



GOODWIN UNIVERSITY MAGNET SCHOOL SYSTEM, INC.

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 4:00PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Jackie Jacoby.

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

Staff Present: Sal Menzo, Dan Moleti, Sarah Burke, Jessica Gomez-Bedosky, Kim Matthews, Meaghan Freeman, Jenna Toner, Gina Juliano, Kevin Skrodzki, Ali Rossi, Tamara Sendewicz

2. Public Comment

Gina Juliano emphasized the work of Connecticut River Academy educators who are going the extra mile out of their way to offer support to scholars and staff. For example, Karen Lapuk, Coordinator of Programs for Multilingual Learners, despite the fact that she was out on medical leave, was actively calling and connecting with Spanish-speaking families, speaking with them about the GUMSS community and its educational opportunities.

Ali Rossi highlighted the new literacy program at Riverside Magnet School, Amplify CKLA, notably how educators have enhanced the curriculum through hands-on activities and exploration to expose scholars to real-world experiences and applications. The Multilingual Learning educators join the classroom teachers to optimize access for scholars who speak additional languages, and they meet each scholar's needs at the level they are in to facilitate growth and development. It is critical to the Reggio Emilia theme for families to be involved in learning, and Project Night is coming up on May 13th at 5:45 p.m. Educators' participation in out-of-school events and committees helps to create optimal learning experiences for students and families, and the time, energy, and passion they put into their teaching is all so that scholars can access curriculum, grow as learners, and thrive as humans.

3. Consent Agenda

Approval of GUMS Board Minutes of January 30, 2025

Minutes of January 30, 2025 were reviewed by the Board as a group. Todd Andrews motioned to approve the minutes. Mark Scheinberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Business Requiring Action

a. GUMS Resolution 25-03 – Corporate Resolution to Approve Goodwin University Magnet School System Policy

Presentation and approval of the following Goodwin University Magnet School System Policy: Policy 5017 - Meal Charging Policy.

Eddie Meyer motioned to approve Resolution 25-03 that approves Policy 5017. Todd Andrews seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Healthy Food Certification (HFC)

- i. Jackie Jacoby read the required vote for participation in healthy food option of HFC, and a motion was made:

Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, Goodwin University Magnet School System, Inc. certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

Todd Andrews motioned to approve the vote as read by the Board Chair. Lee Housley seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous approval.

- ii. Jackie Jacoby read the required vote for combined food and beverage exemptions, and a motion was made:

Goodwin University Magnet School System, Inc. will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example,

soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales.

Todd Andrews motioned to approve the vote as read by the Board Chair. Eddie Meyer seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous approval.

c. GUMS Resolution 25-04 – Corporate Resolution to Approve the 2025-2026 Goodwin University Magnet School System Budget

Sal Menzo presented Attachment A - School Year 2025-2026 Proposed Spending, and thanked Goodwin University Magnet School staff members who were integral to the development of the budget.

Eddie Meyer motioned to approve Resolution 25-04 that approves the 2025-2026 Goodwin University Magnet School System budget of \$30,678,472.73. Todd Andrews seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

d. GUMS Resolution 25-05 – Corporate Resolution to Approve the 2025-2026 Goodwin University Magnet School System Child Nutrition Program Budget

Sal Menzo presented pages 47-48 of Attachment A - School Year 2025-2026 Proposed Spending.

Eddie Meyer motioned to approve Resolution 25-05 that approves the 2025-2026 Goodwin University Magnet School System Child Nutrition Program budget of \$769,508.00. Mark Scheinberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Reminder of Next Meeting

June 18, 2025

6. Adjournment

Lee Housley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 p.m. Eddie Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Meeting minutes recorded by Lexi Kaider.