

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2021

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Roll Call:

MCHS: Bob Victor, Gerry Emery, Davina Dukes (joined at 6:07pm); Quorum: 3/3
MCS: Suzanne Biemiller, Don Kimelman, Hosea Harvey, Judith Tschirgi, Roy Wade, John Walsh, Kristina Wilkerson, Sulaiman Rahman; Absent: Markida Ross; Quorum: 8/9

Meeting Start at: 6:02pm

I. Action Resolutions

- Accept Board Meeting Minutes
R-210421-01a (MCHS)
Resolved, to accept the minutes of the Board meeting of Mastery Charter High School from March 17, 2021 as presented.
- After board discussion R-210421-01a was adopted: Motion to approve R-210421-01a: Gerry Emery; Second: Bob Victor; Motion passes with unanimous approval.
- R-210421-01b (All Boards, No MCHS)
Resolved, to accept the minutes of the Board meetings of Mastery Charter School Thomas Campus, Mastery Charter School Shoemaker Campus, Mastery Charter School Pickett Campus, Mastery Charter School Mann Elementary, Mastery Charter School Harrity Elementary, Mastery Charter School Smedley Elementary, Mastery Charter School Hardy Williams Academy, Mastery Charter School Gratz Campus, Mastery Charter School Clymer Elementary, Mastery Charter School Cleveland Elementary, Mastery Charter School Pastorius-Richardson Elementary, Frederick Douglass Mastery Charter School, Mastery Charter School John Wister Elementary, and Mastery Prep Elementary Charter School from March 17, 2021 as presented.
- After board discussion R-210421-01b was adopted: Motion to approve R-210421-01b: John Walsh; Second: Judith Tschirgi; Motion passes with unanimous approval.
- Hiring, Separation, Transfer Approvals
R-210421-02a (MCHS)
Resolved, to ratify Mastery Charter High School staff hired between March 6, 2021 and April 9, 2021, as presented.
- After board discussion R-210421-02a was adopted: Motion to approve R-210421-02a: Gerry Emery; Second: Bob Victor; Motion passes with unanimous approval.
- R-210421-02b (All Boards, No MCHS)
Resolved, to ratify Mastery Charter Schools staff hired between March 6, 2021 and April 9, 2021, as presented.

- After board discussion R-210421-02b was adopted: Motion to approve R-210421-02b: John Walsh; Second: Judith Tschirgi; Motion passes with unanimous approval.
- R-210421-03a (MCHS)
Resolved, to ratify separations from Mastery Charter High School between March 6, 2021 and April 9, 2021 as presented.
- After board discussion R-210421-03a was adopted: Motion to approve R-210421-03a: Gerry Emery; Second: Bob Victor; Motion passes with unanimous approval.
- R-210421-03b (All Boards, No MCHS)
Resolved, to ratify separations from Mastery Charter Schools between March 6, 2021 and April 9, 2021 as presented.
- After board discussion R-210421-03b was adopted: Motion to approve R-210421-03b: John Walsh; Second: Judith Tschirgi; Motion passes with unanimous approval.
- R-210421-04a (MCHS)
Resolved, to ratify transfers to/from Mastery Charter High School between March 6, 2021 and April 9, 2021 as presented.
- After board discussion R-210421-04a was adopted: Motion to approve R-210421-04a: Gerry Emery; Second: Bob Victor; Motion passes with unanimous approval.
- R-210421-04b (All Boards, No MCHS)
Resolved, to ratify transfers within Mastery Charter Schools between March 6, 2021 and April 9, 2021 as presented.
- After board discussion R-210421-04b was adopted: Motion to approve R-210421-04b: John Walsh; Second: Judith Tschirgi; Motion passes with unanimous approval.

II. Finance (Yonca Agatan)

- R-210421-06a (MCHS)
Resolved, to ratify the hiring of NorthStar Museums & Education as the project managers for the HVAC and other capital projects.
- After board discussion R-210421-06a was adopted: Motion to approve R-210421-06a: Gerry Emery; Second: Bob Victor; Motion passes with unanimous approval.
- R-210421-06b (All Boards, No MCHS)
Resolved, to ratify the hiring of NorthStar Museums & Education as the project managers for the HVAC and other capital projects.
- After board discussion R-210421-06b was adopted: Motion to approve R-210421-06b: John Walsh; Second: Judith Tschirgi; Motion passes with unanimous approval.
- R-210421-07 (All Boards, No MCHS)
Resolved, to approve kicking off the Phase II - HVAC work to complete assessment of options and budgets.

- After board discussion R-210421-07 was adopted: Motion to approve R-210421-07: John Walsh; Second: Judith Tschirgi; Motion passes with unanimous approval.
- R-210421-08 (Shoemaker and Pickett Boards only, No MCHS)
Resolved, to allocate the proposed project budgets and approve kicking of the planning and design phases of projects at Mastery Charter Shoemaker Campus and Mastery Charter Pickett Campus.
- After board discussion R-210421-08 was adopted: Motion to approve R-210421-08: John Walsh; Second: Judith Tschirgi; Motion passes with unanimous approval.
- R-210421-09a (MCHS)
Resolved, to acknowledge that the Board received the FY20 federal tax returns (i.e., Form 990) for Mastery Charter High School.
- After board discussion R-210421-09a was adopted: Motion to approve R-210421-09a: Gerry Emery; Second: Bob Victor; Motion passes with unanimous approval.
- R-210421-09b (All Boards, No MCHS)
Resolved, to acknowledge that the Board received the FY20 federal tax returns (i.e., Form 990) for Mastery Charter School Thomas Campus, Mastery Charter School Shoemaker Campus, Mastery Charter School Pickett Campus, Mastery Charter School Mann Elementary, Mastery Charter School Harrity Elementary, Mastery Charter School Smedley Elementary, Mastery Charter School Hardy Williams Academy, Mastery Charter School Gratz Campus, Mastery Charter School Clymer Elementary, Mastery Charter School Cleveland Elementary, Mastery Charter School Pastorius-Richardson Elementary, Frederick Douglass Mastery Charter School, Mastery Charter School John Wister Elementary, and Mastery Prep Elementary Charter School.
- After board discussion R-210421-09b was adopted: Motion to approve R-210421-09b: John Walsh; Second: Judith Tschirgi; Motion passes with unanimous approval.
- R-210421-10 (MCHS)
Resolved, to authorize John Buttil, Network Director of Operations, to approve up to \$25,000 of Facilities and Food Service purchases for Mastery Charter High School while the Chief Operating Officer search is ongoing.
- After board discussion R-210421-10 was adopted: Motion to approve R-210421-10: Gerry Emery; Second: Bob Victor; Motion passes with unanimous approval.

Additional Discussion:

- Chief Financial Officer (CFO) presented overview of the high-level financial planning posture for FY22. This included the ESSER funding assumptions and the strategy for using those funds.
- Board members discussed ESSER spending proposal. Finance advisory board member, Gerry Emery provided clarification on the ESSER grant federal compliance requirements.

- CFO noted all buildings currently safe through a combination of fresh air ventilation and filtration units. CFO will seek out approval in the future of final recommendations and budgets for phase II HVAC work. Also, multi-year commitments for equity plan schools are sacred and will be followed through regardless.

III.CEO Report (Scott Gordon)

Topics

Gun Violence Prevention

Reopening Updates

Fall Strategic Planning Updates

Additional Discussion:

- Board asked CEO report back on how the capital plan will leverage/support hiring local people (including parents) as well as support minority owned, female owned, local businesses
- A Board member encouraged the goal to be zero students shot, even if that goal is not entirely within our control.
- Board noted support of gun violence prevention initiative and granted CEO authority to come back with proposal for reducing the number of Mastery students shot. (multi million proposal over 3 years)
- Board members discussed if Mastery should require in-person attendance in the fall. Board encouraged management to reach out to families and find out why they would not want to go back to school. Some members wondered if there should be a requirement to attend in-person. Other members expressed strong sentiment that being in school in-person should not be required.
- Management will present to board at a future meeting marketing and outreach plan, and criteria for opting out for in-school attendance.

IV.End

1. No public comment
2. Boards adjourned at 8:00pm