

THE EXCEL CENTER, LLC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 1, 2023

MINUTES

The Board of Directors of The Excel Center, LLC met at 8:30 a.m. May 1, 2023, at Goodwill's headquarters. Present were:

Gita Baker, present
Perry Griffith, present
Kent Kramer, present
Jay Oliver, present
Don Palmer, present/virtual
Laura Pickett, present
Doris Pryor, not present
Josh Shelton, present/virtual

Staff/Other:

Shelley Ashley	Sylvia Lauer
Katie Bustamante	Corenn Lorenzini
Twyla Carlson	Johnny Manson
Josh Cooper	Brandon Marks
Ivan Cropper	Kim Myers
Anne Davis	Lakia Osborne
Betsy Delgado	Khalilah Palmer
Steve Dillon	Dan Riley
Sheila Dollaske	Shonda Russell
Corey Emery	Sarah Thomas
Emily Fritsch	Jen Wade
Lynn Greggs	Toni Williams
Miriam Henry	Jeri Zawadzki
Elysse James	Connie Ralph, CEO, GW Evansville

Board Vice-Chair Gita Baker presided and called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

There was no public comment.

On a motion by Perry Griffith, duly seconded, the meeting minutes of the January 30, 2023, meeting were approved as previously distributed. Roll call by individual members' present were all in agreement of approval.

Josh Cooper gave the Treasurer's report for the period through March 31, 2023. Josh noted the total year-to-date revenue is \$22,377,000, \$166,000 ahead of budget and total year-to-date operating income is \$788,000, \$597,000 ahead of budget. Goodwill funding is ahead of budget as a result of the intercompany leases (both with GEI and GCSI) becoming entirely in-kind as of July 1, 2022. Federal funding continues to lag budget due to smaller than expected claims, and some open grant-covered positions. Rent is over budget due to Anderson's move and rent incurred in both locations. Also, GEI has adopted the new lease standard, resulting in additional rent expense recognition. Supplies and materials are over budget year-to-date due to computer equipment purchases that are in service. A reconciliation with IT's records resulted in \$220,000 in additional expense recognized in March.

On a motion by Jay Oliver, duly seconded, the financial statements for March and accounts payable for January, February and March were approved unanimously. Roll call by individual members' present were all in agreement of approval.

Josh and Lynn Greggs reported on the Excel Center Budget for 2023-24, highlighting the following:

- 4,200 seats with some slight redistribution between schools.
- Assuming additional seats awarded to open Twin Aire location.
- Per pupil revenue remains \$6,750.
- ESSER III funds make up approximately \$1,485,000 of the Federal Funding line. This grant must be spent by September 2024.
- Other revenue is the anticipated E-Rate reimbursement as noted in the capitol budget.
- Staff increases at 3%
- Director and Lead Coach/CCR market adjustments total \$45,000.
- All tuition reimbursements remain in a central pot of funds in Central Office to ensure equity and approval not based on school level budgets.

The budget was approved by the Finance & Audit Committee on April 21, 2023.

Miriam Henry reviewed the three 2023-24 annual documents – Student Handbook, School Calendar, and Staff Evaluation Plan, which requires board approval. Miriam reported on the following revisions:

- Student Handbook – No changes
- School Calendar – A change to reflect a variance in Spring Breaks allowing schools to choose what works best within their community and a move to hold graduation after the end of Term 3.
- Staff Evaluation Plan – Added a section that specifically outlines giving informal feedback to teammates, which was driven from the Office of Education Initiatives (OEI) audit this past Fall.

On a motion by Gita Baker, duly seconded, the board unanimously approved the 2023-24 Student Handbook, School Calendar, and Staff Evaluation Plan with revisions as presented. Roll call by individual members' present were all in agreement of approval.

Anne Davis reported on the upcoming charter renewals. There are two charters comprised of five schools – the Mayor's office charter comprises Decatur, Meadows, Michigan Street and Shadeland and the Indiana Charter School Board (ICSB) covers Bloomington. Four are under ICSB – Muncie (first renewal), Kokomo (second renewal), Lafayette (second renewal) and Richmond (second renewal). The other four are under OEI – Decatur, Meadows, Michigan Street and Shadeland.

On a motion by Jay Oliver, duly seconded, the board unanimously approved moving forward with all Excel Center charter renewals to include Decatur, Meadows, Michigan Street, Shadeland and Bloomington locations. Roll call by individual members' present were all in agreement of approval.

Corey Emery introduced Kari Podany, Mission Coach and Dakota McLaughlin, a 2021 graduate of the Shelbyville Excel Center for the Student Spotlight. Corey showed a video of Dakota's success story.

There were no updates/comments from the Mayor's Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.