

**Grand Rapids Christian Schools  
Board of Trustees  
Executive Session**

**August 8, 2006**

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**Members Present:** Cathie Brasser, Jim Bush, Ric Hernandez, Dan Holtrop, Dan Hubka, Paul Jeltema, Ross Leisman, Jim McClurg, Candace Sorensen, Dave Tiesenga, Tim Wiersma

**Members Absent:** Jim Schipper, Gayle VanGessel

**Staff:** Tom DeJonge, Jay Laninga, Lon Swartzentruber

**Scribe:** Sara Buchholz

1. Welcome and Introductions – Ric Hernandez
2. Devotions – Ric Hernandez
3. Approval of Minutes from June 19, 2006 – **MOTION PRESENTED BY DAN HOLTROP AND SECONDED BY JIM MCCLURG** to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2006 meeting of the GRCS Board of Trustees  
**MOTION PASSED**

4. Items for Information, Discussion, and Action:

Superintendent's Report

- Lon Swartzentruber presented an overview of a proposed \$25 million *Get Healthy* public funding initiative for the purpose of significantly retiring debt, making capital improvements in health and athletic facilities at GRCHS, making capital improvements at all schools, increasing endowment, and raising funds for tuition assistance.
- Board members reviewed targeted fund-raising goals in each area, discussed the need that all funds be raised before capital expansion and improvements occur, and reviewed proposed communication and construction/renovation timelines.

**MOTION PRESENTED FROM DAVE TIESENGA AND SECONDED BY DAN HOLTROP** that the Grand Rapids Christian Schools Board of Trustees authorizes the superintendent to launch a community-wide funding initiative to raise \$25 million to:

- Eliminate a significant portion of the Schools' long-term debt and interest expense
- Improve the health, wellness, and fitness facilities at Christian High
- Make needed repairs at all Grand Rapids Christian Schools' schools
- Raise funds for tuition assistance
- Cover fundraising cost associated with the campaign.

**MOTION PASSED Unanimously**

**MOTION PRESENTED FROM JIM BUSH AND SECONDED BY DAN HOLTROP** that since the necessary resources have been committed through the *Get Healthy* funding initiative, the Grand Rapids Christian Schools' Board of Trustees authorizes the superintendent to begin construction and renovation of the athletic stadium on the campus of Grand Rapids Christian High, subject to its approval of the final guaranteed maximum price contract.

**MOTION PASSED Unanimously**

5. Round the Table – Board members applauded the efforts of staff for success in quiet phase fund-raising to date and thanked them for their due diligence and excellent work in the development of the initiative.
6. Paul Jeltema closed in prayer.
7. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm