

Global Concepts Charter School
Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting
February 22, 2017 – 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 14218, 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 Attendees: David Ehrle, Elementary 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

David Ehrle, K-8 Principal, referred to the Principal's report all Board members received in their packet.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to accept the Principals' Reports 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 #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 Antonio Estrada. 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 December 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 January 25, 2017

Suzie Mazella made a motion to accept the Board minutes for the regular monthly meeting dated January 25, 2017. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. 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 Tri-Delta’s proposal for the 1159 Abbott Road connectivity plan in the amount not to exceed \$25,189.00, as recommended by the Interim 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 CM Communications proposal for data and voice cabling/wiring for 1159 Abbott Road in the amount not to exceed \$3,299.00, as recommended by the Interim 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 Spectrum, formerly known as Time Warner Cable, contract to provide internet band-width and phone service for 1159 Abbott Road for 24 months in the amount not to exceed \$689.99 per month, as recommended by the Interim 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 and file the Memorandum of Understanding from Computers for Children, AT&T. The partnership will allow us to offer STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) programming through a Maker Space Lab to our students. 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 the I-140 Immigration Petition File Form for Chen Zho, High School ENL Teacher, in the amount not to exceed \$700.00, as recommended by the Interim 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 the request to the USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services) for premium processing service in the amount not to exceed \$1,225.00, as recommended by the Interim 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 the H-1B Visa Extension filing fee in the amount not to exceed \$460.00, as recommended by the Interim 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 accept the following resignations as recommended by the Interim CEO and Chairman:

- Walter Johnson – HS Cleaner – effective February 2, 2017
- Madison Cole – HS Math Teacher – effective February 17, 2017

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 appoint Rachael Mulhisen as Long Term Substitute, replacing Middle School Math Teacher, effective January 26, 2017. After 30 days, move to step B1. 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 rescind the appointment of Grace Turner, ENL Teacher, effective January 25, 2017. 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 appoint Grace Turner to Long Term Substitute Teacher, Grades 5-6 ENL, effective January 25, 2017. 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 Interim CEO and Chairman:

- MJC Educational Consultant – working on the distributive leadership model
- Kontro Design, LLC RetroBuffalo.com – for printing Global apparel
- Nick Stevens – consultant for fight choreography, HS play

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 new vendor Firefly Computers for six (6) Chromebooks and additional resources for the High School Literacy Intervention Program in the amount not to exceed \$1,539.00, as recommended by the Interim 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 new vendor Tequipment Incorporated to replace a nonfunctioning Smartboard projector in K-8 room 305, in the amount not to exceed \$1,775.00, as recommended by the Interim 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 the Buffalo Museum of Science for the K-8 Book Fair/Science Family Night, in the amount not to exceed \$1,010.44, to be paid from dress-down money, as recommended by the Interim 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 WB Mason for new classroom furniture for the new ENL Teacher, in the amount not to exceed \$1,266.92, as recommended by the Interim 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 Booksource for three (3) Grade 2 Teacher classroom libraries in the amount not to exceed \$1,706.67, as recommended by the Interim 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.

William Kruger made a motion to approve payment application #2 to SLR Contracting and Service Company for renovations at 1150 Abbott Road. Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

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

Motion passed.

William Kruger made a motion to approve Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for the K-8 summer 2017 curriculum order in the amount not to exceed \$2,586.25, as recommended by the Interim 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.

William Kruger made a motion to approve Jennifer Payne, K-8 Literacy Specialist, for tuition reimbursement in the amount not to exceed \$1,000.00, as recommended by the Interim 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.

William Kruger made a motion to approve Harter Secrest & Emery for legal services in the amount not to exceed \$1,739.00, as recommended by the Interim 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.

William Kruger made a motion to approve Positive Promotions for the 8th grade Acceptance Dinner swag bag items in the amount not to exceed \$1,997.89, as recommended by the Interim 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.

William Kruger made a motion to approve Customink for High School senior hoodies 2017 in the amount not to exceed \$1,993.32, from the Class of 2017 budget, as recommended by the Interim 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.

William Kruger made a motion to approve Canisius College for the High School Graduation Class of 2017 space rental fee in the amount not to exceed \$1,587.80, as recommended by the Interim 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.

William Kruger made a motion to approve School Fix for a High School floor machine in the amount not to exceed \$1,386.21, as recommended by the Interim CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella and Antonio Estrada. 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 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by

Lynda Spahr, Clerk for GCCS Board of Trustees

Approved by

William Kruger, Secretary