

Global Concepts Charter School
Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting
November 30, 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 High School, 30 Johnson Street, Lackawanna, New York 14218, and called to order by Dawan Jones at 7:10 p.m.

A quorum was established by roll call:

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

Excused:

Absent:

Other Attendees: Tracy McGee, High School Principal/Interim CEO
David Ehrle, K-8 Principal
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

Tracy McGee, High School Principal, referred to his report as presented in the Board packet.

David Ehrle, K-8 Principal, started with the grades K-3 Violin Concert on December 13th. The grades 7-8 Winter Concert is December 15th, and Grades 4-6 Winter Concert will be held on December 20th.

The Scholastic Book Fair runs from December 5th to 9th, with Family Night on Wednesday, December 7th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Our Honors breakfast and assembly are scheduled for December 1st.

This concludes my report.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to accept the Principals' Reports 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. Suzie Mazella made a motion to accept the Secretary'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 #3 – Treasurer's Report

Suzie Mazella presented the Treasurer's report for the period ending September 30, 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 October 26, 2016

Suzie Mazella made a motion to accept the Board minutes for the regular monthly meeting dated October 26, 2016. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. 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 authorize the Board Chairman to make monthly investment allocations to the M&T Securities Investment account for the 2016-2017 school year, as recommended by the CEO and Board 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.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve High School Spanish Department changes 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.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve the Purchase Sale Agreement with 1159 Abbott Road Associates, effective September 30, 2016, for GCCS Corporate/Central offices, per the recommendation of the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by William Kruger. 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 contract with SLR Contracting for renovation work for the Corporate/Central offices, effective November 2, 2016, 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 form a five member committee for exploring the feasibility of expansion or replication. Members of the 'Here We Grow Again Committee' to be appointed by the Chairman. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco and 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 creating a new K-8 ENL (English as a New Language) position, 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.

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

- Megan Jackson – Special Education Coordinator/Teacher – effective 10/28/16
- Elizabeth Schoellkopf – Middle School Science Teacher – effective 11/8/16
- Tracey Simchick – District Curriculum Coordinator – effective December 16, 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.

Anthony DeMarco made a motion to approve Lindsey Grana as long-term Special Education Substitute for Emily Leaderstorf (maternity leave) effective October 5, 2016, 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.

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:

- Lindsey Wisniewski – Middle School Science Teacher M3 – effective 11/28/16
- Kathryn McCarthy – K8 Substitute Teacher – effective 12/1/16
- Tammy Gatzke – K8 Monitor – effective 11/28/16
- Lindsey Delano – K8 Substitute Teacher – effective 12/1/16
- Amy Cristiano – K-8 Substitute Teacher – effective 12/1/16
- Marc Rodriguez – HS Substitute Teacher – effective 12/1/16
- Patrick Quinn – HS ISS Teacher – effective 11/28/16
- Amanda Mills – HS Academic Enrichment Teacher M1 – effective 11/28/16

Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. 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:

- Gabriel Vazquez – DJ for High School dances
- LaGalleria Restaurant – location for High School prom
- Heidi Songs – K-8 small group intervention resources
- El-Don Battery Post– HS batteries

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 PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) for College Boards in the amount not to exceed \$1,279.00, 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 McCandless Marketing for the campaign for Charter Renewal in the amount not to exceed \$2,300.00, 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 motion to approve Kirisits & Associates payment for services in the amount not to exceed \$2,405.00, 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 Booksource for the second grade team book request in the amount not to exceed \$2,264.82, 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 Mollenberg-Betz for K-8 service and labor in the amount not to exceed \$1,052.26, 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 Erie 1 BOCES Participation Charges for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount not to exceed \$35,639.89, 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 Lumsden & McCormick professional service fee in the amount not to exceed \$8,500.00, 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 Heartland Payments System for annual support in the amount not to exceed \$1,545.50, 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 Harter Secrest & Emery for legal services in excess of the retainer in the amount not to exceed \$10,123.00. 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 TC Reading and Writing Project for two (2) Teacher registrations to their Conference, February 20-23, 2017, in the amount not to exceed \$1,600.00, 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.

Public Participation

Questions from the public were heard and answered.

Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Submitted by

Lynda Spahr, Clerk for GCCS Board of Trustees

Approved by

William Kruger, Secretary