

## **GOODWIN COLLEGE MAGNET SCHOOLS, INC.**

Meeting of the Board of Directors

4 p.m., September 28, 2016

Riverside Magnet School

Conference Room

**Members present-** Jackie Jacoby, Todd Andrews, Mark Scheinberg, Eddie Meyer and Megan Mehr (via phone)

**Members absent-** Merilee Dejohn

**Staff Present-** Lynn Guerriero, Alan Kramer, Angelina Perez-Tejeda

**Guest-** Dr. Jasdeep Singh, Principal of Riverside Magnet School

**Representing the public-** Hera Butt

### **1. Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order by Jackie Jacoby at 4:05 pm.

### **2. Public Comment**

- Hera introduced herself as a Social Studies teacher at CTRA.

### **3. Consent Agenda**

- Mark Scheinberg motioned to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2016 GCMS Board Meeting. Todd Andrews seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously. (5-0)

### **4. Business Requiring Action**

**4a.** Adopt Resolution GCMS 16-06 Corporate Resolution to Elect the Officers of Goodwin College Magnet Schools Inc.

Mark Scheinberg motioned to adopt Resolution GCMS 16-06. Todd Andrews seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously. (5-0)

**4b.** Adopt Resolution GCMS 16-07- Corporate Resolution to authorize the execution and delivery of documents relation to the extension of a letter of credit in connection with Goodwin College Magnet School, Inc.

Eddie Meyer stated he added:

**Whereas**, this Corporation desires to borrow money for working capital and general corporate purpose,

**Whereas**, Goodwin College Educational Services, Inc., in its function as the Sole Member, has approved the incurrence of debt at its annual board meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (Resolution GCES 16-05).

Mark Sheinberg motioned to adopt Resolution GCMS 16-07. Todd Andrews seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously. (5-0)

**4c.** Adopt Resolution GCMS 16-08- Corporate Resolution to adopt an additional trade name.

Todd Andrews motioned to adopt Resolution GCMS 16-08. Mark Scheinberg seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously. (5-0)

## **5. Special Reports**

- **Status report from Riverside Magnet School Principal, Dr. Jasdeep Singh**
  - Discussed the school's development plan and provided members with the Coherence-Framework model. This year there are only two tenure teachers, will be conducting 147 observations. Currently working with staff to form consistent behavior plans for students. Reported that staff are doing a great job, need to build strong systems to support them. The teachers will be attending various professional development trainings. We are working hard this year in setting school wide expectations. There are a total of 395 students enrolled. Enrollment day is October 1, 2016. We are building a stronger whole school culture and have instituted meeting as a school each Monday morning. The Reggio theme will get incorporated into all grade levels although it will look different in the upper grades. Teachers are using the Reggio model and incorporating it to regular practice at all grades.
- **Staff Reports on enrollment and status of Magnet Schools**
  - Alan Kramer stated the state will no longer fund the Senior Academy because of budget cuts, 120 students were enrolled before funding was cut. State Department of Education will be cutting our Magnet school operating grant by a maximum of 6.5%. This will require us to increase the local tuition charged to our surrounding districts. CTRA hired manufacturing teacher/theme coach and he is developing the curriculum for manufacturing at CTRA. The sustainability theme approved by the state which incorporates the environmental theme and manufacturing. Every CTRA student will have an introductory course in manufacturing. Three courses under development from 10<sup>th</sup> grade that can be taken on as an elective. We are currently doing outreach to middle schools and high schools. The manufacturing van has gone out to about a dozen schools. Lynn Guerriero stated a new grant for an after school program was submitted. The program is geared towards college readiness, such as SAT prep. We believe

our students can benefit from the SAT prep because scores need to improve. Lynn Guerriero reported enrollment was 25.6% compliant at the Riverside Magnet School with a 395 student head count. Freshman class at CTRA has 132 students, the largest so far. There are 455 students overall at CTRA and our compliance ratio is about 37%

- **Construction of the new Riverside Magnet School**

Lynn Guerriero discussed how parents need to see plans so they can see it is real and it will help with retaining students. Poster boards of school's design will be put up in schools.

Maps and plans were distributed to members of the board. Todd Andrews described different areas of the new building for the Riverside Magnet School. Todd discussed the plan of incubating another grade in the fall for a year. A structure will be built near the existing 29 Willowbrook Building pending approval.

Planning to incubate high school Advanced Manufacturing in an existing building at Pent Road. We are in the process of designing. The permanent annex building will be adjacent to the current Pent Road building.

- **Letter of Title Change**

Todd Andrews stated a letter was provided to the board members in regards to the title change of the Chief Financial Officer to Vice President of Finance. This position is currently held by Edwin Meyer.

## **6. Approval of schedule of regular Board Meetings dates for 2017**

- February 8, 2017
- April 19, 2017
- June 21, 2017
- September 20, 2017

## **7. Adjournment**

- Todd Andrews motioned to adjourn. Megan Mehr seconded the motion. Motion was passed (5-0).
- Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.