

GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 4th, 2007 @ 5:06 p.m. – 7:16p.m.

Board Members Present:

Leslie Burlock	Bill Johnston	Bob Scavullo
Eve Collard	Norm Katz	Leon Schmidt
David deWilde	Joyce McMinn	Laura Spivy
Cathy Dean	Lisille Matheson	Peter Thorp
Robin Donohoe	Gale Mondry	Greg Toler
Erika Goncalves	Sharon Olken	
Scott Gutterman	Will Parish	

Board Members Excused:

Cecily Cameron	Judith McRae	Ellice Sperber
Susan Hoffman	Tracy Pore	Liana Szeto
Donna Liu	Suzanne Schutte	

Also Present:

Chris Hero	Michael Fuller
Tina McGovern	Iris Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cathy Dean called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. The meeting was held in the Library of Gateway High School.

2. DISCUSSION- FINANCIAL LEVER ANALYSIS

Laura Spivy introduced the financial discussion regarding potential levers that could be used to help ensure a balanced budget for the future. Laura set the stage for the discussion by speaking about the finance committee's review of Gateway's historical financial trends. Gateway's budget will break even for 2007-2008. However, without changes in future years, a deficit will begin and continue to increase. This is mostly because revenue increases from the state are unlikely to keep pace with historical salary and benefit increases. Chris Hero referred the Board to the financial lever analysis diagrams provided in the Board packets. If adjusted, any one of the five levers identified could cover the projected deficit. A discussion followed of each lever. There was general agreement that a mixture of the levers would provide the best balance of increased revenue, conservative spending, and a strong program to support student needs. Committees and school leadership will explore the ideas generated as potential recommendations for inclusion as future budget options.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of October 23rd 2007 were reviewed and unanimously approved.

4. NEW TRUSTEE ELECTION

Cathy asked the Board to review Mayer Riff's resume, and invited Laura Spivy to speak about him. Mayer, who was introduced as a candidate by Cecily Cameron, has financial experience in the educational field, including his current position as Assistant Head for Finance and Operations at the Marin Country Day School. He also holds a teaching credential and taught in Las Vegas for a short time. The board unanimously approved Mayer Riff's election to the Board.

5. APPROVAL OF AUDIT

Laura Spivy referred the Board to the 2006-07 Gateway Audit that included a finding about minor errors in student entrance and exit dates. There was actually no material finding; however, systems have been put into place to fix the manner in which entrance and exit dates are recorded so that Gateway is in compliance with pertinent regulations. The Board unanimously approved the 2006-07 audit.

6. CLOSED SESSION

Sharon Olken rejoined the meeting and spoke briefly about the expulsion process, a process the school may potentially need to invoke. Michael Fuller, Assistant Principal joined the meeting for the closed session. All Gateway staff, not currently serving as trustees, were asked to leave the room for the duration of this discussion.

After the closed session discussion, Cathy Dean reported that the Board heard the details of two disciplinary cases. In case 010708, the Board voted to accept the findings of fact and recommendations of the Administrative Panel and support the expulsion order of one year.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to bring before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2007 at 5 p.m. in the Library at Gateway High School.

Signed: _____
Eve Collard, Board Secretary

Date