GOODWIN COLLEGE MAGNET SCHOOLS, INC.

Meeting of the Board of Directors
4 p.m., April 20, 2016
Goodwin College Boardroom

Members present – Jackie Jacoby, Merilee DeJohn, Todd Andrews, Mark Scheinberg, and Megan Mehr (by phone)

Members absent – Nilda Perichi, Jerry Emlet

Staff present – Lynn Guerriero, Alan Kramer, Gretchen Goode

Guest – Tara Amatrudo, principal of CTRA

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Jackie Jacoby at 4:01 p.m.

2. Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

3. Consent Agenda

- Merilee DeJohn motioned to approve the minutes of the Feb. 10 GCMS Board Meeting. Todd Andrews seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

4. Business Requiring Action

4a. Approval of Budget for CTRA, ECMS and Senior Academy

CTRA 2016-17 Budget:

- Lynn Guerriero presented the CTRA 2016-17 Budget
    - This year the State imposed caps on the number of magnet school students we could take. This has impacted both schools reaching full capacity and the budget.

- -. This year CTRA will graduate 83 students. State imposed a maximum head count of 463 students at CTRA. If no cap, CTRA would have been around 475
- Committee asked several questions. Merilee DeJohn -asked about increase in insurance liability. Lynn explained that in the past, the cost of the liability insurance was covered under the Goodwin College budget. It is now moved into the CTRA to reflect actual cost. This is also reflected in the increase in the - audit fees.
- Jackie Jacoby -asked about the budgeted amount for Professional Development - Lynn and Tara explained that more professional development will be performed by –in house staff instead of using outside consultants which are more costly.

- A question was raised on Education Consulting fees. CTRA uses CCAT for IT services because CTRA is Apple Based and Goodwin is not. CCAT has 2 full time staff members on sight to deal with all IT Services. They host the CTRA website and service and repair all Apple devices: laptops, smart boards, and provide remote help.

ECMS (Early Childhood Magnet School) 2016-17 Budget:

- Lynn Guerriero presented the ECMS 2016-17 Budget
  - Lynn explained that there are concerns that the State may not continue funding Pre-K programs currently in place. This is something we are watching closely.
  - The MSAP (Magnet Schools Assistance Program) Federal Grant is in its final year and some costs that were previously grant funded were absorbed into the budget.

Senior Academy 2016-17 Budget

- Lynn Guerriero presented the Senior Academy 2016-17 Budget
  - Alan Kramer explained: This program has a smaller budget. In this program, Goodwin brings high school students, who are not in magnet school, to Goodwin to take college classes. Student make up is 50 % Hartford students, the remainder is a mix of East Hartford, Vernon, Rocky Hill, and Wethersfield.

- Todd Andrews made a motion to approve Resolution GCMS 15-02 to approve the 2016-17 Connecticut River Academy Magnet School budget in the amount of $7,234,959. Merilee DeJohn seconded the motion.

Discussion: The wording is to accept the budget based on the current head count. Should the State change the acceptable head count, we can adjust the CTRA budget up or down as needed.

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Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

- Todd Andrews made a motion to approve Resolution GCMS 15-03 to approve the 2016-17 Early Childhood Magnet School Budget in the amount of $6,162,973. Merilee DeJohn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

- Todd Andrews motioned to approve Resolution GCMS 15-04 to approve the 2016-17 Senior Academy Magnet School budget in the amount of $543,040. Merilee DeJohn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

- The Board realized that the Resolutions were misnumbered and should have started with 16 instead of 15 to reflect the year, 2016. Mark Scheinberg made a motion to correct the numbering of Resolutions 15-02, 15-03, 15-04 to 16-02, 16-03 and 16-04 respectively. The motion was seconded by Todd Andrews. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

4b. Approval of GCMS DBA CTRA, ECMS and SA for purposes of opening bank accounts

- Merilee DeJohn motioned to approve Resolution GCMS 16-05 to adopt a trade name and style under which to conduct business, be it: Connecticut River Academy, Early Childhood Development, Early Childhood Magnet School, or Senior Academy for the purposes of opening bank accounts. Megan Mehr seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously**.** (5-0)

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5. Special Reports

5a. Status report from CTRA Principal Tara Amatrudo

- Tara Amatrudo made a presentation on the Connecticut River Academy. CTRA's theme is "contributing to a just and sustainable world." Students learn to demonstrate the school's values of: global awareness, respect for diversity, and the impact of ones actions. She touched on the school's strengths and plans for the future.

5b. Staff reports on status of magnet schools

- Alan Kramer explained that CTRA is in the process of creating the CTRA Manufacturing/Sustainability Advisory Board. This board would consist of members from Pratt & Whitney, DEEP, EPA and other local businesses. They will meet this spring for a tour of CTRA and the Manufacturing Center, then monthly starting in the fall. It was suggested that a student be represented on the Advisory Board.
- Lynn Guerriero reported that the principal search for Early Childhood is underway and final interviews are planned for May.

- Mark stated that in the near future there will be a need to rename the Early Childhood Magnet School as it is no longer just early childhood.

6. Additional Public Comment

- No Public Comment.

7. Board Comments

- No Comment

8. Next meeting

- Next GCMS meeting will be held June 22, 2016 at 4 p.m. in the Goodwin Boardroom
- Next GCES meeting will be held Wednesday, May 11 at 4 p.m. in the Goodwin Boardroom - prior to the Goodwin College Board of Trustees meeting.

9. Adjournment

- Todd Andrews motioned to adjourn. Mark Scheinberg seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously (5- 0)
- Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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