

Great Expectations School  
Growing Hearts and Minds, One Child at a Time

**Regular School Board Meeting at Great Expectations School**  
**Tuesday, September 15, 2015 4:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order at 4:02 p.m.
  - 1.1 Attendance & Welcome Visitors  
Present: Sue Butter, Sara Hingos, Jeff Kern, Beth Ferry, Pete James, Clara Weitz, David Greenburg from ACNW, Kathryn Nelson-Pedersen, Izabella Sheehan (parent).  
Absent: Mike Carlson, Annette Valdivia-Block
  - 1.2 Two Minute Story

2. Reading of the Mission: Sue read the mission

The mission of the school is to develop in each child: a love of learning; critical and creative thinking skills; mastery of the academic building blocks; the ability to nurture family, friends and self; a strong commitment to being a contributing member of a community; open-heartedness toward others; and a passion for life-long learning.

3. Approval of Agenda  
**Motion** by Kathryn, second by Sue, to approve the agenda. Ayes all. Motion passed.

4. Consent Agenda
  - 4.1 Approve Minutes from August 18, 2015 Meeting
  - 4.2 Approve Expenditures, Deposits and Fund Transfers

**Motion** by Sara, second by Kathryn, to approve the consent agenda with revisions. 6.2 clarify that approval is for letter of support. Add word 'motion' to each motion. Ayes all. Motion passed.

5. Treasurer's Report  
Finance committee met Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. We have 4 fewer students than when the budget was approved. A budget revision will be approved in January.

6. Director's Report  
Pete reported on a successful first week of school; the Reward School designation which GES received; Otters class trip to Wolf Ridge Sept. 30-Oct. 2; and MACS training for board members in November.

Discussion about promoting GES in the community and especially among families with 3 and 4 year olds; website updating needed; updated brochure needed.

6.1 **Motion** by Jeff, second by Kathryn, to approve Director Peter James as the Identified Official with Authority to authorize user access to MDE secure websites for Great Expectations School and assign related duties to Great Expectations School staff. Ayes all. Motion passed.

7. Committee Report

7.1 Board Development: Discussion about recruiting parents for the board.

7.2 Discipline Policy-Review 1<sup>st</sup> – postponed until October meeting

7.3 October Committee Meeting (Policy/Personnel/Renewal) Tuesday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>.

8. Old Business

8.1 Modular Building Planning: Waiting to hear back from Innovative Modular with estimates.

8.2 Annual Meeting, Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30. Each classroom will bake treats for the meeting. Childcare will be provided.

Audubon Leadership Retreat is Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

9. New Business

9.1 ACNW Renewal: David Greenburg explained the renewal process for our contract which ends June 30, 2016. The next step is an application due on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Renewal site visit tentatively set for December 10<sup>th</sup>. The complete application and renewal process is outlined on the ACNW website. David reviewed the sections of the application form. Find the current contract and renewal information in the drop box. MDE is evaluating authorizers, including ACNW, this fall.

10. Upcoming Actions

10.1 Set 2016 Graduation Date: Friday, June 3, 2016

11. Check-out

12.1 Meeting Survey

12. Adjournment: **Motion** by Jeff, second Sue, to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Ayes all. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Clara Weitz.

GES Board meetings are open to all. While guests may not participate during the business meeting, our host team is available to visit, answer questions, and discuss your issues 15 minutes prior to each meeting. We invite you to share your ideas, suggestions, and concerns with our hosts during this time.

