

South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
401 Railroad Avenue  
Hartsville, SC 29550  
January 24, 2013  
Minutes

Governing Board members present:

Mr. Dwight Floyd  
Dr. Jochen Lauterbach  
Dr. Chris Przirembel  
Dr. Mark Sothmann  
Mr. Art Tompkins

Governing Board members present via conference call:

Mr. Hal Campbell  
Ms. Julie Carullo  
Dr. Jan Murdoch  
Ms. Carolyne Williams

Staff:

Dr. Murray Brockman  
Ms. Kim Bowman  
Mr. Ernie Boyd  
Mrs. Susan Coker  
Mr. Danny Dorsel  
Mr. Robert Fletcher  
Mr. Randy LaCross  
Dr. Emilye Mobley  
Mr. Jon Shannon

**Item 1-2:** Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Dwight Floyd, presiding board member, called the meeting to order at 12:13 pm. Roll was taken.

The meeting began with presentations by five GSSM junior and senior students who provided brief individual remarks about their summer research experience, January interim experience, and life at GSSM. Board members were given the opportunity to ask students questions about their experiences, opportunities, and future plans.

Board members were reminded of the next board meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2013 in Columbia (location TBD), followed by a conference call meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2013. Dr. Brockman suggested extending the time of future board meetings until 3:00 pm to allow more time for agenda items. With no opposition, future board meetings will be scheduled for 12:00 pm until 3:00 pm.

**Item 3:** Approval of Minutes – September 13, 2012

October 31, 2012 – Special Called Meeting via Conference Call

Mr. Floyd opened the floor for any discussion or corrections to both sets of minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Floyd asked for a motion to approve both the September 13, 2012 draft of minutes as written and also the October 31, 2012 draft of minutes as written. Motion was made by Dr. Sothmann, seconded by Dr. Prziembel, and unanimously approved by the board.

**Item 4:** Welcome new board members and consider a resolution honoring past board members

Mr. Floyd welcomed all new and recently appointed members of the GSSM Board of Trustees. All members present were asked to introduce themselves.

Proposal to honor previous board members: Dr. Brockman

With the recent retirements of long-serving board members, Dr. Brockman proposed that a plaque be displayed in the GSSM Board Room listing all previous and current members of the GSSM Board of Trustees with dates of service. A sample plaque was presented. Questions and discussion followed.

**Motion:**

Mr. Floyd then asked for a motion that upon the future retirement of GSSM trustees, that a plaque be erected and placed on the board room wall in Hartsville with all previous and current trustees' names and dates of service.

Motion offered by Dr. Prziembel, seconded by Dr. Lauterbach, and unanimously approved by the board.

**Item 5:** Board Meeting Dates 2013-2014

Recommendations were presented for future board meeting dates 2013-2014.

No action was taken. Board members were asked to check their calendars and action will be taken at the next board meeting.

**Item 6:** Board Officers and Committee Membership

Dr. Brockman indicated that Board committee placements have been discussed with board members and assignments have been made to various standing committees.

Election of GSSM Board Vice Chair:

The position of GSSM Board Vice Chair is vacant, and therefore, needs to be filled. Mr. Floyd opened the floor for nominations.

**Motion:**

Motion offered by Dr. Sothmann to nominate Mr. Floyd as GSSM Board Vice Chair, seconded by Dr. Prziembel, and furthermore, without any objections, Mr. Floyd was elected by acclamation.

Dr. Brockman stated that there are currently three appointed positions that remain vacant on the Board, these being two congressional district positions and one "At Large" position. These appointed positions are still under active consideration from the Governor's office.

A discussion of by-law revisions will be addressed at the next board meeting.

**Item 7:** President's Report

Dr. Brockman presented his report as a "celebration of good news"!

- Excellent new faculty and staff
- Larger student body integrated successfully
- Successful recruitment and marketing
- Academic achievements
- New pilot programs
- New research opportunities
- New opportunities in economics and finance

Dr. Brockman also mentioned a few specific challenges currently being addressed.

In conclusion, he reminded the board to complete the State Ethics Forms on-line by April 15, 2013.

**Item 8:** Strategic Planning Report – Dr. Brockman

Dr. Brockman presented an overview regarding the status of action items discussed at the strategic planning board meeting on September 13, 2012.

**Overview:**

- GSSM is well positioned, strong, and fully funded for growth.
- The competition includes the increase of STEM and early college opportunities, as well as virtual and on-line courses.

Dr. Brockman continued with an overview of "Action Elements" which included both Residential and Outreach improvements and expansions for growth. These elements specifically involved marketing, the application process, college admissions process, and the continual expansion and improvement of the stature of GSSM programs.

"Next Steps" for immediate growth includes hiring additional faculty and adding more students to the incoming junior class.

In conclusion, Dr. Brockman requested approval of the overall strategic plan presented, followed by a discussion of specific issues.

Board Approval Sought for:

- Overall plan
- Specific issues
  - Faculty hiring plan
  - 2013-2014 Junior class size of 130 students or fewer
  - Evaluate becoming an early college
  - Evaluate admission of full-fee foreign nationals
  - Revise UGS weights with State Department of Education approval
  - Others the board wishes to flag

Mr. Floyd opened the floor for any questions, comments, or concerns for the overall strategic plan. Hearing none, Mr. Floyd asked for a motion to approve the overall strategic plan, followed by a discussion of specific issues.

**Motion:**

Motion offered by Dr. Przirembel to approve the overall strategic plan, followed by a discussion of the specific issues. Seconded by Dr. Lauterbach.

Discussion continued concerning the priority of the specific issues and the resources available to evaluate certain issues.

**Motion:**

Motion offered by Dr. Przirembel:

- Remove the evaluation of becoming an early college
- Remove the evaluation of the admission of full-fee foreign nationals

Motion seconded by Dr. Lauterbach.

**Amended Motion:**

Approval of the overall strategic plan, limiting the specific issues to:

- Faculty hiring plan
- 2013-2014 Junior class size of 130 students or fewer
- Revise UGS weights with State Department of Education approval

Mr. Floyd opened the floor for any discussion of the amended motion. Hearing none, the amended motion was unanimously approved by the board.

2012 Recruitment Marketing Report – Kim Bowman

Kim Bowman, CEO, GSSM Foundation, presented the 2012 Recruitment Marketing Report and highlighted the increase and changes in marketing and recruiting methods. These efforts have significantly increased the recognition of GSSM and its programs.

**Item 9:** Facilities and Finance Committee Report: Annual Meal Plan Fee – Mr. Boyd

Mr. Boyd presented the current GSSM Student Meal Plan Fee and Financial Aid Policies. Policy details and statistics were provided as information.

**Board Action Requested:**

Approve for 2013-2014 the GSSM Student Meal Fee and policy at current level of \$2000 per residential student.

Maintain "No child will be denied participation due to inability to pay this Student Meal Fee."

Mr. Floyd asked for a motion to approve the Meal Plan Request as stated.

**Motion:**

Motion offered by Mr. Tompkins, seconded by Dr. Lauterbach, and unanimously approved by the board.

**Item 10:** Facilities and Finance Committee Report: Physical Security

Mr. Boyd began his presentation by stating that GSSM has taken immediate actions to protect GSSM and requests discussion, advice, and recommendations from the board for additional action.

Mr. Boyd continued by stating that GSSM's current security plans are based on reviews of other schools and colleges and reviews with law enforcement at the time of construction. These are reviewed and renewed annually. He continued with a review of GSSM security practices.

GSSM held an all school assembly after returning from winter break. Security practices were reviewed, followed by a practice drill. A more extensive practice drill is planned in the coming weeks.

Dr. Brockman added that GSSM has opened discussions with the City of Hartsville Police, and that GSSM will consider with them, based on the board's recommendation, additional security measures.

Discussion continued followed by a Plan of Action as follows:

- Consultation with external experts                      February 15, 2013
- Task force of students, staff, parents                      March 31, 2013  
and community leaders to evaluate  
design
- Review with Board    April 11, 2013
- Initiate additional changes, if any

Mr. Floyd asked for a motion to approve the Plan of Action as stated.

**Motion:**

Motion offered by Dr. Prziembel, seconded by Ms. Williams, and unanimously approved by the board.

Dr. Brockman requested approval of an additional motion as follows:

**Motion:**

Request board approval for funding to temporarily instate an armed presence on campus until such time as the board has a chance to review and improve in detail in April, in accordance with the previous plan of action. Request board approval if it appears expedient, necessary and advisable to do so temporarily.

Motion offered by Dr. Prziembel, seconded by Mr. Tompkins, and unanimously approved by the board. Plan will be reviewed again at April board meeting.

**Item 11:** Academic Affairs and Outreach Committee Report

Dr. Przirembel, committee member, opened the floor for any questions regarding the report. No questions addressed. No action items.

**Item 12:** Student Development Committee Report

Ms. Williams, Committee Chair, referred to Dr. Mobley for the report. Dr. Mobley opened the floor for any questions regarding the report. No questions addressed. No action items.

**Item 13:** New Business

Mr. Floyd inquired about computer security at GSSM. Jon Shannon, GSSM Chief Information Officer will provide a report at the April board meeting.

**Item 14:** Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mr. Floyd recognized the Consent Agenda items and asked for a motion to approve. Motion offered by Dr. Lauterbach, seconded by Dr. Przirembel, and unanimously approved by the board.

**Item 15:** Adjourn

Mr. Floyd asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion offered by Mr. Tompkins, seconded by Dr. Przirembel, and unanimously approved by the Board. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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Dr. Leroy Davis, Chairman  
Board of Trustees  
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