

## Howard Gardner MI Charter School Board of Directors Meeting July 21, 2015

The Howard Gardner MI Charter School (“HGMICS”) held a Board of Directors meeting on July 21, 2015 at 7:10 P.M. for the public work session and regular meeting at 1615 E. Elm Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania. The following directors were in attendance: Amy Kenton, Lou Nivert, Susan Trussler, John Ruddy, Jane Leslie Alperin and Tim Speicher. Also in attendance were Maria Rozaieski, Pam Kobierecki, Renee Dougherty, Brent Pennington and Kim Scanlon, Esquire--Oliver, Price and Rhodes. Public attendee was Stacey Nivert. Susan Trussler called the meeting to order and presided over the meeting. First, she led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Trussler, President	<u>X</u>	
Mr. Ruddy		<u>X</u>
Ms. Alperin		<u>X</u>
Dr. Langan		<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Nivert		<u>X</u>
Dr. Kenton		<u>X</u>
Mr. Speicher		<u>X</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 Lou Nivert and seconded by Amy Kenton to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2015. 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 SD	Lower lot

The financial report as of July 20, 2015 was given by Brent Pennington. The accounts receivable balance is \$371,594.77 and the accounts payable balance is \$44,294.49. The motion was made by Tim Speicher and seconded by Amy Kenton to approve the financial report as presented. All directors voted yes.

1. School Matters/Policies--Maria Rozaieski gave the Principal's Report
  - a) Parents interested in the lower property toured the property with Maria Rozaieski and Lou Nivert.
  - b) Scams were very successful this year.
  - c) We are in the process of revising the school Parent/Student Handbook and Code of Conduct. Several areas need to be revised and updated.
  - d) Maria Rozaieski and Jade Volchoff attended Student Awareness Program (SAP) training at NEIU.
  - e) The faculty must also begin Suicide Intervention Program (SIP) training in the fall.
  - f) The parent survey has been closed and we are looking at the results.
  
2. Board Items--Susan Trussler gave the report
  - a) Two new board members, John Ruddy and Jane Leslie Alperin were welcomed.
  - b) Officers for the 2015-16 year were elected at the Executive session. Susan Trussler will serve as President, Fran Langan will serve as Vice-President, Lou Nivert will serve as Treasurer, and John Ruddy will serve as Secretary.
  - c) An Ad Hoc Task Force of Board members will explore the implications for the school of the request by a group of parents to lease the lower property in order to open their own private pre-school.

Ms. Nivert questioned when the Task Force would have a recommendation for the Board. Susan Trussler responded that it may take two months before the Board would have sufficient information to make an informed decision.
  
3. Facilities-Maria Rozaieski gave the report.
  - a) Triguard scheduled the door repair today with Brian.
  - b) Quotes will be obtained to fix the grate/drain in the parking lot.
  
4. Other items  
None

**New Business**

**The following policies were approved electronically by the Board of Directors:**

**Approved Resolution of the Kindergarten Program of the HGMICS and guaranteed placement of all 3 year olds when they turn 5 to the Kindergarten Program. The four year old students will remain in place as kindergarten students. The Kindergarten program for the 4 year old students will be self-funded for the 2015-2016 school year.**

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

Name/home school district

Topic/issue

There being no further business, Lou Nivert moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

**Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at 1615 East Elm Street, Scranton, PA.**