

**Howard Gardner MI Charter School  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 21, 2015**

The Howard Gardner MI Charter School (“HGMICS”) held a Board of Directors meeting on April 21, 2015 at 6:55 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, Lou Nivert, Fran Langan, Susan Trussler, and Ellen Yuscavage. Also in attendance were Maria Rozaieski, Brent Pennington, Pam Kobierecki, Renee Dougherty and Kim Scanlon, Esquire-Oliver, Price and Rhodes. Public attendee was Megan Swann. 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>Absent</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>Absent</u>

The motion was made by Ellen Yuscavage and seconded by Lou Nivert to approve the minutes of the March 24, 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.

Name/home school district

Topic/Issue

The financial report as of April 21, 2015 was given by Brent Pennington. The accounts receivable balance is \$239,660.46 and the accounts payable balance is \$51,398.40. The 2015/2016 school budget was approved by the board in executive session. The motion was made by Fran Langan and seconded by Ellen Yuscavage 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> Classrooms are planning end of the year field trips to Philadelphia and Hershey Park.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Outdoor education for senior, upper and intermediate classes will be held the first three weeks of May.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Jade, Guidance Counselor, is planning a Career Fair on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> The 2015/2016 school calendar is being prepared.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Dr. Curtain from the Department of Special Education reviewed the cyclical monitoring report with Maria. She is pleased with the school. Areas of improvement are the files and special education professional development for the teachers.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> The Comprehensive Plan is being reviewed for what has been accomplished and what still needs to be done.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> All staff have completed mandatory reporter training.

2. Student Matters

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Reenrollment/enrollment-Renee has two more tours. One family is leaving. The spots are being filled with siblings. There are currently 255 students for the next school year.

3. Facilities-Brent Pennington has received three quotes for the door.

**New Business**

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

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Megan Swann/Scranton SD	Parent Forum meeting

Ms. Swann said it has been a tradition for board members to attend one Parent Forum meeting annually. Ms. Swann asked people to submit questions in advance. The board received the list of questions in preparation for the PF meeting. Some board members plan to attend the PF meeting on Thursday.

There being no further business, Ellen Yuscavage moved to adjourn the meeting. Lou Nivert seconded and all directors voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelene Pagnotti  
Secretary

**Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at 1615 East Elm Street, Scranton, PA.**