

**Howard Gardner MI Charter School
Board of Directors Meeting
June 16, 2015**

The Howard Gardner MI Charter School (“HGMICS”) held a Board of Directors meeting on June 16, 2015 at 6:35 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, Susan Trussler and Ellen Yuscavage. Amy Kenton participated by telephone. Also in attendance were Maria Rozaieski, Maria Diebert, Renee Dougherty 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.

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>Absent</u>
Mr. Nivert	<u>X</u>
Dr. Kenton	<u>via phone</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>Absent</u>
Renee Dougherty, HR Mgr (non-voting)	<u>X</u>
Brent Pennington, Business/Tech Mgr (non-voting)	<u>Absent</u>
Maria Diebert, Accountant (non-voting)	<u>X</u>

The motion was made by Ellen Yuscavage and seconded by Lou Nivert to approve the minutes of the May 19, 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 SD	Lower lot

The financial report as of June 16, 2015 was given by Maria Diebert. The accounts receivable balance is \$61,053.67 and the accounts payable balance is \$26,576.45. The motion was made by Ellen Yuscavage and seconded by Lou Nivert to approve the financial report as presented. All directors voted yes.

Susan Trussler discussed the Mandarin interviews conducted and the candidate selected. The school is participating in a joint grant with the University of Scranton and the Taiwanese government for a Mandarin teacher. There were sixteen candidates and six of the candidates were interviewed by Skype. The candidate was selected unanimously. She accepted the position. The Taiwanese government needs to approve.

Maria Rozaieski gave the following Principal Report:

1. School Matters/Policies
 - a) Reading Competition-A team of nine students placed 6th in an NEIU reading competition. There was only a six-point difference from 1st place.
 - b) Math Competition-Four students participated in a math competition at Marywood University. An 8th grade student was on the 2nd place team and a 7th grade student was on the 3rd place team.
 - c) The Ukulele and Glee Club performed at the Century Club.
 - d) A Career Fair was held on May 27th.
 - e) Field Day was a huge success. It was well planned by the Parent Forum.
 - f) SPBS-The Parent Forum sponsored Mr. Scoops ice cream truck as an end of the year reward for the students.
 - g) The Primary and Upper classes performed classroom plays.

- h) Cross Country Dinner-Two students from this year's team won 1st place. There was an end of the year dinner in the multi-purpose room. Forty students participated and 10 medals were awarded.
 - i) Graduation was held on June 9th. Vince Rizzo was the guest speaker.
 - j) SCAMPS-Students are enrolled in three out of the four programs. SCAMPS are from June 22-July 2 and July 13-July 17.
 - k) The School Parent/Student Handbook and Code of Conduct is being reviewed and revised as needed.
 - l) An alternative plan to PSERS was submitted to PDE for approval.
 - m) The parents were surveyed and Maria will have a formal tally of the survey at the next meeting.
 - n) Parents interested in the lower property toured the property with Maria Rozaieski and Lou Nivert.
2. Board Items-Susan Trussler gave the report
- a) Two new board members will begin their terms in July. John Ruddy is a professor at the University of Scranton with an accounting/finance background and Jane Alperin is an entrepreneur/business person. Susan thanked outgoing board members Ellen Yuscavage and Michelene Pagnotti for their work on the board.
 - b) Meeting Dates-Starting in July the Board of Directors public meetings will start at 7:00 PM on the third Tuesday of the month. Kim Scanlon will advertise the meetings and Brent Pennington will post the meeting dates on the school's website.
3. Facilities-Maria Rozaieski gave the report.
- a) Triguard scheduled the door repair today with Brian.
 - b) Roto Rooter will be cleaning a grease trap.
4. Other items
- a) Stacy Nivert said a group of parents toured the lower property to assess the condition of the buildings for a potential STEM focused high school. Their next step would be to find someone to do a grass roots feasibility study to determine demand and what the school would look like. Ellen Yuscavage mentioned the group was supposed to submit a proposal to the board in writing. Stacy Nivert

said they are working on a proposal. Stacy Nivert asked for help from the board. Susan Trussler did not feel it was appropriate for the board to be involved at this point.

New Business

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

None

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. Ellen Yuscavage seconded and all directors voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelene Pagnotti
Secretary

Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at 1615 East Elm Street, Scranton, PA.