



**Goodwin University Magnet School, Inc.**

**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 4:00 pm**

**Virtual Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82593862140>

Board Members Present: Jackie Jacoby, Todd Andrews, Eddie Meyer, Mark Scheinberg, MeriLee DeJohn, Lee Housley

Staff Present: Salvatore Menzo, Jessica Gomez-Besdosky, Sarah Burke, David Daye, JT Foster, Kimberlee Matthews, Meaghan Freeman, Tom Lonsdale, Karen Baldwin

Guests Present: Gina Juliano, Liz Gonzalez

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comment

None

3. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of GUMS Board Minutes of October 26, 2023.

**Motion:** MeriLee DeJohn **Second:** Jackie Jacoby

**Vote:** Unanimous approval of the Goodwin University Magnet School System, Inc. Minutes of October 26, 2023.

b. Approval of GUMS Board Minutes of December 20, 2023.

**Motion:** Eddie Meyer **Second:** MeriLee DeJohn

**Vote:** Unanimous approval of the Goodwin University Magnet School System, Inc. Minutes of December 20, 2023.

4. Business Requiring Action

- a. Presentation and approval of the following Goodwin University Magnet School System policies:

Revised Policies

[5002 - Attendance, Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism](#)

[5003 - Bullying and Safe School Climate Plan](#)

[5018 - Non-Discrimination \(Students\)](#)

[5024 - Student Discipline](#)

New Administrative Updates

Overview of recent administrative regulations:

[5009 - Field Trips \(Administrative Regulations & Forms-NEW\)](#)

- b. [Resolution GUMS 24-01 Approval of Goodwin University Magnet School System Policies](#)

**Motion:** Eddie Meyer

**Second:** MeriLee DeJohn

**Vote:** Unanimous approval of Resolution 24-01 Appointment of Officers.

- c. [Presentation of 2024-2025 Academic Calendar](#)

- d. [Resolution GUMS 24-02 Approval of 2024-2025 Academic Calendar](#)

**Motion:** Eddie Meyer

**Second:** MeriLee DeJohn

**Vote:** Unanimous approval of Resolution 24-02 Appointment of Officers.

5. Superintendent and staff update

- a. [District Development Plan](#)

- b. [CTRA High School](#)

- c. [CTRA Middle Level](#)
- d. [Riverside Magnet School](#)

- a. Sal Menzo provided details of our district development plan that were established. Updates are usually provided in the Fall and Spring, which shows growth, and are posted on the website for public view. He also welcomed two new staff members, Dr. Karen Baldwin, our Director for Middle Level scholars, is bringing high expectations and a commitment to inclusive learning. Meaghan Freeman, RMS Assistant Principal, was welcomed and introduced.

Dr. Menzo also provided details regarding PAYCOM, insurance rate and food services. Lastly, they will be starting the hiring process for the new Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources. Christine Pemberton's last day will be February 23rd as she accepted a position closer to home.

- b. Jessica Gomez-Bedosky provided details about the curriculum for each school

CTRA: observes a commitment to curriculum writing among teachers at the high school, with a focus on ownership and collaboration. JT Foster commented holding teachers accountable and having Jessica overseeing everything is aligned.

Middle Level: New teachers are learning and leaning on our instructional coaches.

RMS: Done with ELA curriculum. They will be starting on Math.

She is also working on providing families and stakeholders a description on a website about what they are teaching and what our scholars are learning. Tom is helping with district drive

and slowly importing teachers documents. Teachers will be allowed to edit.

c. Sarah Burke provided details continuing and ensuring consistency on IEP reports.

- Professional development for staff
- Study skills- goals and expectations
- PD on reading interventions
- Celebrating World Down Syndrome (March 21) & Autism Awareness (April 2)
- Helping educators with disabilities
- Hire Special Education Teachers
- Looking into community based experiences for high school scholars

d. David Daye provided details regarding marketing/outreach/ECamp

- Currently we have 1215 scholars.
- December 4th was lottery application opened and have a good amount of applicants
- We are in the top 5 for school choice with the RSCO Process.
- We have 29 applicants for ECAMP
- Launch two new shows on YouTube
  - We are in the process of taping episode three with Dr. Menzo.
  - We are in the process of taping episode two with Elizabeth Horton Sheff and past alumni.
- We had our first alumni event back in December and it was a success. We are having a second event and will ask staff to join in.

6. Next Meeting: ~~April 25, 2024~~

This meeting is postponed. The new date will be May 14th, 2024.

June 20, 2024

7. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm.