

**Greenville Technical Charter High School  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes**

**October 15, 2024 | 6:00 PM**

The Board of Directors met in person in the Student Success Center, Room 226, of Greenville Technical College, Building 102.

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Chris Loewer, Board Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Greenville Technical Charter High School Board of Directors to order at 6:00 p.m. Board Members present in person were Ms. Mary Brantley, Mr. Chad Davis, Mr. Bob Ground, Mr. Chris Jonker, Ms. Jennifer Medlock, Mr. John Molloy, Ms. Uta Samuel, and Ms. Chandra Snyder; Dr. Rhonda Gregory, Principal; and Dot Fetters, Board Clerk, were also present. Ms. Brittany Scott was absent. Mr. Loewer stated that a quorum was present to vote.

**READING OF GTCHS MISSION STATEMENT:**

The school will provide equitable opportunities for all students to acquire an education that prepares them to be productive citizens, critical thinkers, and part of a global workforce utilizing employability skills.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Chairman requested the approval of the minutes for the September 17, 2024, regularly called meeting. Meeting minutes were distributed on October 2, 2024. Mr. Brantley moved to accept the September 17, 2024, minutes, which Mr. Davis seconded. Motion to approve the minutes carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC INPUT SESSION:**

No public input

**HIGHLIGHT:**

No highlight

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:**

Bethany Kern and Rachel Martin from AtchleyWhite + Associates reported via Zoom:

- Rescheduled Fall Showcase to November 20, 2024
- Working with Dr. Gregory on a scholarship initiative
- Making inroads—3-5 meetings for sponsorship in the next few weeks
- Reminder of the Village Engage event

**GTCHS REPORTS:**

**Principal's Report** - Dr. Gregory presented the Principal's Report.

Hurricane Helene

- 1 day of E-learning (4 remain for year)
- 5 days of school closure
- GTCHS has joined with other school systems in our state to ask the legislature to forgive the days missed due to the hurricane. While official action will not take place before the SC legislature convenes in January 2025, we are confident that our state officials will be supportive of waiving these days.
- School Events—Implications

- Updates to school events were sent in the Weekly Warrior
  - Warrior Week, Murder Mystery, Fall Dance, Fall Showcase, NHS Induction, Athletic events, play-off dates, etc. all rescheduled.

### October Spotlight

- Students met via Zoom with Kyshona Armstrong after missing two virtual practices due to the hurricane. Students started singing and composing the song that they will sing at the Faith & Justice Forum sponsored by Village Engage.
- Remember why we do what we do.

### Development Progress

- Annual Campaign Donations & Pledges: \$26,184
- Annual Campaign Parent Participation: 12%
- Parent In-Kind Donations: \$7,167
- Grants
  - Applied: ScanSource Community Foundation
  - Upcoming: Hollingsworth Funds; Appalachian Regional Commission; Greenville Women Giving; and more

### Instruction

- Preliminary SLO Meetings completed
- Teacher Observation cycles scheduled
- PD Day–10/14
  - Teacher and Admin led Professional Development
  - Teacher driven and selected
  - School report card celebration, review, and reflection. Goals for 2024-25
- State Report Card
  - 83 - Excellent
  - Outperformed Brashier Middle College and Greer Middle College in 3 of 6 categories; BMC and GMC do not have a Multilingual cohort, which increases their scores in the other areas overall.
  - Outperformed GREEN Upstate High School in 6 of 6 categories
  - Outperformed the district and state averages in 6 of 6 categories
- Testing still on schedule
  - PSAT, WIN retakes, ASVAB, and Accuplacer - 10/25/2024
- Additional Friday work session offered to assist students after closure
- Extended 1st Nine Weeks due to closure
- Results Quarter 1
  - 27 students formally on caseload for Tier 2 or Tier 3 support
    - 11 of these 27 have a 504 or IEP
    - Last year, 30 students on caseload
  - 81 of 530 students are in danger of failing a class
    - 57% are failing one course
    - 43% are failing 2 or more courses
  - Last year 91 students failed one or more courses at the end of 1st Nine Weeks
  - 70 students have attended Friday work sessions

## Opportunities for Growth

- School Finance and Facilities
- Strengthen relationship with stakeholders at GTC
- Prioritizing Classroom Observations
- Building capacity for decision-making in leadership team

## Facilities

- SLC Leak
- Building 120 Roof Project
  - Extended due to the hurricane. New projected end date is 10/25/2024
- Building 120 Project–first virtual meeting with SCDE Office of School Facilities
- Multiple Black Box and Gym Rentals–rescheduled
- Final Quotes for Building 120 Access Project
  - Facilities Committee Meeting next week
- Ongoing repairs for SLC-HVAC and items needed from Fire Inspection
  - Meeting rescheduled after hurricane to do a needs assessment and cost analysis

## Finance

- Cash Balances as of September
  - School Operating: \$ 691,470
  - HomeTrust Capt. Campaign \$ 62,667
  - Reserve: (CD earning 5.15% for 9 mon) \$1,046,263
  - SC Local Govt Investment Pool \$ 707,141
  - Endowment: \$ 506,188
  - Loan Payment (P&I): \$ 38,000
  - Loan Balance Outstanding \$6,796,437
  - Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit \$2,200,000

## Upcoming Events

- October 16, 2024: Village Engage (Faith & Justice Forum Event)
- October 17, 2024: Student Led Conferences/ College and Career Fair
- October 22, 2024: International Culture Night
- November 8-15, 2024: Warrior Week (rescheduled)
- November 15, 2024: Warrior Madness at 6:00 p.m. at the GTCHS SLC
- November 20, 2024: Fall Showcase (rescheduled)
- November 22-23, 2024: Radium Girls play

**Chairman’s Report:** Chris Loewer reported. Mr. Loewer has been meeting with Dr. Gregory each month. Reminder: Mr. Loewer asked all board members to donate to the Annual Campaign.

**Executive Committee Report** - Chris Loewer reported. No report.

**Finance Committee Report** - Chad Davis reported. No meeting due to conflicts. Rescheduled meeting on Thursday, October 17, 2024.

**Secretary’s Report** - Uta Samuel reported. No report.

**Administration/Governance Committee** - Bob Ground reported. The Committee met and recommended several policies that are short and required. The Student Use of Cell Phone Policy changed very little since GTCHS was already closely aligned to the new state law. The Committee is recommending an adjustment to the Student Handbook to match the recommended Student Use of Cell Phone Policy. The Committee revisited the Release Time Policy and is recommending a policy that if the administration can accommodate it, then students will be allowed to attend Release Time. This policy applies to any religious group. The Committee is recommending a change to the Procurement Guidelines raising the purchase amount from \$2500 to \$10000 before requiring three bids. The Committee is also recommending that the Procurement Guidelines from 2013 be converted to a policy. Jeff Taylor would review and make recommendations for the Finance and Governance Committees.

**Academic Excellence Committee** - Mary Brantley reported. No meeting and no report.

**Appeals/Grievance Committee Report** - Uta Samuel reported. No appeals or grievances.

**Facilities Committee (Maintenance and Supervision) Report** - Chris Jonker reported. The Committee met a couple weeks ago. The Committee had a Zoom meeting with the Office of School Facilities during the week the school was shut down for the hurricane. A person from the Office of School Facilities will be at the school on Friday, October 18, 2024, to do a walk-through of building 120.

**Development & Endowment Board** - Ms. Medlock reported. No meeting.

**ITEMS REFERRED TO PRINCIPAL FOR REVIEW AND/OR RECOMMENDATION:**

- Mr. Ground motioned to refer to the principal to rewrite the GTCHS Procurement Guidelines. Ms. Brantley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ITEMS PENDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OR BOARD REFERRALS:**

**ITEMS REFERRED TO BOARD COMMITTEES FOR REVIEW OR RECOMMENDATION:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Contractual matter: Ms. Samuel motioned to enter the Executive Session. This was seconded by Ms. Medlock. The motion passed unanimously. Entered executive session at 6:30 p.m.

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

No action was taken during Executive Session. The board returned to regular session at the conclusion of receiving information regarding contractual matters. Ms. Samuel motioned to exit the Executive Session. This was seconded by Mr. Davis. Motion passed unanimously. Executive Session concluded at 6:37 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- The board unanimously approved the Student Use of Cell Phone Policy as recommended by the Governance Committee.
- The board unanimously approved the changes to the Student Handbook, so it matches the new Student Use of Cell Phone Policy as recommended by the Governance Committee.
- The board unanimously approved the Release Time Policy as recommended by the Governance Committee.
- The board unanimously approved to change bid amounts in the "Procurement Guidelines" from \$2,500 to \$10,000.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- November 7, 2024 - Veteran's Day Assembly - at 8:30 a.m. in the GTCHS SLC
- November 19, 2024 - Board Meeting
- December 4-6, 2024 - Charter Alliance Winter Conference - Myrtle Beach, SC

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Samuel and seconded by Mr. Davis. Motion to adjourn carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Mr. Chris Loewer, Chairman  
GTCHS Board of Directors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ms. Uta Samuel, Secretary  
GTCHS Board of Directors