

Board Meeting Minutes
Global Community Charter School

Feb 26, 2020

6:45 p.m. – 8:25 p.m. (scheduled 6:30-8:30pm)

Minutes of a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees (BOT) for Global Community Charter School (GCCS) held on February 26, 2020 in the school building at 2350 Fifth Avenue.

JZ noted quorum (JK, MJ, PK, KM, BH, KN in attendance) and called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM

Roll Call

BOT in attendance: James Zika (JZ); Mary Jilek (MJ); Kate McGovern (KM)

BOT by video conference: Peter Kauffman (PK)

GCCS Staff: Bill Holmes (BH); Kristan Norgrove (KN)

Public: Nick Pozek

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

KM moved, and MJ seconded, a motion “to approve Minutes from the January 15 Regular BOT Meeting.” The motion was passed unanimously.

JZ moved, and PK seconded, a motion “to approve Minutes from the February 14 Special BOT Meeting.” The motion was passed unanimously.

Vote on Board Candidate

Nick Pozek expressed his continued interest in joining the GCCS BOT. MJ and KM acknowledged he had completed most of the required application materials and fingerprinting appointment scheduled.

KM moved to select Nick Pozek as a final candidate to the Global Community Charter School Board of Trustees, with a term expiring on 2/28/2023, pending a background check and approval by SED. The resolution approving Nick Pozek will be formally adopted upon SED’s approval. MJ seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Update on Middle School Planning

MJ noted the Middle School Task Force will be meeting the following week to discuss ongoing Middle School planning. The BOT discussed questions and items for the task force to focus on in the session.

BH provided an update on the Middle School build out plans.

BOT Recruitment Update

KM provided an update on the ongoing BOT member recruitment efforts. The BOT agreed to post a notice on LinkedIn.

Fundraising Task Force Update

KM provided an update about the latest Fundraising Task Force meeting. BH spoke about recent meetings he had with potential supporters and donors, and plans to offer volunteer opportunities for interested parties to get involved in the school. The BOT should begin preparing their contact lists for Global Tastes and Toasts invites and other fundraising efforts.

Finance Committee Update

BH updated the BOT on Finance reports. The Finance Committee will begin working on the budget for next year, and will soon review and recommend a vote on a gift acceptance policy.

Security Procedures Update

BH updated the BOT on the school visits the GCCS school security focal point has been doing, and the security guard training she attended. BH is getting bids from vendors to improve the intercom system.

Education & Accountability Committee Report

KM spoke with the BOT about the counseling team spotlight at the latest EAC meeting. The EAC is also discussing whether or not to continue using iReady as an assessment tool.

KN gave an update about preparation for the state assessment. She then provided a brief update about the discipline report and school suspensions.

COVID-19 Preparation

The BOT discussed preparations for COVID-19. BH and KN shared steps the school is taking to prepare students, families and staff in case the school is affected or is required to close for any length of time.

Adjournment

JZ adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.

All trustee meetings for the Global Community Charter School are open meetings subject to the NYS open meetings law. While we encourage public participation and provide a designated time for public comment, individuals are limited to two minutes total of public comment each, unless the Board asks for additional feedback. All trustees and members of the public must abide by Global Community Charter School norms around professionalism and civility in their comments, these norms can be found in our school handbook. Complaints against a specific employee or public comments that may reveal confidential information will, consistent with the open meetings law, be handled through our dispute resolution process or may be heard in executive session.