

BOARD MINUTES



Date: August 22, 2026

Location: Johnson County Training Center

Attendance: Megan Zaborowsky (President, presiding), Peter Goerner (Treasurer), Samantha Cridlin (Secretary), Erin Biggs, David Dean, Ashley McLaughlin, Chloe Moton, Stephanie Nichols, Tracie Rhynearson, Jennifer Soster, Amanda Smith, Krissy Strack, Phil Strack, Mark Wallischeck, Tiffany Woods (Executive Director), Dr. Terry Terhune (ex-officio); **not present** Michelle Maslowski.

1. Call to Order – 9:05 a.m.
2. Approval of Minutes – review of the Minutes of the July meeting
 - i. **Motion to Approve July 13, 2026 Board Minutes by Chloe M.; Second by David D.; Board approved.**
3. Financial Update
 - a. The Board reviewed the financial updates.
 - b. **Motion to Approve the Financial Report by Erin B.; Second by Stephanie N.; Board approved.**
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Special Events – Phil
 - i. Phil reported that National Night Out was a successful event and thanked the volunteers who participated.
 - ii. Planning is underway for the Homecoming Breakfast on September 26 in the Greenwood High School cafeteria. Volunteers should arrive at 8:15 a.m.; the event will run from 9:00–11:00 a.m. Phil will email additional details and a flyer in September for Board members to share with contacts and on social media.
 - iii. **Motion to Add Daniel Johnston and Vickie Miller to the Special Events Committee by Phil S.; Second by Tracie R.; Board approved.**
 - b. GEF Cares – Erin
 - i. Erin Biggs updated the Board on Highlight Mental Health, scheduled for September 8–11.
 - ii. Power Hour activities will be held from 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. throughout the week, with no Power Hour on Wednesday.
 - iii. A tailgate prior to the varsity football game will serve as the finale of the week's events and will include vendors. Attendees will receive punch cards for activities.
 - iv. Volunteers are needed to distribute punch cards beginning at 4:30 p.m. Megan Z., Samantha C., and Tiffany W. volunteered to assist with the tailgate.

- c. Grants
 - i. Ashley requested assistance identifying local funeral home contacts. The Grants Committee needs a letter of recommendation in support of a grant application.
- 5. Executive Director Report
 - a. SGO/NAEF
 - i. Tiffany requested the creation of an ad hoc SGO Committee. Members will include Tiffany Woods, Jennifer Soster, Megan Zaborowsky, Peter Goerner, Samantha Cridlin, Dr. Terry Terhune, and Dr. Michelle Jackson.
 - ii. **Motion to Create the SGO Ad Hoc Committee by Phil S.; Second by Chloe M.; Board approved.**
 - iii. Tiffany reported there was little new information regarding the SGO initiative. Dr. Terhune indicated the school received the invoice for GEF's affiliation with NAEF.
 - iv. Tiffany is in communication with the school's attorney, who is familiar with SGO matters and is researching the applicable requirements. NAEF continues working with state governments to clarify legal requirements. Additional Treasury guidance and rules are anticipated in September.
 - v. Jennifer S. provided Tiffany with a new Gift Acceptance Policy for review. The document will move through the review process, with additional information to follow.
 - b. Social Media
 - i. Ashley M. is assisting with GEF's social media presence and sharing Foundation information with local influencers and community pages, including Keeping Up With Greenwood. The Board discussed this as a potential opportunity to extend GEF's reach through accounts with established local audiences.
- 6. Board Team Building – Carolyn Goerner
 - a. Carolyn Goerner facilitated a Board team-building workshop centered on the CliftonStrengths assessment completed by Board members prior to the meeting.
 - b. Through the group activities and discussion, the Board observed that its collective strengths indicate members are "emotionally suited for the work we do."
 - c. The workshop identified four priority action areas:
 - i. Strategic Plan
 - ii. Project Reconnect
 - iii. Evaluation of Existing Programming
 - iv. Board of Directors Diversity Initiative
 - d. Tiffany will provide examples of strategic plans from other organizations as well as SWOT analysis materials she has available.
 - e. Jennifer S. shared that she is aware of local consultants who may be able to assist with the strategic planning initiative.
 - f. The Board discussed the possibility of creating a committee focused on strategic planning. No formal action was taken.
- 7. Adjourned – 11:53 a.m.

Next Meeting: September 14, 2026; 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building.