

**GREEN WOODS CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 2, 2011**

Dennis Winters, Board President, **called the meeting to order** at 7:07 pm.

**The secretary called the roll:** Doug Copeland, Micah Gold-Markel, Jeff Hammond, Rob Lopata, Rick Meketon, Laura Schwingel, Barry Sunshine, Dennis Wesley, and Dennis Winters were present.

GWCS staff and contractors present: Jean Wallace, Dan Seidel. Jerry Santilli arrived at 7:30 pm

The Minutes for November 10, 2010 were reviewed and approved.

Hammond made the motion, and Meketon seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

**President's Remarks:** Dennis Winters apologized for the weather. Announced next Board Meeting on February 23, 2011. Academy of Natural Sciences Environmental Education Forum on February 17 featuring Dennis Winters and Jean Wallace.

**Report from the CEO:** Jean Wallace distributed and reviewed the January Academic Report (see attached). GWCS Alumnus Alex McGrorty is coming back to teach classes as part of a senior high school independent project.

**Report from the Controller:** Jerry Santilli reviewed financial statements. Our current financial position is strong. Enrollment is up and stable, so we have a welcome cushion that is higher than expected.

**Legal Counsel's Report:** - Daniel Saidel mentioned that he met with Governor Corbett Administration which seems more positively predisposed to charter schools.

**Committee Reports:**

- Real Estate Committee - Dennis Winters reported that progress is being made.
- Executive - Dennis Winters reported that they have not convened. Need to focus on CEO evaluation and recruit viable candidates for June board openings. Board training scheduled on February 12.
- Finance/Facilities - Dennis Wesley reported that the committee is awaiting a decision by the SRC on charter school expansion
- Audit - none
- Strategic Planning - Barry Sunshine reported that the process is moving forward
- Green Woods/SCEE Advisory Committee - Jeff Hammond expects communication re: lease flexibility; Snow Removal-worked with SCEE regarding processes for the future.
- Fund Development & Public Relations - Rob Lopata—last meeting we discussed planning

- Home and School - Melanie Dudek, Chair not present, so Joyce reported that the HSC is trying to create more family oriented activities. Dennis Winters asked about incorporation of the HSC. They are exploring the possibility of a PTA meeting.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items Only:** Members of the audience commented on the Board's proposal for a policy on board interactions with the audience during board meetings.

**Resolutions:**

- **2/2/2011 - 1, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees accepts the December 2010 Report of the Controller.

Hammond made the motion, and Gold-Markel seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

- **2/2/2011 - 2, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees approves the POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS AND BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS POLICY.

Meketon made the motion, and Hammond seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

- **2/2/2011 - 3, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees approves of the President of the Board of Trustees' execution of an agreement of sale to purchase real estate for the Green Woods Charter School for a purchase price not in excess of \$2,200,000.00 under terms and conditions which the Board President deems to be in the best interest of Green Woods Charter School.

Hammond made the motion, and Meketon seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

- **2/2/2011 - 4, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees grants the President of the Board authority to execute a project management agreement by and between Green Woods Charter School and Robert Hoe Associates, LLC, a Pennsylvania corporation located at 463 W. Chestnut Hill Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118 for the sum of \$1.00 plus reimbursable expenses that are direct project costs such as are normally reimbursable to architects, engineers and other professional consultants performing similar services, under terms and conditions which Board President deems to be in the best interest of Green Woods Charter School.

Sunshine motioned for tabling the resolution. Gold-Markel seconded. Motion failed (6 ayes, 2 nays, 1 abstention).

Wesley made the motion, and Lopata seconded. The resolution passed 8 to 1.

- **2/2/2011 - 5, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees grants the President of the Board sole discretion, if he deems it necessary, to bind the Green Woods Charter School to extend the lease with the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education lease to include the fall 2011 school semester and for the President to execute any and all documents to extend that lease to include the fall 2011 school semester, as more specifically described in the current Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education lease with Green Woods Charter School.

Gold-Markel made the motion, and Copeland seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

- **2/2/2011 - 6, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of the Green Woods Charter School hereby ratifies a Confidential Settlement Agreement and General Release in the matter of "AR".

Meketon made the motion, and Wesley seconded. The resolution passed 8 ayes, 1 abstention.

Other Business

State *Statement of Financial Interests* forms were handed out. Saidel asked members to review them carefully and submit them to the Board Secretary by next Board meeting.

General Public Comment – none.

**The meeting was adjourned** at 7:55 pm. Wesley made the motion to adjourn, and Gold-Markel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 23, 2011**