GOODWIN UNIVERSITY MAGNET SCHOOL SYSTEM, INC.
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Thursday, October 30, 2025 at 4:00PM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Jackie Jacoby.

Members Present: Jackie Jacoby, Merilee DeJohn, Lee Anne Housley, Eddie Meyer (4:10 p.m.), Mark Scheinberg (4:09 p.m.)
Members Absent: Todd Andrews and Megan Mehr

Staff Present: Sal Menzo, Sarah Burke, JT Foster, Jessica Gomez-Bedosky, Gina Juliano, Dan Moleti, Windy Peterson, Kevin Skrodzki and Jenna Toner
Staff Absent: David Daye, Theresa Ekstrom, Travis Miecnikowski, Anja Pennell and Timothy Pivirotto

Guests Presents: Jade Morrison, Emma Murphy and Dr. Jerel Morrison-Cloud

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Jackie Jacoby moved to Item 5a. Student Presentation – Re: Connecticut Forum.

5. Superintendent and Staff Updates

a. **Student Presentation – Re: Connecticut Forum**
Students Jade Morrison and Emma Murphy were present and both scholars shared their experiences and impressions after attending the June 17, 2025 Connecticut Forum, where Barack Obama was keynote speaker.

3. Consent Agenda

a. **Approval of GUMS Board Minutes of June 18, 2025**
Minutes of June 18, 2025 were reviewed by the Board.

Mark Scheinberg motioned to approve the minutes. Eddie Meyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Business Requiring Action

a. GUMS Resolution 25-07 – Corporate Resolution to Elect the Officers of Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc.

Jackie Jacoby noted the Officers of Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. as:

Jacqueline Jacoby	Chair
Megan Mehr	Vice Chair
Todd Andrews	Secretary
Edwin Meyer	Treasurer

Mark Scheinberg motioned to approve Resolution 25-07 that elects the Officers of Goodwin University Magnet Schools, Inc. Merilee DeJohn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. GUMS Resolution 25-08 – Corporate Resolution to Approve Goodwin University Magnet Schools System Policy

Presentation and approval of the following Goodwin University Magnet School System Policy: Policy – 5004 – Restorative Practices Response Policy. This is a new policy. The State has requested that Boards adopt the Restorative Practices Policy. The policy will impact our behavior, attendance and many of the items that we do in a school system, we want to look at them with a restorative practice lens. The district currently utilizes restorative practices in most of our spaces. This policy will work in collaboration with the School Climate Policy that was adopted in May.

Eddie Meyer motioned to approve Resolution 25-08 that approves Policy 5004 – Restorative Practices Response Policy. Lee Housley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Superintendent and Staff Updates - cont'd

Dr. Menzo introduced the board members to the new people who have joined the meeting, Susan Everett, Executive Assistant to Dr. Menzo, Jessica Gomez-Bedosky and David Daye; Kevin Skrodzki, Director of Instructional Technology, Windy Peterson, Interim Director of Riverside Magnet School and Gina Juliano, Union President.

Dr. Menzo shared information regarding enrollment projections. We have exceeded our projection of 1,400 students. We are finalizing the data and we are hopeful that we will have additional students. RiverTech is over enrolled and has not lost a single student since the first day of school. Another RiverTech note, the week of November 17th the freshman class will be signing the last beam that will be installed in the new structure. The steel beam will have their names on it; we will be taking pictures and will be putting the pictures in the lobby when the building opens next year. In case board members have not had a chance to see the building, Sal will add pictures to his November update so that they can see the progress.

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b. District Student Data Presentation

Jessica Gomez-Bedosky presented the District Student Data Presentation. Board members were provided a copy of the presentation prior to the meeting and Mrs. Gomez-Bedsoky walked members through the data points of the district's Smarter Balance Results, the Matched Cohort, PSAT/SAT results and the PK3-10th grade cohort. Jackie thanked Jessica for her informative presentation; no other questions followed.

Dr. Menzo shared that GUMSS will be holding a food drive starting Wednesday, November 5th through Monday, November 17th. We will be distributing bags to families or sending bags home with scholars on November 20th. If families can't come to campus we also have volunteers who are willing to bring it to their homes. We plan to host a similar event in December. Flyers to announce the food drive will be going out shortly. We will make sure they are sent to the board members as well. Our alumni also have an opportunity to donate or participate if they are in need so they will receive a special alumni flyer.

Jackie Jacoby asked Dr. Menzo to let the board know how they can support the food drive. Lee Housley asked if we could share a targeted list of food items and Gina Juliano added that non-food items could be donated as well since SNAP benefits do not pay for toiletries.

Hurricane Melissa - David Daye has reached out to the CREC superintendent to coordinate a plan as to how we could offer assistance. We did let staff know if they have students who have been impacted to please let the school counselor, social worker or psychologist know.

6. GUMS Board of Directors 2025-2026 Meeting Dates

a. January 29, 2025
b. April 23, 2026
c. June 17, 2026

7. Adjournment

With no other business to come before the board. Mark Scheinberg motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. Merilee DeJohn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes Recorded by:
Susan Everett

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