

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

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Regular Meeting
GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: January 10, 2022
TIME: 4:30 p.m. / a.m.
LOCATION: George Washington Carver Academy
14510 2nd Avenue
Highland Park, MI 48203

Approved

MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: **REGULAR** **SPECIAL** **PROPOSED** **APPROVED**

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESIDENT JAMILLE EDWARDS called the meeting to order at 4:58 p.m./ a.m. on Monday, January 10, 2022.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Jamille Edwards, President, Board of Directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dr. Caesar Mickens, Vice President, Board of Directors	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mr. Gerrajh Surles, Secretary, Board of Directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mr. Desmond Gibbons, Treasurer, Board of Directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mrs. Kenya Ruth, Member, Board of Directors	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent

ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Sylvia Brown, Superintendent/CAO, GWCA
Mr. Christopher Lindsay, Principal, GWCA

OTHERS PRESENT (*all or part of the meeting*)

Mrs. Alma S. Hollins, Board Liaison, Provision
Attorney George Butler, Dickinson-Wright, PLLC
Mr. Mark Nezich, Bay Mills Community College Charter Schools
Board of Regents, Brimley, Michigan

The proposed agenda was made available via the website.

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III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: SECRETARY GERRAJH SURLES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE January 10, 2022 MEETING AGENDA.

AS PRESENTED.

WITH CHANGES/ADDITIONS.

SUPPORT: TREASURER DESMOND GIBBONS SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the George Washington Carver Public School Academy Board of Directors, will be held on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 14510 Second Avenue, Highland Park, MI 48203. This meeting is scheduled to convene at 4:30 p.m./
 a.m.

IV. APPROVAL OF December 13, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: TREASURER DESMOND GIBBONS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE December 13, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

SUPPORT: SECRETARY GERRAJH SURLES SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. CAO/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Academic Achievement

- Mrs. Brown shared that virtual learning has been extended to January 14th. Students and staff will return to in-person instruction on January 18th.
- Testing will begin once students return face-to-face.

b. Covid 19 Testing and Vaccine Site

- Starting this month, GWCA will be in partnership to become a testing and vaccine site.

c. Financial Report

- GWCA is in a very good place in all of the categories (Current Ratio, Days Cash on Hand, and Fund Balance).
- We are in the process of amending the budget and will be looking for Board approval at the February Board meeting. The amended budget will include the Covid dollars.

d. Count Day

- Count Day will take place on February 9, 2022.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

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None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of Academy Planning Document

MOTION: TREASURER DESMOND GIBBONS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ACADEMY PLANNING DOCUMENT

SUPPORT: SECRETARY GERRAJH SURLES SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: Superintendent Brown explained the document.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Approval of Revised School Calendar

MOTION: SECRETARY GERRAJH SURLES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REVISED SCHOOL CALENDAR.

SUPPORT: TREASURER DESMOND GIBBONS SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: Superintendent Brown shared the reasoning behind discontinuing half-days on Wednesdays and the return to virtual days on Fridays.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

c. Approval of Recruitment and Performance Bonus

MOTION: SECRETARY GERRAJH SURLES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECRUITMENT BONUS AND PERFORMANCE BONUS.

SUPPORT: TREASURER DESMOND GIBBONS SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: Superintendent Brown shared that GWCA provides a signing bonus for new staff members as a part of GWCA's recruitment plan. The performance bonus is given to staff that meet their growth targets. The funds for these bonuses have already been included in the budget.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

d. Ratification of Superintendent Brown's Christmas Bonus

MOTION: SECRETARY GERRAJH SURLES MADE A MOTION TO RATIFY SUPERINTENDENT BROWN'S CHRISTMAS BONUS.

SUPPORT: TREASURER DESMOND GIBBONS SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VIII. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Bay Mills – Mark Nezich
Mr. Nezich wished everyone a Happy New Year.

X. CORRESPONDENCE/FOR YOUR INFORMATION

None.

XI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

XII. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

Highland Park School Board Member Mark Price extended greetings to the Board and wished everyone a positive 2022.

President Edwards asked for a moment of silent reflection for the Covid situation.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: TREASURER DESMOND GIBBONS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:15 p.m. / a.m.

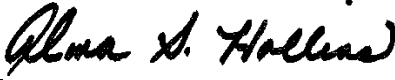
SUPPORT: SECRETARY GERRAJH SURLES SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,



 Recording Secretary

January 20, 2022

 Date

Approved by the George Washington Carver Academy Board of Directors:

 Board Secretary

February 14, 2022

 Date

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