

# BOARD MINUTES



**Date:** 9/8/25

**Location:** Administration Building

**Attendance:** Joe Harding (President), Amy Jones (Secretary), Megan Zaborowsky (Vice President), Peter Goerner (Treasurer), Amanda Smith, Julia Reynolds, Jen Whitson, Tracie Rhynearson, Phil Strack, Dawn Arnold, Chloe Moton, Angie Glynn, David Dean, Mark Wallischeck, Mike Zafiroff, Michelle Maslowski, Tiffany Woods (Executive Director)

1. Call to order 7:06 p.m.
2. Treasurer's Report
  - a. A copy of the final budget is presented by Peter and discussed in detail with the board; **Motion to Approve the budget by Angie G.; Second by Dawn A.; Board approved.**
  - b. Peter discusses putting money into a CD at Everwise for 11 months to earn some interest income; **Motion to Approve moving \$100,000 into an 11-month CD at Everwise by Mike Z.; Second by David D.; Board approved.**
3. Approval of minutes - review of the Minutes of the July meeting, Amy states that they were amended to add Angie's name in attendance for the retreat:
  - i. No additional changes; **Motion to Approve August Minutes by Megan Z., Second by Jen W., Board approved.**
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Special Events
    - i. Raffle – (taking place of reverse raffle previously discussed) - \$50/ticket; each board member will be asked to sell 5 tickets; \$2500 cash prize for every 100 tickets sold; sale will take place between October 1-December 5 (alumni game); tickets will be designed on Canva; winner doesn't need to be present when ticket(s) drawn; all winners pulled 12/5 at the basketball game; winning ticket will be permanently removed from future drawings; will sell in person at a couple of games; board members are asked to be active sharing the information on social media; not a focused sale, the funds will go to support the general charitable mission of the organization; will add seller's information to the back of the tickets for secondary contact in case winner cannot be reached; **Motion by Chloe M. for board to approve this raffle event; Second by Megan Z.; Board approved.**
    - ii. Halloween Parade – board members are asked to donate and bring two bags of candy each to the October board meeting; parade is 10/25/25 12 p.m. (note this is much earlier than previous years)
    - iii. World Culture Night – 9/18, @ GHS in the SAC 5-7; books will be handed out to students/families; need 2 volunteers, Mark, Joe, and Phil agree to volunteer;

Cares keeps track of an inventory of books and will need to know what is distributed at the event

- b. GEF Cares:
  - i. Highlight Mental Health – (week of 9/8) – Julia shares that there are 8 activities planned during PH for the week; t-shirts are sorted and the tailgate is Friday before the home football game (set up is 5 p.m. for those volunteering); there are 6 vendors coming and will be located inside the gates this year; Julia discusses the new punch card that will be handed out for people to get punched at each tent and then can be cashed in for a treat coupon; Angie mentions that the suicide walk is also on Saturday 9/9 at GHS; the Daily Journal is running an article on GEF's HMH project
  - ii. New Cares Committee Member – **Tracie R. asked for Ann Briggs to be approved as a new committee member for Cares; Second by Michelle M.; Board approved.**
- c. Monte Carlo – Megan shares that the invitation, letter, sponsor form, and general spreadsheet will be emailed to board members and the importance of keeping the information up to date; have around \$14K of sponsors pledged and would like to get \$70K; Endress not giving as much this year so we are looking for a new Diamond level sponsor; next team meeting is 9/29; will have DJ (not sax guy), photobooth, and caricature artist back; big ask will be the New Teacher Grants; starting 9/28 sponsorships can be paid online; TW can invoice anyone needing or wanting to pay by check; 12/1 ticket go on sale to the public
- d. Scholarships – nothing new to report
- e. Grants
  - i. Amy presents the current slate of qualified New Teacher Grants (22 so far, see addendum to minutes for list); reminder that deadline is 9/15 so a follow up email will be sent asking for final approval of any qualified teacher who applies between 9/8-9/15; **Amy J. moves to approve \$6600 for New Teacher Grants; Second by Julia R.; Board approved.**
  - ii. Amy presents the two qualified applicants, Ellen Willians and Melyssa Tworek, for the Related Services Grants; **Amy J. moves to approve \$600 for the Related Services Grants; Second by Angie G.; Board approved.**
  - iii. Grant Writing Workshop – 9/10 in Mr. Dean's room at GMS from 6-7 (will stay as late as 8); email has gone out from Terry to remind staff and TW has shared at all school meetings, plus flyers posted at all schools with information
  - iv. Reminder that fall grant cycle is open, deadline is 10/15 and there are already applications submitted

## 5. Old Business

- a. Payroll Deduction – TW distributes a handout with graphs and data regarding PD growth; there has been almost 100% in growth, feedback is that the QR code was a game changer this year and made signing up very easy; staff like the new swag options; lost 13 givers (left/retired), 27 new people enrolled, 65 people increased giving amount; so far raised \$14,700 and campaign closes 9/10; board members can also enroll and

qualify for the swag; TW reminds board members to look out for touchpoints and finish writing thank you notes

- b. TW gives update on annual report – it is completed and has been given/mailed to sponsors
  - i. Peter encourages board to be cash donors to GEF and the importance of having a 100% giving board

6. New Business

- a. Raptor Restoration – would like to increase visibility with GEF and has a marketing budget to use; would like to mimic the program that Bailey and Woods has at Clark Pleasant schools – concept is to give GEF a lump sum of \$3500 and a monthly winner is drawn from the pool of staff that participate in payroll deduction to receive a \$100 check; now through May for \$100 monthly check then balance used in May for an appreciation event; **Dawn A. makes motion to accept the \$3500 donation from Raptor Restoration for this program; Second by David D.; Board approved.**

7. Adjourned 8:28 p.m.

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**Next Regular Meeting: October 20, 2025, 7 p.m.**

**Email Vote Acknowledgments:**

- 1) On September 20, 2025, Amy J. emailed the board with additional information regarding the final list of applicants for New Teacher Grants and **requested approval of the 10 qualified applicants, totaling an additional \$3000 ; all board members responded in the affirmative by email and unanimously approved the additional funds.**
- 2) On September 12, 2025, Tracie, on behalf of the Cares Team, shared a \$250 Helping Hands request from Southwest Elementary/ Lori Largent, for a staff member at SW who became the legal guardian of two children who are students in the district and whose father was deported, she is struggling with expenses related to their care; since the amount is only \$250, this did not require general board approval and just approval of the Cares Team; **unanimously approved by email by Cares Team members** (Julia, Tracie, Mike, Joe, Donna, Erin, Ann)

**Addendum:**

See attached list for all 2025 New Teacher Grant recipients:

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