The Genesee Community Charter School
Board of Trustees
Education Governance Council
Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2018
Held at Triline Automation, 1000 University Ave

Members Present: Michelle Burack, Christopher Dolgos, Michele Hannagan, Nathan Hayes, Shannon Hillman, Marcia Joy, Jessica Nordquist, Jack Peltz, Mark Schiesser, Sherita Traywick, Annemarie Wess
Bold/BOT non-voting

Members Absent: Larry Coley, Jennifer Elahi, Molly Snell-Larch, Kevin Sutherland

Legal Counsel Present: George DesMarteau

Invited Guests Present: Maureen Milke

Meeting called to order by Mark Schiesser at 5:35PM

Board Business
Mark reviewed the proposed agenda for the meeting, namely to elaborate the issues underlying the split vote for Board President, discuss how these disagreements may have arisen, elaborate on the concerns that Jack Peltz and Mark had expressed regarding the others’ candidacy for presidency, and engage in solutions-oriented dialog as a group to delineate next steps. He proposed deferring a vote for the President role until the October 10, 2018 meeting.

Motion 181001.1_EGC
Upon motion of Jessica Nordquist, and duly seconded by Michelle Burack, RESOLVED, that the group discussion be open to public input.

Voting in the affirmative: Michelle Burack, Christopher Dolgos, Michele Hannagan, Nathan Hayes, Shannon Hillman, Marcia Joy, Jessica Nordquist, Jack Peltz, Mark Schiesser, Sherita Traywick, Annemarie Wess

Voting in the negative: None

Abstaining: None

Motion 181001.1_EGC passed 11 to 0

Motion 181001.1_BoT
Upon motion of Jessica Nordquist, and duly seconded by Michelle Burack, RESOLVED, that the group discussion be open to public input.

Voting in the affirmative: Michele Hannagan, Nathan Hayes, Marcia Joy, Jessica Nordquist, Jack Peltz, Mark Schiesser, Sherita Traywick, Annemarie Wess

Voting in the negative: None

Abstaining: None

Motion 181001.1_BoT passed 8 to 0

Sherita explained that her motivation for nominating Jack as president stemmed from interest in having a school parent in a leadership role, rather than concerns about Mark’s performance in the role. Some
board members expressed that some decisions felt rushed, with outcomes seeming to be pre-
determined, which created an undercurrent of tension and feelings of imbalance of power. The need to
balance time constraints (especially for urgent matters or tasks with deadlines) with the need for due
diligence was acknowledged. Opportunities for board development were highlighted, including
operational concerns (scope of board role, delegating detail work to committees, with reporting back to
the full board) as well as board climate (process of decision-making, how different viewpoints are
engaged, impact of privilege on considerations impacting everyone at the school). Tensions arising from
specific decisions that arose in the context of Dr. Wing’s retirement were discussed at length. An
onboarding process for new Board members was discussed, as well as preliminary discussions of a Board
retreat. Legal Counsel provided suggestions, including operationalizing elements of the agenda process
to improve board member engagement as well as timely sharing of meeting materials in advance of the
meeting for board member review. Shifting elections to spring could also help de-compress the fall
meetings in which a number of required items are typically slated annually.

**Executive Session**

**Motion 181001.2_EGC**

Upon motion of Jack Peltz, and duly seconded by Sherita Traywick, RESOLVED, that the Board move into
Executive Session to discuss a topic pertaining to contract negotiation.

**Voting in the affirmative:** Michelle Burack, Christopher Dolgos, Michele Hannagan, Nathan Hayes,
Shannon Hillman, Marcia Joy, Jessica Nordquist, Jack Peltz, Mark Schiesser, Sherita Traywick, Annemarie
Wess

**Voting in the negative:** None

**Abstaining:** None

**Motion 181001.2_ECG passed 11 to 0**

**Motion 181001.2_BoT**

Upon motion of Jack Peltz, and duly seconded by Sherita Traywick, RESOLVED, that the Board move into
Executive Session to discuss a topic pertaining to contract negotiation.

**Voting in the affirmative:** Michele Hannagan, Nathan Hayes, Marcia Joy, Jessica Nordquist, Jack Peltz,
Mark Schiesser, Sherita Traywick, Annemarie Wess

**Voting in the negative:** None

**Abstaining:** None

**Motion 181001.2_BoT passed 8 to 0**

**Adjourn from Executive Session**

**Motion 181001.3_EGC**

Upon motion of Michele Hannagan, and duly seconded by Sherita Traywick, RESOLVED, that the Board adjourn
from Executive Session and return to open meeting.

**Voting in the affirmative:** Michelle Burack, Christopher Dolgos, Michele Hannagan, Nathan Hayes,
Shannon Hillman, Marcia Joy, Jessica Nordquist, Jack Peltz, Mark Schiesser, Sherita Traywick, Annemarie
Wess

**Voting in the negative:** None

**Abstaining:** None

**Motion 181001.3_ECG passed 11 to 0**
Motion 181001.3_BoT
Upon motion of Michele Hannagan, and duly seconded by Sherita Traywick, RESOLVED, that the Board adjourn from Executive Session and return to open meeting.

Voting in the affirmative: Michele Hannagan, Nathan Hayes, Marcia Joy, Jessica Nordquist, Jack Peltz, Mark Schiesser, Sherita Traywick, Annemarie Wess
Voting in the negative: None
Abstaining: None

Motion 181001.3_BoT passed 8 to 0

Group input on actions going forward (to be discussed in greater detail at future meetings) included: development of an agenda for Board retreat, researching a facilitator for board development activities, possible ad hoc committee focused on board development, additional standardization of the agenda, election of President deferred to the meeting scheduled for October 10th.

Adjournment
Motion 181001.4_EGC
Upon motion of Sherita Traywick, and duly seconded by Annemarie Wess, RESOLVED, that the October 1, 2018 meeting be adjourned.

Voting in the affirmative: Michelle Burack, Christopher Dolgos, Michele Hannagan, Nathan Hayes, Shannon Hillman, Marcia Joy, Jessica Nordquist, Jack Peltz, Mark Schiesser, Sherita Traywick, Annemarie Wess
Voting in the negative: None
Abstaining: None

Motion 181001.4_EGC passed 11 to 0

Motion 181001.4_BoT
Upon motion of Sherita Traywick, and duly seconded by Annemarie Wess, RESOLVED, that the October 1, 2018 meeting be adjourned

Voting in the affirmative: Michele Hannagan, Nathan Hayes, Marcia Joy, Jessica Nordquist, Jack Peltz, Mark Schiesser, Sherita Traywick, Annemarie Wess
Voting in the negative: None
Abstaining: None

Motion 181001.4_BoT passed 8 to 0

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Burack
Secretary of GCCS Board of Trustees
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