

Grand Rapids Christian Schools
Board of Trustees
Monday, April 21, 2008
7:00 p.m.
Creston and Evergreen Christian Schools
Minutes

Members Present: Eric Boender, Cathie Brasser, Tricia Dodds, LaRissa Hollingsworth, Dan Holtrop, Paul Jeltema, Ross Leisman, Jim McClurg, Jim Schipper, Dave Tiesenga, Gayle VanGessel, Tim Wiersma

Members Absent: Dan Hubka

Staff Present: Tom DeJonge, Jay Laninga, Eric Burgess, Lon Swartzentruber

1. **Welcome and Call to Order:** Jim Schipper, President
2. **Devotions and Opening Prayer:** Paul Jeltema, Creston Representative
3. **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION MADE BY DAN HOLTROP AND SUPPORTED BY PAUL JELTEMA to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting held February 18, 2008

MOTION PASSED

MOTION MADE BY DAN HOLTROP AND SUPPORTED BY PAUL JELTEMA to approve the minutes of March 17, 2008

MOTION PASSED

4. **Public Comment**
 - D. Hawkins - offered his help in anyway, spoke about the re-urbanization of the central city, suggested CRC churches will assist GRCS, requested that the board not close Oakdale.
5. **School Highlights:** Chip Jenkins, Creston and Evergreen Christian Schools' Principal
Chip presented a Multi-media overview of teaching and learning at Creston and Evergreen Christian Schools
6. **Committee Reports**
 - A. Superintendent Report, Tom DeJonge
Received for information
 - B. Executive Committee , Jim Schipper
Jim reported that the 2007-08 Superintendent assessments have been completed and reviewed by the Executive Committee; a summary report will be presented in May.
 - C. Personnel Committee - Dan Holtrop
Dan reported on four 2008-09 retirees; status of the Professional Status Committee's review of proposed revisions to GRCS personnel policies, which will likely be presented to the Board for its review in either May or June.
 - D. Finance and Operations Committee, Dave Tiesenga
Dave provided an update on the refinancing of existing bond debt and submitted the following the motion related to the refinancing:

MOTION MADE BY DAVE TIESENGA AND SUPPORTED BY DAN HOLTROP that the Grand Rapids Christian Schools' Board of Trustees:

- Authorizes and approves (I) the Basic documents, (ii) the execution, delivery, and performance by GRCSA of the Basic Documents to which it is a party, and (iii) the transactions contemplated by the Basic Documents;
- Authorizes any one of Jay Laninga, Chief Financial Officer, or the Superintendent, President, any Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer to execute on behalf of GRCS the Basic Documents to which GRCS is a party and to execute any and all other documents necessary, appropriate, or desirable in order to enable GRCSA to fully exercise its rights under the Basic Documents or otherwise to carry out the purposes and intents of the foregoing actions;
- Appoints Jay Laninga, Chief Financial Officer, as the “Authorized Obligor Representative” under the Indenture and the Loan Agreement;
- Approves the distribution of the Official Statement by the Underwriter to prospective purchasers of bonds.

MOTION PASSED

E. Education Committee – Tricia Dodds

Tricia submitted the report for information and reviewed changes at GRCHS relative to graduation requirements, increase of instructional time, and how the high school is adding a 7th hour in order to meet the requirements

F. Strategic Planning Update – Tim Wiersma

Tim provided a review of progress and upcoming meetings, including the May 12, 2008 closed session of the Board to review the initial draft of the strategic plan, the May 19, 2008 Board meeting, and the three Town Hall meetings scheduled for May 27, May 29, and June 3 for public review and input of the plan

7. Public Comment

D. LaGrand – Reported his attendance was on behalf of FOCUS

N. VanKuiken – Offered her congratulations on good financial reports; encouraged the board to consider policy which requires parents to express concerns they may have of teachers to the teacher before reporting those concerns to a principal or other administrator

K. den Dulk – Dialogue between members of the Board and Kevin relative to a report on the impact of several variables on historic enrollment decline that Kevin provided to the Board

8. Round table

R. Leisman – asked about how rates of tuition has impacted enrollment

J. McClurg – reported on the Oakdale board parent meeting scheduled for April 22

J. Schipper – encouraged the Board to continue to be bold and to be mindful of kingdom vision

9. Meeting adjourned: 9:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sara Buchholz, GRCS Administrative Assistant