



**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
GREENWOODS CHARTER SCHOOL
468 Domino Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19128
December 21, 2017**

This meeting was duly advertised in accordance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Law in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM by Dawn Prall George, who opened the meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
2. **Roll Call.** A roll call of those in attendance was taken. Trustees in attendance: Dawn Prall George, Jen Weikert, Bonnie Emilius, Debi Durso, Reuben Mills (CEO).

Others in Attendance: Jeffrey R. Stacey, Esq., O'Donnell Associates; Leigh Ann Bonck and Jim Cella, Omninvest.

3. Announcement of Executive Sessions

- a. Board Chair announces that an Executive Session was held prior to the start of the meeting in order for the Board to consult with administration regarding filling vacancies in open positions, and in order for the Board to consult with its attorney to receive legal advice regarding potential litigation in connection with special education matters and in connection with labor and employment matters.
- b. Board Chair announces that an Executive Session will be held prior to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

4. Actions Related to Executive Session

- a. *Action.* To approve the Separation Agreement as presented in Executive Session held prior to the meeting. Motion made by J. Weikert and seconded by D. Durso.

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried

- b. *Action.* To authorize the CEO, in consultation with legal counsel, to negotiate, execute, and deliver an Agreement to resolve a special education dispute concerning Student ID #62188, as discussed during the executive session held prior to the meeting of the Board, and to provide for payment of legal fees to The Law Offices of Kenneth S. Cooper, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 within thirty (30) days of invoice for same following execution of the Agreement. Motion made by J. Weikert and seconded by D. Durso

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried

5. Public Comment

- a. *Comment by Liz Kinder; parent* – celebrated the PTA and school administration for the Yule Log celebration. Cited concerns about the Board, cafeteria needs, bathroom issues, silent lunches, staffing changes, and changes to report card comments.
- b. *Comment by Jill Woehrmann; parent* – Recognized Mr. Martin for filling the school with joy and the Yule Log celebration as a beautiful experience for families. Cited concerns about recess and providing students more freedom to play and explore outside.
- c. *Comment by Brianna Kimbrel; Vice-President of GWCS Student Council* – requested a sponsorship and financial support for the 8th grade trip to Hershey Park.

6. Changes to Agenda. Item 9a was moved forward in the agenda.

- a. *Information.* Steve Glueck, BBD, LLP, presented the independent auditor’s report of the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2017.
- b. *Action.* To accept the 2016/17 audited financial statements as recommended and presented by the Audit Committee and BBD, LLP. Motion made by B. Emilius and seconded by J. Weikert.

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried

7. Approval of Minutes

- a. *Action.* To approve the minutes of September 19, 2017 as attached. Motion was made by B. Emilius and seconded by J. Weikert.

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried

- b. *Action.* To approve the minutes of October 23, 2017 as attached. Motion was made by B. Emilius and seconded by J. Weikert.

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried

8. Board Reports

- a. *Information.* Board Chair Report from Dawn Prall George, including the recognition of the Yule Log, the process for registering for public comment and the financial health of the school
- b. *Information.* CEO Report from Reuben Mills, including recognizing the PTA and staff member Julie Vitello for their work with the Yule Log, the renewed relationship with the Schuykill Center for Environmental Education and a visit from State Representative Pam DeLissio.
- c. *Information.* PTA report from Jen McClaren, including recognition of the Yule Log success, the final profit from the Silent Auction, and approved teacher grants.
- d. *Information.* GWFEE report from J. Weikert, including grant opportunities and an update on the spring Golf Outing.
- e. *Information.* Board Governance report from J. Weikert, including the vetting of seven potential Board Candidates.
- f. *Information.* Finance Report from Leigh Ann Bonck and Jim Cella of OmniVest.
- g. *Information.* Report from counsel, Jeffrey Stacey.
- h. *Action.* To approve the reports in 8(a)-8(g) above, as stated at the meeting and/or as attached. Motion made by D. Durso and seconded by J. Weikert.

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried

9. Other Matters/New Business

- c. *Action.* To ratify and/or authorize the employment of new hires in the positions and at the salary levels as indicated in schedule presented to the Board by the CEO. Motion made by J. Weikert and seconded by B. Emilius

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried

10. Adjournment

- a. *Action.* To adjourn the meeting. Motion made by D. Durso and seconded by J. Weikert.

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.