, started with the revamped academics in Middle School Math and ELA intervention system. This gives some individual instruction and/or small group instruction for students in these core classes.

Teachers started completing running records and will continue during the next week. These records help identify independent reading levels and instructional reading levels. This allow for our staff to differentiate instruction, identify students for AIS and inform students/parents of what books are a best fit for reading purposes.

We continue to look for substitutes for both the High School and K-8. If you know anyone who is interested in being a teacher or substitute teacher, please let them know. This is ongoing.

Our first round of Global Gators and Junior Gators has been identified. The Gators are a group of students, grades 3-8, that have outstanding character, not necessarily great grades. We will nominate up to 20 each quarter.

Our K-4 Counselor is developing a Care Group for grades K-2 that will be similar to the Gators. As we develop this group there will be more information to follow. We can now do something for all grades.

The Global Concepts violinists will play some sets and a serenade at the ACCESS 10-year anniversary dinner this Saturday. This is a great marketing tool for Global Concepts.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to receive accept the Principal's Report as presented. Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Ms. Mazella	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 Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Ms. Mazella	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 July 31, 2016, 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 Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

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

Motion passed.

Item #4 –Regular Meeting Minutes for September 28, 2016

Antonio Estrada made a motion to accept the Board minutes for the regular monthly meeting dated September 28, 2016. Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

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

Motion passed.

Operations

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve Property Accents, Inc. for the following 2016-2017 snowplowing contracts as recommended by the CEO and Chairman:

- 1001 Ridge Road, in the amount not to exceed \$12,285.00
- High School and Fine Arts Center, in the amount not to exceed \$10,800.00

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

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

Motion passed.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve payment of 2016-2017 school taxes on 30 Johnson Street in the amount not to exceed \$54,360.93, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella and Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

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

Motion passed.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve the proposal to purchase three (3) items to organize the tech room and secure all technology equipment, in the amount not to exceed \$1,548.93 as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

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

Motion passed.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve Stohl Environmental for testing drinking water for lead in all school buildings, in the amount not to exceed \$4,270.00, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

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

Motion passed.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to accept the Lumsden & McCormick Annual Audit for the 2015-2016 school year, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

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

Motion passed.

Personnel

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

- Lauren Mohn – K-8 Substitute Teacher – effective 9/1/16
- Mary Girasole – Middle School Science Teacher – effective 9/19/16

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

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

Motion passed.

Anthony DeMarco made a motion to approve the emergency conditional appointment of the following, pending satisfactory background, drug test and fingerprint clearance, as recommended by CEO and Chairman:

- Kelly Lewis – District Substitute – effective 9/26/16
- Elizabeth Schoellkopf – Middle School Science Teacher – effective 11/14/16
- Russell Barnes - Head Boys' Varsity Coach – effective 9/26/16 – stipend \$2,800.00

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

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

Motion passed.

Antonio DeMarco made a motion to approve maternity leave/leave of absence for Andrea Root, Grade 3 Teacher, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. No second. No vote.

Antonio Estrada made an amended motion to approve an extended leave and unpaid leave of absence for the following employee, as recommended by the CEO:

- Andrea Root, Grade 3 Teacher

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

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

Motion passed.

Vendors

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve the following new vendors as recommended by the CEO and Chairman:

- NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) for complete manual, Edition 31
- Reite-Way Refrigeration for maintenance on five (5) coolers and one (1) freezer at the High School
- Mu Alpha Theta – National H.S. Mathematics Honor Society
- The Kavinoky Theatre for show tickets
- Energy Mark, LLC for the K-8 and High School properties for the following proposal:
 - 26-month natural gas sale and purchase agreement
 - 38-month electricity sales agreement

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

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

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve School Specialty for K-8 art supplies in the amount not to exceed \$1,538.91, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

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

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve Renaissance Learning for STAR district licensing renewal in the amount not to exceed \$8,512.70, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

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

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve Erie 1 BOCES for a school messenger/robo calling in the amount not to exceed \$2,946.80, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

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

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve Ferguson Electric for electrical services at the High School in the amount not to exceed \$1,959.00, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

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

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve W.B. Mason for K-8 copier paper in the amount not to exceed \$1,210.00, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

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

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve Triumph Learning curriculum order for grades 7-9 Math and Algebra 1 materials, in the amount not to exceed \$3,274.27, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes

Mr. DeMarco Yes
Mr. Kruger Yes

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve Direct Security Systems for the High School Arts building and back parking lot cameras and two (2) lock boxes for DVR recorders, in the amount not to exceed \$1,247.00, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

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

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve Battaglia & Associates for the 2016 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant application in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

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

Motion passed.

Student of the Month Awards

David Ehrle, K-8 Principal, announced the following awards for September and October 2016:

Kindergarten, nominated by Mrs. Hajduk – Dimitri Rosa
Grade 1, nominated by Mrs. Dake – Saphira Ross
Grade 1, nominated by Ms. Scherf – Adel Munassar
Grade 2, nominated by Mrs. Aldrich – Akeirah Beatty
Grade 2, nominated by Mrs. Aldrich – Bryson O’Brien
Grade 3, nominated by Ms. Lozanovski – Aminah Alagi
Grade 3, nominated by Mrs. McDonald – Mateo Karanovic
Grade 4, nominated by Mrs. Amann – Jawaher Aggi
Grade 5, nominated by Mrs. Winkler – Alyssa Hagelberger
Grade 5, nominated by Mrs. Ptak – William Kruger
Grade 6, nominated by Mrs. Dietz – Jayde Rucinski
Grade 6, nominated by Mrs. Cook – Aminah Hafi
Middle School Math, nominated by Ms. Conley – Danaya Harwell
Middle School Math, nominated by Mrs. Lawrence – Leah White
Math Intervention, nominated by Mrs. Polino – Zainab Ahmed

Math Intervention, nominated by Mr. Flory – Kaliyah Rafeek
Middle School ELA, nominated by Mr. Vitrano – Paige Gritzke
Middle School Social Studies, nominated by Mr. Rupp – Danaya Harwell
Home and Careers, nominated by Mrs. Urbank – Lillia Schmelzinger
Home and Careers, nominated by Mrs. Urbank – Thalia Dejesus
Health, nominated by Mr. Ceccarelli – Katelynn Kruger
Health, nominated by Mr. Ceccarelli – Evelyn Todd
ENL, nominated by Mrs. Meegan – Mana Hassan
ENL, nominated by Ms. Shairi – Shahd Alsanay
Spanish, nominated by Mrs. Rich – Malak Alhobabi
Arabic, nominated by Ms. Ali – Mustafa Ahmed
Arabic, nominated by Mrs. Khoury – Mariya Ahmed
Industrial Technology, nominated by Mr. Reimers – Khalid Saleh
Industrial Technology, nominated by Mr. Reimers – Aiden Jaglowski
Violin, nominated by Mrs. Savka – Suhad Al-Yafeai
Orchestra, nominated by Mr. Struckmann – Hailie Hogan
Art, nominated by Mrs. Pastore – Kaydence Campbell
Art, nominated by Mrs. Pastore – Asiya Abdul-Aziz
Counselor, nominated by Ms. Boals – Madison Stevens
Counselor, nominated by Mrs. Wurl – Rylie Epps
Physical Ed., nominated by Mr. Mondello – Omar Sheppard
Physical Ed., nominated by Ms. Turner – Diana Shairi
Physical Ed., nominated by Ms. Turner – Thalia Dejesus
Teacher’s Choice, nominated by Mrs. Setter – Erica Kreuder
Teacher’s Choice, nominated by Mrs. Romance – Mustafa Ahmed

The Board and audience congratulated the winners.

David Ehrle, K-8 Principal introduced Suhad Al-Yafeai, grade 3 violinist, to play a serenade for the Board and audience.

Public Participation

Questions from the public were heard and answered.

Adjourn

Suzie Mazella made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by

Lynda Spahr, Clerk for GCCS Board of Trustees

Approved by

William Kruger, Secretary