

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
December 14, 2011

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
A public meeting for Graystone Academy Charter School Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 in the Graystone Cafeteria. The meeting was called to order by Ingrid Jones at 6:45 PM – pledge of allegiance followed.
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Roll call was read by Ingrid Jones.
 - b. Present: Ingrid Jones, Lynch Annunziato, Chad Peterson, and Nicholas Lema. Also present: Brian Leinhauser, Solicitor. Not present: Jack Stollsteimer, and Nick D’Alessandro Jr.
- III. Announcements
 - a. Executive Session Notification
 - i. An Executive Session was held on December 14, 2011 to discuss matters related to real estate, litigation, and personnel.
- IV. Approval of the November 9, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes:
 - a. Motion to approve the board minutes for November 2011 made by Lynch Annunziato, second by Chad Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Motion to approve the financial check runs for November 2011 made by Chad Peterson, second by Lynch Annunziato. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. CEO Report: George May
 - i. Enrollment as of 12/14/2011 is 417 students.
 - ii. Completed the RFP Finalization Process
 - iii. Attended CASD Public Hearing on 11/22/2011.
 - iv. Temporary freeze in discretionary spending including tuition reimbursement and “individual teacher” professional development.
 - v. Public Relations initiative will be accelerating next month.
 - b. Principal Report: Marita Barber
 - i. Students have participated in two outreach programs: Operation Gratitude – collection for military and families, and Cans of Caring – can goods collection to benefit local food pantries.
 - ii. Holiday Show is scheduled for 12/15/2011 at 6PM in the school’s multi-purpose room.
 - iii. Professional development was held on 12/9/2011. The professional development enrichment topic was Effective Classroom Management.
 - iv. Future professional development to include corrective action items such as differentiated instruction and data driven decision-making.

- v. School Leadership Team has been formed consisting of grade level representatives, ELL, Special Education, and Specialists.
 - vi. Instructional Support Team meets regularly to provide support and instructional strategies to classroom teachers to effectively support and identify individual students' areas of need and improvement.
 - vii. Progress Reports will be distributed on 12/21/2011 and 1/13/2012; Marking Period ends on 1/24/2012. Report Cards to be distributed on 1/27/2012.
 - viii. Second benchmarking will take place 1/3/2012 through 1/6/2012.
 - ix. PSSA testing window is 3/12/2012 – 3/23/2012
 - x. Terra Nova testing for grades K – 2 has been moved to early May 2012.
 - xi. Notified by PDE that school improvement plan submitted by 6/2011 was officially approved for implementation.
 - c. Financial Report: Ryan Schumm (Charter Choices)
 - i. Experiencing expenditure variances.
 - ii. The budget revision creates a \$10,000 net change.
 - iii. Receiving good faith payments from all six districts.
 - iv. Expenditure increases due to additional litigation expenses.
 - v. Request to the board to explore moving monies to Interest Bearing Accounts and Securing Assets.
 - vi. Motion to accept revised Budget Plan B made by Chad Peterson, second by Lynch Annunziato. Motion carried unanimously.
 - vii. Motion to move money to fully insured account made by Chad Peterson, second by Lynch Annunziato. Motion carried unanimously.
 - d. PTO Report
- VI. New Business
- a. Building Committee Update
 - i. RFP completed.
 - ii. Board shall halt process of securing building until charter appeal process is successfully resolved.
 - iii. Intent to secure building upon successful appeal of charter was made by Chad Peterson.
 - b. GACS 2011 – 2012 Employee Handbook
 - i. Motion to approve the official adoption of the Graystone Academy Charter School 2011 – 2012 Employee Handbook tabled until January Board Meeting.
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Announcement of Meetings:

- a. The next Public Board Meeting will be held on January 11, 2012 after the Executive Session at 6:30PM.
- X. Adjournment
- a. Motion to adjourn Public Board Meeting made by Lynch Annunziato, second by Chad Peterson. Motion carried unanimously. Adjournment at 7:13 PM.