

*Canton Preparatory High School
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm*

Meeting held at:

Canton Preparatory High School
46610 Cherry Hill Road
Canton, MI 48188

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

PRESENT

UNABLE TO ATTEND

Ted Lang – President	X	
Laura Mortier – Vice President	X	
Kwesi Betsarai – Secretary-Treasurer	X	

Non-Board Members Attending:

- 1) Dave Angerer – Director of Educational Services, PrepNet
- 2) Travis Batt – Assistant Principal, Canton Prep
- 3) Mary Jo Boruta – Board Candidate
- 4) Marco Lollo – Former Board Member
- 5) Sean McAnally – Board Representative, PrepNet
- 6) Jason Pater – President, PrepNet
- 7) Stephanie Roberts – Principal, Canton Prep
- 8) Dan Warren – GVSU Field Representative

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Lang called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Mr. Warren administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Betsarai for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2020.

A motion was made by Ms. Mortier and supported by Mr. Lang to approve Board Officer comprised of Mr. Lang as President, Ms. Mortier as Vice President, and Mr. Betsarai as Secretary-Treasurer. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Roll call was taken.

A motion was made by Ms. Mortier and supported by Mr. Betsarai to approve the agenda as amended to move Data Reports, Discussion Items, and Action Items to the top of the agenda due to time constraints. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. BOARD COMMENTS

There were no Board comments.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Board Candidate Interview

The Board was introduced to Ms. Boruta, who shared more about her background, interest, and experience in charter schools and education as a Teach for America teacher and former board member of a charter school. Mr. Betsarai spoke highly of her, having known her from previous employment.

b. GVSU Charter Contract Amendment

Mr. McAnally reviewed the GVSU Charter Contract Amendment as requested by GVSU, explaining the amendment does not affect Canton Prep.

c. 2016-17 Board Funds Rollover and 2017-18 Board Funds Budget

The Board reviewed the 2016-17 Board Funds Rollover, and reviewed and discussed the proposed 2017-18 Board Funds Budget as presented by the school leadership team.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of the June 21, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Mortier and supported by Mr. Betsarai to approve the June 21, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Approval of the 2016-17 Board Funds Rollover and 2017-18 Board Funds Budget

A motion was made by Ms. Mortier and supported by Mr. Betsarai to approve the 2016-17 Board Funds Rollover of \$2,000 (5004BR0916002) and 2017-18 Board Funds Budget of \$37,000 as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. Nomination of Board Candidate for Appointment

A motion was made by Mr. Betsarai and supported by Ms. Mortier to nominate Mary Jo Boruta for Board appointment. The motion was approved unanimously.

d. Charter Contract Amendment Resolution

A motion was made by Ms. Mortier and supported by Mr. Betsarai to approve the Charter Contract Amendment Resolution as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. School Leadership Report

Ms. Roberts welcomed everyone back for the start of the 2017-18 school year. She provided positive feedback on the inaugural Charger Camp that took place for incoming 9th graders.

Mr. Batt reviewed enrollment, stating the attrition and no-show rate was much lower this year. Mr. Angerer answered a question from the Board about the school budget.

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Ms. Roberts highlighted upcoming events, particularly Step-Up Days among the partner K-8 schools to provide early exposure to Canton Prep as families make decisions about where to attend high school.

Mr. Batt provided a staffing update.

b. 2017 Advanced Placement (AP) Reports

The Board reviewed 2017 AP reports. Mr. Angerer answered questions from the Board about the data.

c. 2016-17 M-STEP and SAT Results

The Board reviewed 2016-17 M-STEP and SAT results. Mr. Angerer answered questions from the Board about the data. Ms. Roberts highlighted the new Monday Elective for SAT prep available to 11th graders. Mr. Batt and Ms. Roberts explained the curriculum alignment between SAT skills and M-STEP content standards. Mr. Angerer answered a question about interim assessments.

7. COMMENTS BY AUTHORIZER

Mr. Matthews updated the Board on the new GVSU Charter Schools Office director, staff retirements, and new hires – including Canton Prep’s new permanent field representative, who will be introduced at the next meeting.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

9. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Angerer answered a question from the Board about the school leadership team’s focus areas for the fall term.

Ms. Roberts answered a question from the Board about the Moral Focus curriculum.

Mr. Lang encouraged the Board to remain assertive in conversation with friends, family, and others that charter schools are public schools, despite the prevalent characterization of charter schools not being public schools.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Officer of the Board Signature