



**Minutes of the PUBLIC MEETING of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
GREENWOODS CHARTER SCHOOL
468 Domino Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19128
October 18, 2018 7:30 PM**

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

- 1. At 7:36 PM, the meeting was called to order by Chelsea Badeau and followed by a recitation of Green Wood’s Mission Statement.**
- 2. Roll Call** The Board Chair took roll call. Trustees in attendance: Chelsea Badeau, Heather Cowley, Debi Durso, and Meg Perillo. Trustees absent: Deena Benner, Richard Chapkis and Kristin Haskins-Simms. 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 legal issues related to the school programming.
 - b.* The Board Chair announced that an Executive Session will be held prior to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting – November 15, 2018.
- 4. Public Comment**
 - a.* There was one individual registered for public comment, but after the Board Chair called the name, the individual was not present.
- 5. Changes to Agenda**
 - a.* There were no changes to the agenda.
- 6. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Action.* To approve the minutes of the public meeting of September 20, 2018 as presented to the Board. There was no discussion. Motion made by D. Durso and seconded by M. Perillo.
Vote: 4 in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.



7. Updates and Reports

- a. *Information.* Board Chair Report from Chelsea Badeau. A CEO search will be starting soon, information will be sent to community. There is now an Outdoor Space Planning Advisory Committee, to begin work soon. Heather Cowley will be chairing it, representatives of staff, parent and the larger community will be assisting. At this time the kick-off for No Place for Hate has been postponed until advice is received from legal counsel due to possible litigation. Stephanie Rehrig has been selected for the position of Special Education Coordinator

- b. *Information & School Report* from Stephani Finnin, Principal. PSSA data was presented at the community meeting before the Board meeting. As was mentioned there, an after-school program will be offered to students to assist with PSSA preparation. There was a presentation from Jason Huber, CEO of Teenagers, Inc. and the founder of the Global Classroom Project regarding a possible trip for some 8th grade students to Costa Rica.

- c. *Information.* PTA report from Michelle Demski. They are still looking for volunteers to be classroom communicators on behalf of the PTA. Silent is Auction December 1, need some sponsors and will need volunteers. Book Fair volunteers with clearances are needed for setup and tear-down and there will be some family nights. Eco Committee ran a work evening at the Schuylkill Center for families which included a dinner afterwards.

- d. *Information.* Board Governance report from Heather Cowley. The committee is still seeking both potential Board members and committee members for the Advisory Committees. In addition, work has begun to review school policies.

- e. *Information.* Finance Report from Meg Perrillo. The school was informed in September that we received a Ready to Learn Grant. On October 19, the enrollment “true up” for the beginning enrollment will be done by the Philadelphia School District. The annual audit will be presented at the November Board meeting for approval and submission to the

- f. *Information.* Report from counsel, Bob O’Donnell. A special education case is in due process and the hearing is scheduled in November. The Philadelphia School District has not moved on any of the charter renewal conditions for about 50 Charters in Philadelphia. Some changes from the Legislature affect high schoolers but not elementary or middle schoolers, and no other legislation is expected before the end of the year.

- g. *Action.* To approve the reports in 8(a)-8(f) above, as stated at the meeting and/or as presented to the Board.
Discussion: none. Motion made by H. Cowley and seconded by D. Durso.
Vote: 4 in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.



8. Other Matters/New Business

- a. *Action.* To amend the bylaws to clarify Board Committees and create Advisory Committees for service to the Board.

Discussion: Proposed amendments were provided to the Board for their review and were read into the record. The amendments clarify the roles of all types of Board committees for Standing, Ad Hoc and Advisory Committees. This is needed so that for many of the committees community members such as parents, staff, and the broader community can serve in committee roles. Motion made by H. Cowley and seconded by D. Durso.

Vote: 4 in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- b. *Action.* To confirm the action taken at the September 20 Board of Trustees meeting approving the creation of four committees as advisory committees under the amended bylaws.

Discussion: Based on the changes to the bylaws, this action clarifies that all committees announced at the last Board meeting are advisory in nature and therefore can include community members such as parents, staff, and the broader community. Motion made by H. Cowley and seconded by D. Durso.

Vote: 4 in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

9. Adjournment

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

Vote: 4 in favor, none opposed. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.