### **GOVERNING BOARD MEETING Minutes**

## 1440 Pelham Rd. Greenville, SC 29615

Tuesday, August 11, 2014

## 6:30 pm at GREEN Meeting Room

-- Board Members present: Akif Aydin, Kadir Yildirim, Baran Menguoglu, Selcuk Filiz

# Meeting Agenda

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Approval of agenda items
- 3. Approval of the last board meeting minutes 5/14/2014
- 4. Approval of new GREEN employees
- 5. Discussion of Financials
- 6. New Board Member Appointment
- 7. Discussion of Construction/Building
- 8. Discussion of the new school site
- 9. Enrollment update
- 10. Public Remarks
- 11. Principal Remarks
- 12. Closure of the meeting

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# **Meeting Minutes**

- 1. The Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m
- 2. Approval of agenda items

Motion: Approve the agenda items (Mr. Yildirim)

Second: Mr. Aydin

Vote: Yea - 4

No - 0

3. Approval of the last board meeting minutes 5/14/2014

Motion: Approve the last board meeting minutes (Mr. Yildirim)

Second: Mr. Akif

Vote: Yea - 4

No - 0

4 . Approval of new GREEN employees

Mr. Dokmeci: We hired additional full time teachers and support staff. We now have 42 full time and 3 part time, totaling 45 staff; 2 Administrators, 28 full time teachers, 1 special Ed. coordinator, 1 speech therapist, and other support staff. Last year we had 24 full time employees.

Motion: Approve the new employees (Mr. Yildirim)

Second: Mr. Aydin

Vote: Yea - 4

No - 0

5. Discussion on Financials and Budget amendment

Mr. Dokmeci presented the financials to the Board for GREEN Charter School. There is a change in funding weighting in SC, starting the school year 2014-15.

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#### **Hold Harmless**

GREEN will have a negative impact with the change in weightings. As of now, the SDE has informed SCPSSD that Hold Harmless will be calculated by comparing the 2014 135-day report with the 2015 135-day report. After the 45-day report this year our district will work with us to try and calculate the Hold Harmless situation. SCPCSD will use carryover funds to assist those schools. SCPCSD will meet with us to address the situation, but we will not have all of the data until after the 45<sup>th</sup> day report.

The other financials

We closed the 2013-14 school year with a surplus.

Motion: Approval of Financials (Mr. Yildirim)

Second: Mr. Aydin

Vote: Yea - 4

No - 0

6. New Board Member Appointment

GREEN Charter School board would like to appoint a new board Member, Gurcan Comert.

Mr. Yildirim:

I am pleased to introduce Dr. Comert. He is an Associate Professor at Benedict College. He received his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering in Columbia, SC. His resume can be found in your folder. His very recent research was in "Simple analytical models for estimating the queue lengths from probe vehicles at traffic signals", Transportation Research Part B, 55, 59–74, 2013. We are delighted to see him in the GREEN Governing Board.

Motion: Approval of the new Governing board member (Mr. Yildirim)

Second: Mr. Aydin

Vote: Yea - 4

No - 0

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### 7. Discussion of Construction/Building

Mr. Dokmeci: We have completed the Phase 2 and now the main building will be in full service for the 2014-15 school year. We expect to receive the CO on August 13th.

#### 8. Discussion of the new school sites

Mr. Yildirim: GREEN Charter School had a very successful year in 2013-2014, and we would like to replicate our school concept at different locations in the State of SC. I would like to appoint Mr. Dokmeci with the task of finding appropriate locations for potential new campuses across the state. We would like him to communicate with the District, DOT, and other authorities to open new campuses in Greenville, Columbia, Charleston, and other possible locations. As board members we will support him in areas where our help is needed.

Motion: Approval of the new school campus project (Mr. Yildirim)

Second: Mr. Aydin

Vote: Yea - 4

### 9. Enrollment

Mr. Dokmeci: GREEN will have K5 - 7th grades in 2014-15 school year. We expect to have 480 students. We hope not to have any enrollment issues. We have more than 100 students on our waiting list.

### 10. Public Remarks

There were no public remarks.

### 11. Principal's remark

Mr. Dokmeci reported to the board:

- The building and the staff is ready for the 2014-15 school year.
- Based on our 2014 PASS math and reading test results, we are the second most successful school in Greenville County and the 19<sup>th</sup> in the state of SC in the Elementary/Middle School category (based on the calculation method used by SchoolDigger.com).
- We have a 20% free and reduced lunch ratio. Our student demographics is expected to be 50% white, 20% Asian, 16% African-American, 10% Hispanic, and 4% multi-cultural.

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12. Closure of the meeting – Mr. Yildirim moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Akif seconded the motion The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.
I acknowledge that these minutes reflect the business of the Board of Directors meeting of
August 11, 2014.