

**Concepts Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 22, 2024
Global Concepts Charter School
1001 Ridge Road
Lackawanna, New York 14218
Immediately Following 5:00 P.M. Work Session**

MINUTES

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Global Concepts Charter School was held at Global Concepts Charter School, 1001 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, New York 14218 and called to order by Chairman Dawan Jones at 5:32 p.m.

Establish a quorum.

Present: Dawan Jones, Suzie Mazella, Anthony DeMarco, William Kruger

Excused: Antonio Estrada, Daniel Wilczewski

Absent:

Other Attendees: Lynda Spahr, Board Clerk

A quorum has been established.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to accept the agenda as presented Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes

Motion passed.

Assistant Principal Emily Jones presented the May 2024 K-8 Students of the Month based on the Gator trait of Safety

Kindergarten, nominated by Mrs. Sander – Aurora Rizzo
Grade 1, nominated by Mrs. Brown – Aeryn America
Grade 1, nominated by Ms. Schneggenburger – Everett Pippins
Grade 2 nominated by Ms. Will – Charlotte Cartwright
Grade 3, nominated by Mrs. Hazelton – Maryam Ahmed
Grade 3, nominated by Ms. McDonald – Reagan Rodriguez

Grade 4, nominated by Mrs. Joyce – Muhammed Almadrahi
Grade 4 nominated by Mrs. Jeanette – Rimas Alabadi
Grade 5, nominated by Mrs. Winkler – Kashfia Zaman
Grade 6, nominated by Mrs. Kumro – Jayla Kilbury
5/6 Electives, nominated by Mrs. LaBounty – Tyree Elliott
7/8 Electives, nominated by Mrs. LaBounty – Ameena Mohamed
Arabic, nominated by Mrs. Khoury – Semaa Al-Bahrazawi
Special Achievement, nominated by Mrs. Yun – Mohamed Mosed

The Board and audience congratulated the winners.

New Business

Principals' Reports

Anthony DeMarco made a motion to approve the Principals' Reports as presented. Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes

Motion passed.

Item #2 – Secretary's Report

Anthony DeMarco made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report that all members received in their monthly Board packet. Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes

Motion passed.

Item #3 – Treasurer's Report

Suzie Mazella made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report that all members received in their monthly Board packet. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes

Motion passed.

Item #4 – Regular Meeting Minutes dated April 24, 2024

Suzie Mazella made a motion to accept the April 24, 2024 regular monthly meeting. Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes

Motion passed.

Operations:

William Kruger made a motion to approve GCCS School Wide Safety Plan 24.25 as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes

Motion passed.

William Kruger made a motion to approve Mondavi Design, LLC for 2021-22 (\$4,050.00) and 2022-23 (\$4,650.00) school year E-rate services in the total amount not to exceed \$8,700.00 as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes

Motion passed.

William Kruger made a motion to approve Mosaic, the new program from Heartland School Solutions replacing Nutrikids in the amount not to exceed \$9,376.00 from Cafeteria account as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes

Motion passed.

William Kruger made a motion to approve Walsh Duffield for a short term commercial insurance policy on 186 Roland Avenue from 5/13/24 through 7/1/24 as part of our blanket building policy

coverage: CPP (\$9,252.00), auto (\$412.00), UMB (\$399.00) in the total amount not to exceed \$10,063.00 as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes

Motion passed

William Kruger made a motion to accept a donation from John Nimmo, Laborers Union, of \$1,500.00 for GCCS Senior events, including red carpet dinner, breakfast and beyond as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes

Motion passed.

William Kruger made a motion to accept a donation from Andrew Redhead, Structured WNY, of \$1000.00 as scholarships for our HS students this year. \$500.00 to the Valedictorian and \$250.00 to two other students who apply for the scholarship with an essay. Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes

Motion passed.

William Kruger made a motion to approve Nearpass & Koegel PLLC for services from March 1, through March 8, 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$4,160.00 as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes

Motion passed.

William Kruger made a motion to approve Pikmykid for student dismissal software 3-year renewal in the amount not to exceed \$11,025.00 as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones	Yes
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Mr. Kruger Yes
Ms. Mazella Yes
Mr. DeMarco Yes

Motion passed.

William Kruger made a motion to approve Savvas for training (\$24,300.00) and (\$136,708.00) curriculum assessment in the total amount not to exceed \$161,008.00 as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones Yes
Mr. Kruger Yes
Ms. Mazella Yes
Mr. DeMarco Yes

Motion passed.

Personnel:

Anthony DeMarco made a motion to accept the following resignations as recommended by the CEO and Chairman:

- Erin Meskill – K-8 Substitute – effective March 8, 2024
- Kelly Repaci – K-8 Substitute – effective April 19, 2024
- Rolando Peña – HS Cleaner – effective April 29, 2024
- Dewald Alberts – K-8 ESL Teacher – effective May 17, 2024
- Danielle Anderson – HS Receptionist – effective May 19, 2024
- Courtney Bley – K-8 Nurse – effective May 22, 2024
- Mohammad Sharieff – HS Arabic Teacher – effective June 30, 2024

Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones Yes
Mr. Kruger Yes
Ms. Mazella Yes
Mr. DeMarco Yes

Motion passed.

Anthony DeMarco made a motion to accept the following resignation:

- Nancy Hajduk – Kindergarten Teacher – effective July 1, 2024

Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones Yes
Mr. Kruger Yes
Ms. Mazella Yes
Mr. DeMarco Yes

Motion passed.

Anthony DeMarco made a motion to approve the following emergency conditional appointments, pending satisfactory background check, drug test, and fingerprint clearance, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman:

- Mary Hussein – K-8 Non Certified Substitute– effective May 10, 2024
- Kaitlyn Leaty – K-8 Non Certified Substitute– effective May 30, 2024
- Madison Guarino – K-8 Non Certified Substitute– effective May 10, 2024
- Grace Caterina – K-8 Non certified Substitute – effective April 30, 2024
- Hannah Thomas – HS Science AIS – effective May 29, 2024

Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes

Motion passed.

Vendors:

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve the following new vendors:

- Daniyal Robinson Camps
- Jerry’s Artarama – Art elective supplies
- Bayview Raceway & Golf – Future Student Council field trips
- Camfil USA, Inc. – Air filters for rooftop units

Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve new vendor Health Sciences Charter School for the 2023-2024 Football Program in the amount not to exceed \$10,551.28 as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve new vendor Willdan to replace light fixtures at K-8 in the amount not to exceed \$40,064.47, including a 10% discount, or, \$3,701.17 per month for 12 months at 0% interest, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones	Yes
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Mr. Kruger	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve Doctor Backflow Plumbing to repair the K-8 water line (\$1,250.00) and HS sink drain and ceiling vent (\$1,750.00) in the total amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by William Kruger.

Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve Proper Stripe to seal and stripe parking lots at 1159 Abbott Road (\$2,400.00), 30 Johnson St. (\$5,150.00), and 170 Roland Ave. (\$1,250.00) in the total amount not to exceed \$8,800.00 as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve School Nurse Supply for a HS treatment table with storage for sports medical supplies in the amount not to exceed \$1,225.00 are recommended by the CEO and Chairman. . Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve CDWG for keyboards and monitors to add to the Mac lab in the amount not to exceed \$2,124.87 as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. . Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve Northtown Music to replace old HS music instruments in the amount not to exceed \$3,299.00 as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. . Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve Decker Equipment / School Fix Catalog for five (5) rugs with new GCCS logo in the amount not to exceed \$2,962.65 as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. . Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve Hodgson Russ for March 2024 services in the amount not to exceed \$5,377.00 as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve Kirisits & Associates for February 2024 billing in the amount not to exceed \$6,530.00 as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. . Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes

Motion passed.

Additional Information

Public Participation

There were no questions from the public.

Adjourn

Anthony DeMarco stated that all items on the Global Concepts Charter School agenda for the May 22, 2024 Board meeting have been complete and he made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Submitted by

Lynda Spahr, Clerk for GCCS Board of Trustees

Approved by

Anthony DeMarco, Secretary