

**GOODWIN UNIVERSITY MAGNET SCHOOLS, INC.**

**Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 3:00pm**

*Virtual meeting through Zoom due to COVID-19*

**Members present-** Eddie Meyer, Jackie Jacoby, Mark Scheinberg, Megan Mehr, Merilee DeJohn, Todd Andrews

**Members absent-** N/A

**Staff Present-** Dan Carroll, David Daye

**Guests-**Christina Zlatin -Middle Program Principal, JT Foster- CTRA Principal, Tonja Kelly- Riverside Magnet School Principal

**Representing the public-** None

**1. Leadership Introductions –**

- Principals from Magnet Schools introduced themselves and spoke on their focus for the upcoming school year.
  - CTRA principal- JT Foster
  - CTRA Middle school- Christina Zlatin
  - RMS Principal- Tonja Kelly

*Guests left meeting and Board continued with meeting agenda.*

**2. Call to Order –**

The meeting was called to order by Jackie Jacoby at 3:12pm.

**3. Public Comment-** None

**4. Consent Agenda**

***a. Approval of GUMS Board Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2020***

- Todd Andrews motioned to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2020 GUMS Board meeting. Megan Mehr seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously. (6-0)

**5. Business Requiring Action-**

*a. None at this time*

## **6. Special Reports-**

### ***a. Falling Re-Opening Plan***

- Week of June -29 July 3<sup>rd</sup> the State came out with templates for the reopening of schools. LEARN and Goodwin University Magnet School Staff started working with parents, and teachers to start creating a plan.
- Dan Carroll mentioned that three program teams were created to help with these re-opening plans. A school based team, a Goodwin University District team, and a LEARN school districts team. Each team has hosted several meetings.
- Within these teams, there are areas of discussion such as transportation, PPE, Isolation rooms-(I.H.S.), Health services, Instructional plans/Academics, and cleaning plans/schedules/needs.
- Financial plans are due: July 17, 2020.
- Re-opening plans are due to State dept. of Ed: July 24, 2020.

### ***b. Updates on Middle School***

- The magnet schools hosted a virtual open house on June 18, 2020. Staff members have been keeping in touch with families by connecting through one on one calls with families.
- Team/Staff members meet every Tuesday to discuss the Magnet School Re-opening plan. On track to open successfully and operations are in place.
- LEARN has given us equipment and furniture for the middle school.
- The middle school will be hosted in Building 195 on our University campus.

### ***c. LEA Status, CARES Act Funding***

- While the federal CARES Act is providing funding to State's and local school districts, because Goodwin is not recognized as an LEA, we were not eligible for direct funding. SDE recognizes this as part of our overall LEA issue. However, not all is lost, we have requested CARES Act funding from other discretionary sections of the CARES Act through both SDE and the Governor's office to replace what we could have received in direct funding. We estimate our funding could have been in the range of \$300,000 – \$500,000. Todd has had direct conversations with SDE about this and has been assured they are working on it.

- Special Grant from SDE: We received an opportunity from SDE in late May to apply for funding that we would use to begin preparations for the next school year including distance-learning materials, software, Wi-Fi hotspots, computers, PPE, renovations to meet social distancing requirements, shields, cleaning supplies, materials, etc... In early June, we were awarded a \$434,000 grant, which has to be spent by July 31. This was welcome news and we are vigorously spending this money.

#### ***d. Craig Transition Plan***

- Todd and HR Dept. are working together to write up a job description and plan to post online to fill Superintendent position. Plan to send along to GUMS for approval before posting.
- Todd had a call with Fran Rabinowitz (head of superintendents)
- Made adjustments to staff:
  - Dan Carroll and David Daye being delegated work temporarily
  - Ali Welcome working on reopening for magnet schools
  - Amy Rodriguez helping Dan & David with admin support
  - Todd Andrews working with Office of Higher Ed on certifications
  - Deanne Anderson working on THINK College program
  - Jill Brown started back July 6<sup>th</sup> to operate Kid Care program

#### ***e. Staffing Resources***

- See Craig's Transition Plan

#### ***f. Lottery Enrollment***

- David reported that we are still in the registration process for the lottery right now. In Round 4 currently, round 5 coming up.
- 273 seats were offered in the first session. 97% accepted. We are over 130 currently, but families have been withdrawing bringing our numbers to a flat amount. We can receive funding for 1013 students.
- RESCO puts pressure on registration

#### ***g. UB Opportunities***

- High school on University of Bridgeport campus now. Focus of high school is manufacturing. This is a great pathway for us and early college program opportunities within districts.

## **7. Upcoming scheduled Board Meeting dates for 2020**

September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## **8. Adjournment-**

- Eddie Meyer motioned to adjourn the GUMS meeting at 4:03pm. Merilee DeJohn seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously. (6-0)

Approved as of 12/3/2020