

*Great Oaks Bridgeport Board Meeting  
Wednesday, June 12, 2019  
5:45 pm - 7:35 pm*

**Board Members Present:** Susan Briggs, Edwin Farrow, Dexter Upshaw, Pamela Fraser-Abder, Corey Sneed, Albertha Brown, Leticia Sepulveda

**Board Members Absent:** Michelle Garcia, Christiana Otuwa

**Foundation Members Present:** Michael Duffy, Lauren Perkins

**GO-BPT Staff:** Latoya Hubbard, John Scalice, Nadina Juarez

**Guests:** Gary Flocco (CORE), Geof Ravenstine (CORE)

**Called to order at 5:45 pm by Susan Briggs**

**Review of Minutes from April and May Board Meetings (Susan Briggs)**

- Motion to approve the April minutes moved by Albertha Brown, second by Ed Farrow and passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve the May minutes moved by Albertha Brown, second by Pam Fraser-Abder and passed unanimously.

**Facilities Update - (Michael Duffy)**

- Michael Duffy informed the board that there has been progress in the last few weeks towards the completion of the school at 375 Howard Avenue.
- Gary Flocco informed the board that sawtooth windows are scheduled to be delivered and installed before the completion date of July 31st.
- Gary Flocco assured the Board that we are still on track to meeting the July 31st completion date.
- Geoff Ravenstine informed the board that the Evacuation Plan has been completed and that the signage order has been placed and signage will be installed prior to final inspections.
- Gary Flocco informed the board that GOBPT Staff will have access to the community room, and may work from the community room over the summer until construction is complete.
- Gary Flocco informed the Board that GOBPT would need to have our own insurance as of July 31st.
- Gary Flocco informed the board that tutor housing is still expected to be delivered in October.

- The board engaged in discussion as to whether or not to sign the 510 Barnum Lease extension, notwithstanding its earlier motion directing the Board Chair to do so.
- Motion to move forward with Cherry Street only by amending the school calendar to provide for a staggered opening (High School to commence August 29th, 6th grade orientation September 3rd, and all students will be in the building starting on September 9th), moved by Pam, second by Leticia passed unanimously.

### **Finance Committee Report (Corey Sneed & Lauren Perkins)**

- Lauren Perkins informed the budget that the projected budget is based on student enrollment of 560.
- John Scalice informed the Board that the State of Connecticut reduced enrollment from 625 to 560.
- Lauren informed the Board that there is a positive cash balance projected for 19-20 SY/FY 20 budget.
- Lauren informed the board that Foundation currently negotiating the contracts for tutor housing.
- Motion to approve the FY 20 budget moved by Albertha Brown second by Leticia Sepulveda
- John clarified the Sig Grant as explained by the state. He also noted the Sig Grant can roll over year to year.
- Motion to ratify the renewal with the Hartford Insurance Company moved by Corey second by Albertha

### **Principal Report (John Scalice)**

- Chronic Absenteeism rate is 17% which is 6% less than this time last year.
- OSS is currently at 104 we are down 50% from where we were last year.
- Spotlight on Ms. Ford 7th grade ELA teacher. She is reading the Long Walk to Water. Students built spaghetti and marshmallow towers to deliver water in Sudan.

### **Governance Committee Report (Susan Briggs)**

- Friday July 19th board retreat at Cherry Street at 2:30 and then dinner shortly after.
- Michael Duffy informed the board that Mayor Ganim is planning to do a ceremony with the tenants of the Cherry Street Lofts.
- Michael Duffy informed the board that he would like to have a naming ceremony shortly after and gave a tentative date for this ceremony of September 25th.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Albertha Brown 2nd by Corey Sneed and passed unanimously 7:35pm.