

**Howard Gardner MI Charter School  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 24, 2015**

The Howard Gardner MI Charter School (“HGMICS”) held a Board of Directors meeting on March 24, 2015 at 6:50 P.M. for the public work session and regular meeting at 1615 E. Elm Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania. The following directors were in attendance: Michelene Pagnotti, Amy Kenton, Lou Nivert, Fran Langan, Susan Trussler, and Ellen Yuscavage. Also in attendance were Maria Rozaieski, Brent Pennington, Pam Kobierecki, Renee Dougherty and Maria Diebert. Public attendees were Stacy Nivert, Deanna Leo, Brian Leo and Kristin McCann. Susan Trussler called the meeting to order and presided over the meeting.

Susan Trussler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Roll Call was taken:

Dr. Trussler, President	<u>X</u>
Ms. Pagnotti, Secretary	<u>X</u>
Ms. Yuscavage	<u>X</u>
Dr. Langan	<u>X</u>
Mr. Nivert	<u>X</u>
Dr. Kenton	<u>X</u>
Mr. Speicher	<u>Absent</u>

Administration:

Maria Rozaieski, Interim CEO/Principal (non-voting)	<u>X</u>
Pam Kobierecki, S.I.P. (non-voting)	<u>X</u>
Renee Dougherty, HR Mgr (non-voting)	<u>X</u>
Brent Pennington, Business/Tech Mgr (non-voting)	<u>X</u>
Maria Diebert, Accountant (non-voting)	<u>X</u>

The motion was made by Ellen Yuscavage and seconded by Amy Kenton to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2015 board of directors meeting. All the directors voted yes.

**First Public Hearing on Agenda items only**

Visitors may comment or ask questions pertaining to any items listed on the agenda. Names and residence will be recorded before remarks are made.

<u>Name/home school district</u>	<u>Topic/Issue</u>
Stacy Nivert/Scranton	Lottery
Kristin McCann/Scranton	Lottery
Deanna & Brian Leo/Scranton	School Matters

The financial report as of March 24, 2015 was given by Maria Diebert. The accounts receivable balance is \$181,203.53 and the accounts payable balance is \$46,681.49. The motion was made by Ellen Yuscavage and seconded Amy Kenton by to approve the financial report as presented. All directors voted yes.

Maria Rozaieski gave the following Principal Report:

1. School Matters

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Cyclical Monitoring-Maria is meeting next week to discuss the Special Education monitoring results. The Department of Education will advise if the school is in compliance or if corrections need to be made.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Comprehensive Plan-Maria will be working on revisions tomorrow.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Curriculum Materials-Maria received a quote for a reading series in line with the comprehensive plan to enhance the curriculum.

2. Student Matters

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Reenrollment/enrollment-The re-enrollment and enrollment process is complete. The lottery was held last week and school tours are being given. Every class has a waiting list.

3. Facilities-Two-way radios have been purchased to enhance safety on the playground and in the cafeteria.

Public Comments:

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Deanna Leo asked if the reading materials were for Title I. Maria Rosaieski responded-No, the reading materials are for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade but there is a component for Title I. She is looking into materials for Title I.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Kristen McCann asked if K-4 was continuing next year. Maria Rosaieski responded yes. Kristen suggested the school should survey the parents for feedback while they are still at the school.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Kristen McCann asked how many spots were filled from the K-4 class. Renee Dougherty responded there is a March 25<sup>th</sup> deadline to accept enrollment and there are 3 spots in the Primary class.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Stacy Nivert said there is a perception the waiting list is being manipulated because the lottery process is held behind closed doors. The board should address the enrollment process not being public. She suggested making the process publicly visible.

**New Business**

**Second Public Hearing of Visitors to any school related topics.**

None.

There being no further business, Lou Nivert moved to adjourn the meeting. Ellen Yuscavage seconded and all directors voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelene Pagnotti  
Secretary

**Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at 1615 East Elm Street, Scranton, PA.**