

**GREEN WOODS CHARTER SCHOOL  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Board Meeting Minutes  
May 25, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.**

**PUBLIC MEETING:**

Dennis Winters, Board President, **called the meeting to order** at 7:10 pm.

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

GWCS staff and contractors present: Jean Wallace, Daniel Saidel, Jerry Santilli

The Minutes of the April 25th, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Wesley made the motion; Gold-Markel seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

**President's Remarks:** Winters announced, with regret, the resignation of Board Member Barry Sunshine effective May 20, 2011 and noted that the board vacancy created has roughly two-years of its term remaining. Winters announced that since the most recent board meeting negotiations related to the Greylock site had been terminated and that the board is actively pursuing other permanent and interim locations.

**CEO Report:** (see Academic Report). Wallace reiterated President Winters remarks related to Greylock and expressed thanks to the community and ad hoc parents group for the outpouring of support and efforts throughout this effort.

**Report from the Controller:** Jerry Santilli reviewed financial statements; called attention to the receipt of the deposit funds related to the Greylock agreement of sale.

**Legal Counsel's Report:** - Daniel Saidel noted the smooth termination of negotiations with the seller of Greylock and the receipt of full deposit funds.

**Committee Reports**

- Executive/Personnel/Student Achievement - Winters: no meeting held during current month; no report.
- Finance - Dennis Wesley reported that the committee is actively reviewing contingent budgets related to expansion efforts, possibilities of a split campus, among other factors.
- Audit - Gold-Markel: no meeting held during current month; no report.
- Strategic Planning - : no members of committee present; no report.
- Development/Fundraising - Lopata reported that the committee is speaking with several consulting firms regarding capacity planning for a professional fund development operation.
- Governance of the Board – Meketon: no meeting held during current month; no report.

- Nominating/Search – Meketon reported that candidates are being reviewed and that nominations will be recommended in June.
- Community Relations – Lopata thanked Dan Saidel for the effective management of the closure of negotiations with the seller of Greylock, and thanked Jean Wallace for effectively communicating this disappointing information to our various constituency and advocacy groups; reported that efforts to review and select an interim and/or permanent location on ongoing with great urgency.
- PTA - No representation present; no report.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items Only:** No public comments.

**Resolutions:**

- **5/25/2011 - 1, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees accepts the April 2011 Report of the Controller.  
Wesley made the motion,; Meketon seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.
- **5/25/2011 - 2, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Green Woods Charter School approves the application for lease reimbursement for FY 2010-2011 from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and directs the Chief Executive Officer and Controller to file the application by the due date of June 30, 2011.  
Wesley made the motion; Lopata seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.
- **5/25/2011 - 3, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Green Woods Charter School ratifies and approves Daniel H. Saidel’s execution of a letter to Greylock Holdings LLC dated May 16, 2011, terminating the Agreement of Sale dated January 31, 2011 by and between Green Woods Charter School and Greylock Holdings LLC, a Pennsylvania LLC for the purchase and sale of all that certain lot or piece of land with buildings, fixtures and improvements thereon erected known as 209 West Chestnut Hill Avenue in the City and County of Philadelphia in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for a purchase price of \$2.2 million dollars under and subject to the terms and conditions in said Agreement of Sale.  
Wesley made the motion; Gold-Markel seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.
- **5/25/2011 - 4, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Green Woods Charter School authorizes the CEO to begin the hiring and re-hiring discussions for the 2011-2012 school year based on facts as they are known today. Staff whose contracts are up on August 31, 2011 will be instructed that written contracts to staff being rehired will be offered by no later than August 1, 2011 once the 2011-2012 enrollment is official and all governmental funding sources are known. Staff whose contracts are terminated as of June 30, 2011 will be notified by no later than June 1, 2011 if, at that time, they are being offered a contract for the 2011-2012 school year. Those whose contracts

are up as of June 30, 2011 will not be offered specific positions, salaries, benefits, etc., until such time as enrollment is official and all governmental funding sources are known.

Lopata made the motion; Wesley seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

- **5/25/2011 - 5, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Green Woods Charter School accepts with regret the immediate resignation of Trustee Barry Sunshine and makes special note of the selfless dedication Barry demonstrated in his service to Green Woods Charter School, its families, and its children. Winters requested that the motion be adopted unanimously; motion adopted unanimously.

- **5/25/2011 - 6, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chairman or the Vice Chairman of the Green Woods Charter School be authorized to:
  1. execute a lease for real estate not to exceed \$200,000 per year;
  2. execute contracts not to exceed \$225,000 to renovate the leased space and;
  3. do any other acts to increase the student population of the Green Woods Charter School to 375 students for the 2011-2012 school year.

Wesley made the motion; Meketon seconded.

Discussion: Gold-Markel requested and received clarification on the authority being granted. Gold-Markel inquired as to whether the growth to 375 enrollment, coupled with potential costs for lease and renovations included within the revision would have a cash-neutral effect on the budget. Santilli indicated that it would have a cash-positive effect.

The resolution passed unanimously.

**General Public Comment:** Gary Miller noted the general discontent within the Philadelphia community and directed at City and School District officials (in particular at recent events at Philadelphia City Hall related to school budget announcements); indicated that the board should be prepared to hear much of the same concern and criticism.

President Winters noted that the Next Board Meeting would be rescheduled to June 29, 2011 (from June 22, 2011)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. Wesley made the motion to adjourn; Meketon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7:45 PM      Adjournment of Public Meeting

**Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 29, 2011**