

GOODWIN COLLEGE MAGNET SCHOOLS, INC.

Meeting of the Board of Directors

4 p.m., April 20, 2017

Goodwin College

6th Floor Board Room

Members present- Todd Andrews, Eddie Meyer, Megan Mehr, Mark Scheinberg, and Merilee Dejohn

Members absent- Jackie Jacoby

Staff Present- Lynn Guerriero, Gayle Mulligan, Ali Welcome, Alan Kramer

Guests- Jasdeep Singh, Principal of Riverside Magnet School and Tara Amatrudo, Principal of Connecticut River Academy

Representing the public- none

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Megan Mehr at 4:04 pm.

2. Public Comment

- None

3. Consent Agenda

- Todd Andrews motioned to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2017 GCMS Board Meeting. Eddie Meyer seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously. (5-0)

4. Business Requiring Action

- Lynn Guerriero presented the 2017-18 Budget for RMS and CTRA. Overall enrollment will be increasing by a total of 76 seats between CTRA and RMS. The impact to revenue as a result of enrollment increase is 1.2 M. The decreases to revenue because of the anticipated decreases in SDE cuts to the operating grant and other grant reductions is about \$687K. This is a net increase to revenue of 513K.
- Expenses are up for this year primarily due to contracted salary increases, and benefit costs (15% for medical) there are also staff increases primarily for new programs being introduced at each school. RMS is adding 4th grade and CTRA is adding the new manufacturing program as well as courses to increase rigor in science. A review was done of the individual budget line items and a discussion was had to provide clarification of the various changes to those line items.

- We will be expanding some health services through I.H.S. and the CTRA budget includes an additional counselor. Also, I.H.S. will be working with Goodwin to establish SBHC services through other funding at CTRA and RMS.
- Tara Amatrudo spoke about the key initiatives for CTRA including:
 - SAT preparation for students and professional development for staff members to increase achievement data
 - Strong focus on science courses- starting as freshman through senior year. Adding additional courses such as: Digital electronics, Manufacturing Design, and Intro to Advanced Manufacturing
 - Curriculum review and updates
 - NEASC Accreditation
 - Training and staffing properly for trauma-sensitive situations. Examples include: de-escalation, additional social work support, discipline, and continuing restorative practices
- Jasdeep Singh spoke about the key initiatives for RMS including:
 - Curricular and programmatic support: Instructional core, math, literacy and social/emotional
 - Developing human capital: “grow teachers to grow students”. Specific courses or timeframes per grade. Example: more P.E. for older students, including Spanish in grades Prek-4, developing the flow of curriculum from grade to grade, establishing a “language” that all teachers, parents, and students understand and can be consistent in all grades
 - School Development Plan - Examples: Building a diverse library, purchasing technology- *Chromebooks/iPads for grade 3-4, phonics-class kits, training, and coaching*, literacy instruction- *Daily 5, teacher books and training, classroom supplies*

4a. Resolution GCMS 17-01- Connecticut River Academy SY 17-18 Budget Approval

- Todd Andrews motioned to approve the Resolution GCMS 17-01- Connecticut River Academy SY 17-18 Budget Approval. Merilee Dejohn seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously. (4-0) Mark Scheinberg was not present during motion.

4b. Resolution GCMS 17-02- Riverside Magnet School SY 17-18 Budget Approval

- Eddie Meyer motioned to approve the Resolution GCMS 17-02- Riverside Magnet School SY 17-18 Budget Approval. Merilee Dejohn seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously. (4-0)

5. Special Reports

- **Staff reports on status of magnet schools**
No additional reporting

6. Adjournment

- Todd Andrews motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 pm. Merilee Dejohn seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously. (4-0) Mark Scheinberg was not present during motion.

Approved as of 7/12/17