



**Minutes of the PUBLIC MEETING of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
GREEN WOODS CHARTER SCHOOL
468 Domino Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19128
January 17, 2019 7:30 PM**

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

1. **At 7:31 PM, the meeting in the school cafeteria was called to order by Chelsea Badeau and followed by a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and of Green Wood's Mission Statement.**
2. **Roll Call** J. Stacey, counsel, took roll call. Trustees in attendance: Chelsea Badeau, Deena Benner, Heather Cowley, Kristin Haskins-Simms, Meg Perillo and Richard Chapkis. A quorum was present.
3. **Announcement of Executive Sessions**
 - a. The Board Chair announced 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 labor and employment matters, special education matters, and other possible legal issues.
 - b. The Board Chair announced that an Executive Session will be held prior to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting – February 21, 2019.
4. **Changes to Agenda**
 - a. There were no changes to the agenda.
5. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. *Action.* To approve the minutes of the public meeting of December 20, 2018 as presented to the Board. There was no discussion. Motion made by D. Benner and seconded by K. Haskins-Simms.
Vote: 6 in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
6. **Updates and Reports**
 - a. *Information.* Board Chair Report from Chelsea Badeau. Welcomed all back from winter break, congratulations on the birth of a staff member's baby and condolences for the loss of another's son, a GW alumnus. Two candidates have moved forward in the CEO search process. Science fair presentations were great – an event before the formal board



meeting. All budgeted roles available for stipends as budgeted have been posted or filled for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year. This was a part of the work earlier in the year on creating a salary scale for staff. The school audit documents were submitted as required. Deena and Kristin are working with Bobby Saccone on the annual Golf Outing – this year on June 8.

- b. *Information & School Report* from Stephani Finnin, Principal. Thanks to Chris Young for his support for science fair, 7 students moving on to Carver Science Fair. A number of events are upcoming and on the calendar. 1st floor is being made sensory friendly. A new arrival procedure has begun, emails with information has been sent to all. The PSSA math after school program has been postponed and will begin mid-February for 4-8 grade students who scored Basic or Below Basic on last year's PSSAs. A Mural Arts Program project is be underway thanks to the work of art teacher Ms. Mosbrugger. Applications for admission are open via Apply Philly Charter with a high number of applications. Safe 2 Say program, mandated by the Commonwealth, has been announced to all and is underway.
- c. *Information*. PTA report was read by H. Cowley from PTA President Jennifer McClarren. They are still looking for volunteers to be classroom communicators on behalf of the PTA.
- d. *Information*. Board Governance report from R. Chapkis. The committee is still seeking both potential Board members and committee members for the Advisory Committees. In addition, work is underway reviewing school policies.
- e. *Information*. Finance Report from Omnivest and Meg Perillo. Budget is doing well, as finances remain on track. A Ready to Learn Grant was received, and the funds assist in offsetting the costs of the Journeys ELA curriculum. An e-Rate proposal was submitted for IT Services.
- f. *Information*. Report from Counsel, Jeff Stacey. Legislation in the PA General Assembly would solidify the funding for charters avoiding mid-year School District Adjustments.
- g. *Information*. Report on Outdoor Space Planning from Heather Cowley. Property review is complete and continuing to work with the Philadelphia Water Department to understand restrictions about space usage under stormwater rules and permit.
- h. *Action*. To approve the reports in 8(a)-8(g) above, as stated at the meeting and/or as presented to the Board.
Discussion: none. Motion made by R. Chapkis and seconded by K. Haskins-Simms.
Vote: 6 in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

7. Other Matters/New Business



- a. *Action.* To approve the school calendar as presented to the board by the school Administration. Discussion: school will start the Tuesday after Labor Day. Motion made by K. Haskins-Simms and seconded by D. Benner.

Vote: 6 in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- b. *Action.* To approve the new hire, staff promotions and stipends as indicated in the attachment presented to the Board. Discussion: at this time there is only one vacancy – the Spanish teacher. Motion made by Cowley, seconded by D. Benner.

Vote: 6 in favor, none opposed. Motion carried

8. Public Comment

- a. One individual registered for public comment: Timothy Grier.
 - Mr. Grier spoke of his personal concerns around how the No Place for Hate Program was introduced, his belief that the Board is in violation of the school's Civility Policy, and demanded the resignation of all Board Members and informed Mr. Chapkis that he should resign if the others stay.

9. Adjournment

- a. *Action.* To adjourn the meeting. Motion made by K. Haskins-Simms and seconded by H. Cowley. **Vote: 6 in favor, none opposed. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.**