

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

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**Regular Meeting
GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

DATE: August 9, 2021
TIME: 4:30 p.m. / a.m.
LOCATION: Participation via Zoom

Approved

MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: REGULAR SPECIAL PROPOSED APPROVED

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESIDENT JAMILLE EDWARDS called the meeting to order at 4:48 p.m./ a.m. on Monday, August 9, 2021.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Jamille Edwards, President, Board of Directors Participating from Highland Park, MI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dr. Caesar Mickens, Vice President, Board of Directors Participating from Detroit, MI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mr. Carlton Clyburn, Secretary, Board of Directors Participating from Highland Park, MI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mrs. Kenya Ruth, Treasurer, Board of Directors Arrived at 4:55 p.m. Participating from Detroit, MI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input 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

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 CARLTON CLYBURN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE August 9, 2021 MEETING AGENDA

AS PRESENTED.

WITH CHANGES/ADDITIONS.

SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT CAESAR MICKENS SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the George Washington Carver Public School Academy Board of Directors, will be held on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 14510 Second Avenue, Highland Park, MI 48203. This meeting is scheduled to convene at 4:30 p.m./ a.m.

IV. APPROVAL OF July 12, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION SECRETARY CARLTON CLYBURN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JULY 12, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT CAESAR MICKENS SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL.

V. CAO/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Brown reported as follows:

a. Enrollment -

Mrs. Brown shared the enrollment goal of 554 students and reported out on the marketing efforts and enrollment incentives.

b. Academic Achievement

Mrs. Brown reported that the focus for the 2021-2022 school year will be on academic achievement.

c. Return to Learn

GWCA is preparing for the students to come back to school five days per week. The students will return in Phase 4. Lunchroom procedures are still in process.

GWCA has invested in an air filtering system.

Professional Development with the teachers will take place next weekend with an off-site retreat.

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d. Budget and Finance

Mrs. Brown reviewed the June financial dashboard with the Board and spoke to the following:

- Recruitment of teachers
 - Signing Bonus
 - Tuition Reimbursement
 - Researching 401k
- Audit
 - Not sure when the audit will begin but will share those dates once they have been received.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

a. Approval of Superintendent Essential Pay/Retention Pay

MOTION: SECRETARY CARLTON CLYBURN MADE A MOTION TO AMEND SUPERINTENDENT BROWN'S ESSENTIAL PAY/RETENTION PAY RATE.

SUPPORT: TREASURER KENYA RUTH SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of Student Handbook

MOTION: SECRETARY CARLTON CLYBURN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE STUDENT HANDBOOK.

SUPPORT: TREASURER KENYA RUTH SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL

b. Approval of Revised School Calendar

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT CAESAR MICKENS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REVISED SCHOOL CALENDAR.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY CARLTON CLYBURN SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL

c. Approval of 2021-2022 Social Emotional Learning Contract

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT CAESAR MICKENS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2021-2022 SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING CONTRACT.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY CARLTON CLYBURN SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL

- d. Approval of Board of Directors Letter of Support for Teacher and School Leader (TSL) Incentive Grant

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT CAESAR MICKENS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR TEACHER AND SCHOOL LEADER (TSL) INCENTIVE GRANT

SUPPORT: SECRETARY CARLTON CLYBURN SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL

- e. Approval for Electronic Message Boards

MOTION: SECRETARY CARLTON CLYBURN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARDS.

SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT CAESAR MICKENS SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL

- f. Approval of Superintendent Brown's 2021-2024 Contract

MOTION: SECRETARY CARLTON CLYBURN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT BROWN'S 2021-2024 CONTRACT.

SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT CAESAR MICKENS SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL

- g. Fundraising Committee

President Edwards discussed having a Fundraising Committee to raise funds to offset the General Fund. **President Edwards** added that she would like turkey dinners to be provided to the students and staff and asked if any Board members would like to be on the committee. **Treasurer Ruth and President Edwards** stated that they would like to be on the Committee and would welcome input from the other Board members.

- h. Clark Hill - General School Matters - Unauthorized Billing

Mrs. Brown provided a background explanation and added that she is in the process of completing her investigation. Once completed, she will report out to the Board. Mrs. Brown stated that she is in dialog with Clark Hill and added that her recommendation is that GWCA not pay the bill. Mrs. Brown shared that the lead attorney agreed that he will remove his charges from the bill but would like his colleagues to be paid.

President Edwards informed the Board that she requested that Mrs. Brown conduct the investigation.

VIII. FOLLOW-UP ITEMSa. Board Retreat Dates

The Board is looking at November 5-7, 2021 for their retreat. **President Edwards** requested that Mrs. Brown verify the dates.

IX. OTHER BUSINESSa. Bay Mills – Mark Nezych

Mr. Nezych informed the Board that he has scheduled a pre-site visit with Mrs. Brown for August 19th at 11:30 a.m.

X. CORRESPONDENCE/FOR YOUR INFORMATION

None.

XI. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Vanessa Gulley introduced herself to the Board and stated that Provision has been working with GWCA since 2009 and is committed to the success of the school, the success of Superintendent Brown, and the success of the Board. Mrs. Gulley informed the Board that while Mrs. Hollins has been the Board Liaison for GWCA, she also is a Board Liaison and is available should they need her.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: SECRETARY CARLTON CLYBURN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:30 p.m. / a.m.

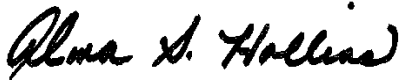
SUPPORT:: : TREASURER KENYA RUTH SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL.

MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary

August 18, 2021

Date

Approved by the George Washington Carver Academy
Board of Directors:



Caesar Mickens Jr. (Aug 31, 2021 21:35 EDT)

Board Secretary (Acting)

August 31, 2021

Date

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