

Global Concepts Charter School
Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting
October 25, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.
Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Global Concepts Charter School was held at Global Concepts Charter High School, 30 Johnson Street, Lackawanna, New York 14218, and called to order by Dawan Jones at 7:00 p.m.

A moment of silence was observed for fallen Buffalo Police Officer Craig Lehner, his family, and the Buffalo Police Department. We stand in solidarity and unity.

A quorum was established by roll call:

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

Excused: Suzie Mazella

Absent:

Other Attendees: Tracy McGee, CEO
Liz Mastromatteo, High School Principal
Jack Turner, K-8 Principal
Lynda Spahr, Board Clerk

New Business

Principals' Reports

Liz Mastromatteo, High School Principal, stated that they continue to enroll new students. We will be full in grades 9, 10, and 11.

We had another successful Parent Night/Open House on October 5. We had approximately 60 families attend the event. All of the feedback has been positive.

We held our first ever substitute teacher fair on Wednesday, October 18.

Our ELL students went on a field trip to YMCA Camp on October 4. They learned about everyday life, and culture.

SATs were successfully administered. We had approximately 35 people show up.

Our sophomores and juniors participated in the PSATs.

The WNY College Consortium was here on Tuesday, October 10. Over 15 colleges from around Western New York were represented.

The high school completed a fund raiser to help the victims of the hurricane in Puerto Rico. We donated over 10 cases of food and water to the Bell Center. We also raised money that will be combined with the K-8 building to send a donation down to Puerto Rico.

The high school senior class worked on fund raising for Sweet Cases, a charity which raises money to help children going into the foster care system.

This concludes my report.

Jack turner, K-8 Principal, started with facilities work. All concrete and parking lot work is complete.

We are over 99% enrollment as of October 25th. Enrollment offers are out to applicants for all open positions.

We successfully hired for all positions and are currently hiring substitutes, an ongoing need.

Reading staff is providing ongoing training for all new staff and support staff (ENL/SpEd).

We are gaining feedback for our new dismissal procedure. We will be making more tweaks as we move into winter.

Athletics

- Modified soccer had a successful season with some big wins over local schools.
- Coaches for Boys and Girls Basketball are in place.
- Our Girls Basketball coaches have put on open clinics for a few weeks to develop camaraderie among the girls.

School Events

- ENL field trip to Camp Weona ¼
- Net Smartz Internet/Tech safety 10/5
- Kindergarten field trip to Kelkenberg Farms 10/19
- Picture Day 10/13
- 8t grade Art Elective trip to Freedom Wall 1-/19
- 7th grade Author presentations 10/18
- Fall Family Reading Night 10/19
- Fire safety with Lackawanna Fire Department 10/20
- Dress Down Day and fundraiser for BPD Officer Craig Lehner 10/25
- Vetrans Day ceremony 11/9
- Kaleida Health coming to speak with Health students 11/13 and 11/14

A group of educators came to the United States. They work in an urban population. They saw a variety of schools. Before they left they raved about Global Concepts for the work we do, especially in Fine Arts.

This concludes my report.

Dawan Jones referenced the statistic of over 99% full enrollment in the K-8 building as of October 25, and added thanks to our parents for making Global Concepts Charter School one of the best in Western New York.

Dawan Jones also noted that the Brazilian Delegation that came to Western New York was so impressed that they are speaking of it everywhere they go. We received a report that this same story went world-wide. Over 30 publications have picked up this story.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to accept the Principals' Reports as presented. Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

A high school student expressed a concern and was answered.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco and William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

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. Anthony DeMarco made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as presented. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Item #3 – Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, Antonio Estrada made a motion to receive and file the Treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Item #4 – Regular Meeting Minutes dated September 27, 2017

William Kruger made a motion to accept the Board minutes for the regular monthly meeting, dated September 27, 2017. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Operations:

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve Renaissance for subscription renewals with professional development for three (3) years in the amount not to exceed \$35,689.65, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve Hanover Insurance Company for a commercial package policy in the amount not to exceed \$11,198.38, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve the following Property Accents snowplowing contracts for the 2017-2018 school year in the amounts not to exceed:

- 1001 Ridge Road – \$13,200.00
- 1159 Abbott Road – \$4,500.00
- Johnson Street, including the Fine Arts Center – \$11,340.00

as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Personnel:

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:

- Seena Salleh – K-8 Special Education – effective October 16, 2017
- Elizabeth Sanderson – K-8 Music Teacher – effective October 30, 2017
- Amy Allegra – K-8 Substitute –effective October 19, 2017

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

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Vendors

William Kruger made a motion to approve the following new vendors, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman:

- Erie County Music Educators Association (ECMEA)
- Association of Math Teachers of New York State (AMTNYS)
- Therapy Shoppe
- Bouncy Bands
- Moving Minds
- Toy Bros Entertainment
- Kaleida Health

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

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

William Kruger made a motion to approve new vendor Kohler Awning, Inc. to recover and install an awning at 1159 Abbott Road in the amount not to exceed \$6,700.00, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco and Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

William Kruger made a motion to approve Northeast Mechanical for replacing three (3) HVAC units at 1001 Ridge Road in the amount not to exceed \$25,400.00, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

William Kruger made a motion to approve Harter Secrest & Emery for legal services / labor relations in the amount not to exceed \$12,174.00, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Student of the Month Awards – Presented by Jack Turner, K-8 Principal

Kindergarten, nominated by Mrs. Dent – Amariana Leonard
Grade 1, nominated by Mrs. Sprowal – Kyrach Campbell
Grade 2, nominated by Ms. Aldrich – Anisa Munassar
Grade 3, nominated by Mrs. McDonald – Halle Sulaiman
Grade 4, nominated by Mrs. Puchalski – Matthew Melendez
Grade 5, nominated by Mrs. Ptak – Logan Rivera
Grade 6, nominated by Mrs. Cook – Afif Ali
Middle School Math, nominated by Mrs. Lawrence – Mutaz Ahmed
Middle School ELA, nominated by Ms. Guarisco – Katrina Racine
Middle School Science, nominated by Mrs. Wisniewski – La’Shya Adams
Middle School Social Studies, nominated by Mr. Rupp – Paige Gritzke
Home and Careers, nominated by Mrs. Urbank – Lilyan Kaid
Strings, nominated by Mrs. Savka – Jady Krone
Physical Education, nominated by Mr. Fregalette – Tyler Giovino
Health, nominated by Mr. Mondello – Brianna Tober
Art, nominated by Mrs. Pastore – Aisha Ahmed
Library, nominated by Ms. Krol – Trinity Dlugosz
Spanish, nominated by Mrs. Rich – James Martin
Arabic, nominated by Ms. Ali – Kayla Buziak
Industrial Technology, nominated by Mr. Reimers – Basem Shamsam and Mohamed Mhgan
Counselor, nominated by Ms. Boals – Mickiah Gemboys
ENL, nominated by Mrs. Meegan – Kaleel Nagi
Math, nominated by Mr. Flory – Miranda Gatzke

Teachers Choice, nominated by Mr. Taub – Jordan Torres

The Board and attendees congratulated the winners.

Additional Information

Public Participation

Questions from the public were heard and answered.

Adjourn

Antonio Estrada made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by

Lynda Spahr, Clerk for GCCS Board of Trustees

Approved by

William Kruger, Secretary