

**GOODWILL EDUCATES, INC., OPERATING
THE EXCEL CENTER® EVANSVILLE SOUTHEAST
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 18, 2024**

The Board of Directors of The Excel Center Evansville Southeast met on April 18, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in Goodwill's headquarters at 500 S. Green River Road, Evansville, IN.

Board members present:

Cheryl Kuchna, Chair
Jared McIntosh
Carlada Patterson, Vice Chair
Connie Ralph, President
Michelle Ramacciotti
Amanda Simmons, Treasurer

Board member absent:

Michael West, Secretary

Staff:

Kim Bassett
Morgan McCray
Brandy Smith
Nicole StClair

Board Chair Cheryl Kuchna called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call was taken; Michael West was absent. Michelle Ramacciotti was absent for roll call but arrived at 10:14 a.m. All board members in attendance were physically present.

There was no public comment.

On a motion by Jared McIntosh, seconded by Carlada Patterson, the minutes of the February 15, 2024 Board meeting were approved as written. A roll call vote was taken, all members present voted affirmatively to approve the meeting minutes.

Amanda Simmons presented the treasurer's report for March 2024. Total revenue for March is \$15,803.33 with total expenses of \$8,137.45 for a net income of \$7,665.88. On a motion by Carlada Patterson, seconded by Jared McIntosh, the treasurer's report was approved. A roll call vote was taken; all members present voted unanimously to approve the treasurer's report. The report will be filed for audit.

Nicole StClair gave the director's report.

- Three lead positions have been hired: lead coach, office manager, and college & career readiness specialist.
- Three teachers and three coaches are slated to join before August.
- Enrollment began April 1; currently there are 37 students enrolled.
- Enrollment events are planned at several locations around Evansville this spring including an upcoming door-to-door canvas of the Jacobsville neighborhood with Dream Center staff.

Next the 2024-2025 School Calendar was reviewed. On a motion by Jared McIntosh, seconded by Carlada Patterson, the 2024-2025 School Calendar was approved. A roll call vote was taken; all members present voted affirmatively to approve the calendar.

Amanda Simmons then presented the Goodwill Educates, Inc. retirement plan proposal. Licensed teachers will be participating in the State Teachers Retirement Fund. A separate 401(k) plan will be managed by Mutual of America and will be opened for employees without a teaching license with the same contribution amounts. Discussion followed. On a motion by Jared McIntosh, seconded by Michelle Ramacciotti, the proposal to open the two GEI retirement accounts was approved. A roll call vote was taken, all members present voted unanimously to approve the proposal as presented. Then on a motion by Jared McIntosh, seconded by Carlada Patterson the employer contribution of 6% and employee contribution of 3% was approved. A roll call vote was taken, all members present voted unanimously to approve the employer/employee contribution as presented.

Connie Ralph reported on fundraising. GEI submitted a grant application to CenterPoint and received \$85,000. Wayne Kinney has pledged \$100,000.

Connie gave an update on renovations at 5001 Washington Avenue. The drywall in the school portion is up and the exterior signage has been installed and looks great. Furniture has been delivered for Phase 1. School furniture will be ordered soon. When electrical components and technology are in place, we will start moving into the corporate side of the building.

Connie advised that several SOPs and the employee handbook need to be completed, reviewed by the Board and then approved before the end of the fiscal year. Therefore, two meetings were added to the GEI Board meeting schedule on May 16, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. and June 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Bassett", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kim Bassett
Executive Assistant