



BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GREAT HEARTS TEXAS

SUMMARY OF ACTION

Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Time: 6:00 p.m. CT

The regular scheduled meeting of the Great Hearts Texas Board of Directors was held at 5538 Research Drive, San Antonio, TX 78240

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

Mr. Jim Rahn presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. CT.

Texas Board Members	Position	Present	Absent	via
Jim Rahn	Chairman	X		in person
Jackie Moczygemba	Vice Chairwoman	X		Zoom
Brandon Byrne	Secretary	X		Zoom
Olecia Christie	Board Director	X		Zoom
Kevin Hall	Board Director	X		Zoom
Jonathan Sanford	Board Director	X		Zoom
Shannon Sedgwick Davis	Board Director	X		Absent at Call to Order- Present and attended on Zoom at 8:12 p.m.
Other Staff/Guests				
Kurtis Indorf	Interim Superintendent	X		in person
Kevin Byrne	Vice President of Finance	X		in person
Megan Freeman	Chief of Staff	X		in person
Joe Hoffer	Legal Counsel	X		in person
Mandi Cannon	Executive Director	X		Zoom
Heidi Vasiloff	Executive Director	X		Zoom
Will Rutherford	Executive Director	X		in person
Monet Lessner	Executive Director	X		in person
Jay Heiler	CEO, Great Hearts America	X		Zoom

Dan Scoggin	Chief of Academies Officer, Great Hearts America	X		Zoom
Helen Baxendale	Chief of Staff, VP of Strategy and Analytics	X		Zoom
Jake Tawney	Chief Academic Officer	X		in person
Wade Dyke	President of the Great Hearts Foundation	X		in person
Bianca Ulibarri	Director of Governance, Great Hearts America	X		Zoom

II. Public Comment – Time allotted confirmed by the Chairman, time is 2 minutes. Recorded comments are available.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda: Recorded Comments are available.

- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2024
- b. Approval of Nutrition Policy
- c. Grandparent Residency Approval
- d. Internet Safety Policy
- e. Cybersecurity Policy
- f. Incident Response Policy
- g. Computer Security Threat Response Policy

6:32 p.m. CT Mr. Rahn will accept a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Are any items to be removed and covered under the regular agenda? Ms. Moczygemba asked about written minutes. A link to the recorded minutes was provided in the board packet.

So moved: Mr. Kevin Hall

Second the motion: Ms. Olecia Christie motioned to approve the consent agenda

All of those in favor? All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0 at 6:33 p.m. CT

IV. Interim Superintendent Report: Recorded Comments are available.

- a. Celebrations to Close the Year
- b. Updates on Campus Real Estate

Comments or questions from the board? None

V. Finance Update: Recorded Comments are available.

a. Financial Report

Comments or questions from the board?

- Jim Rahn- Thanks Kevin for his and his team's work on the finance end the last few months.
- Jonathan Sanford- Has two questions:
 1. Can you elaborate on the grant related to security? Kevin Byrne explains that GH TX can draw down \$1.9 million for security improvements. GH TX has largely paid for a lot of those projects through the bond funds. GH TX will receive that money back from the state and will pay the bond money back. This will free up capital for other projects. GHTX will need to have security offices at each school for next year and since the state has not let us know what funding is available, it creates a bit of pressure on the budget.
 2. Dr. Sanford is stuck by savings achieved by savings of insourcing from outsourcing. Curious what conditions have changed to achieve such significant saving by bringing these services in house? How will we maintain quality of services by bringing that in house and thinking about this in terms of KPIs as this work is performed.
 - a. It was charged by a per user basis. At a low volume it made sense to outsource. Once we moved over to high volume we discovered that the school was using outdated systems. We now have an IT Coordinator with great experience inside of Texas.
- Kevin Hall-Bond Financing- How do we compare to ISDs in TX. What rates do they get to borrow at versus us and why. The permanent school fund was not something we could participate in this year because of the TEA investigation. Schools can borrow lower rates because they have the ability to tax. Since they are a public agency and can tax, they can borrow at a lower rate and we end up paying more to borrow because we are unable to get those same rates.

VI. Other Action Items (Items taken out of order) *Recorded Comments are available.*

9:35 p.m. CT Mr. Rahn announces return to Open Session and that no actions occurred in closed session.

Mr. Rahn asks, "Are there any action items pursuant to Executive Session?"

- a. Action: Consider and take possible action on matters discussed in closed session
- b. Action: Consider and take possible action on the appointment of an Interim Superintendent

Motion- Dr. Jonathan Sanford moves to appoint Dr. Wade Dyke as the Interim Superintendent of GH TX from July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025, and directs Board President Jim Rahn to determine the terms.

Second Motion- Brandon Byrn

Discussion or Question: none

All of those in favor? All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0 at 9:37 p.m. CT

- c. Action: Consider and take possible action on student expulsion appeals

Motion- To uphold the expulsion of the student reviewed and deny the appeal.

Second Motion- Olecia Christie

Discussion or Question: none

All of those in favor? All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0 at 9:44 p.m. CT

- d. Consider and take possible action on parent grievances

Motion- To deny the parent appeal

Second Motion- Shannon Davis

Discussion or Question: none

All of those in favor? All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0 at 9:45 p.m. CT

VII. Closed Meeting/Executive Session-The Board will retire to closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551 concerning the following sections:

- a. Pursuant to 551.071, Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding pending legal matters
- b. Pursuant to 551.074, Personnel matters to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee
- c. Pursuant to 551.082, Hear a complaint or charge against an employee of the school district by another employee.
- d. Pursuant to 551.082, Review discipline of a public school child
- e. Pursuant to Section 551.072, To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, sell or value of real property.

7:16 p.m. CT Mr. Rahn asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session

So moved: Mr. Brandon Byrne

Second the motion: Ms. Moczygemba motioned to adjourn to Executive Session

All of those in favor? All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 6-0 at 7:16 p.m. CT

Executive Session Entered 7:16 p.m. CT

Executive Session Closed 9:35 p.m. CT

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Rahn entertains a motion to adjourn.

So moved: Ms. Shannon Sedgwick Davis motions to adjourn.

Second the motion: Brandon Byrne

GH TX Meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 9:45 p.m. CT