## <u>Gateway Online Academy of Ohio</u> (An Ohio Not-for-Profit Corporation)

**BOARD MEETING** 

## **MINUTES**

Gateway Online Academy of Ohio (the "School") held a Regular Board Meeting (the "meeting") on January 9, 2023 at 12925 Corporate Drive, Parma, 44130.

#### **Board Members in Attendance**

Kimberly Bartlett Diane Faehnrich Jonathan Petrea, Chairman

Board Member not in Attendance

Mark Sanzotta

#### **Guests in Attendance:**

Anne Trakas, Callender Law Group Jim Nichols, Massa Financial Solutions Mike Garcar, Callender Law Group

1. Sign-in / A Call to order Chairman Petrea called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

## 2. Roll Call of Members Present

Chairman Petrea requested a roll call of Board members. The Chairman noted a quorum was present.

## 3. Review/Acceptance of Agenda

*Discussion, Adoption/Approval of Agenda, January 9, 2023 Board Meeting* The agenda of the January 9, 2023 Board Meeting was brought forward for consideration by the Board. Upon Motion duly made by Member Bartlett to accept agenda of the January 9, 2023 Board Meeting as presented, seconded by Member Faehnrich, the Motion passed by common consent and without objection.

#### 4. Discussion, Board Member Candidate

#### Consideration of Michael Johns

The Board discussed the appointment of Mr. Michael Johns to the Gateway Online Academy of Ohio School Board. Mr. Johns was introduced to the Board and he provided his background and experience. Mr. Garcar explained that once the background checks come back and sponsor approval is received, the Board can vote to have Mr. Johns serve on the Board. Mr. Garcar noted this should hopefully be ready for a vote at the February meeting.

#### 5. Reports and Updates

#### a. Head of School (Mr. Yoder/ACCEL Schools)

- i. Head of School Report
- ii. Discussion, Semi-Annual Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Report

Mr. Hessey gave the Head of School Report.

The Semi-Annual Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report was included in the meeting materials.

Achievement was discussed. All end-of-course testing has been completed by students. Over 300 tests were completed overall. The School had completed administration of the first round of STARS testing. The second round of STARS testing will be at the end of the academic year. Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) grade students will also be taking the ACT. Mr. Hessey has seen an improvement in student's progress in classes.

Mr. Hessey noted the PBIS program is growing and the School is really focusing on engagement and resilient school training. There was an online onboarding session and most students attend.

Scheduling was discussed. There have been some adjustments made to the schedules that were recommended by the teachers.

Events were discussed. Mr. Yoder is starting a Lunch and Learn program this month so students can meet their principal.

Enrollment was discussed. The School currently has 671 students. In November, the School lost 17 students to the 72-hour rule. In December, the School lost 8 students to the 72-hour rule. There are currently 126 students with disabilities in the School.

#### Personnel Report

The School has hired two (2) Intervention Specialists, one (1) science, math, and social studies teacher (each). The School is hoping to hire three (3)

more Intervention Specialists.

#### b. Management Company Report (B. Hessey/ACCEL Schools)

- i. Superintendent's Residency Verification Update
- ii. Discussion, Annual Report on Nutritional Standards

Mr. Hessey gave the Management Company Report.

The Annual Report on Nutritional Standards was included in the meeting materials.

Enrollment was discussed. The School had 169 students enroll in November. The School reviewed 150 records. There were ten (10) incorrect records, eight (8) of which were fixed by parents. There were no disputes.

Member Bartlett inquired about whether there were any emancipated minors. Mr. Hessey replied that there are several students who are selfsustaining and a few students considered homeless.

#### c. Sponsor Report (St. Aloysius-Charter School Specialists)

- i. Discussion, Fiscal Review Memos, October and November 2022
- ii. Discussion, At-A-Glance Report, December 2022 and January 2023
- iii. Discussion, Site Visit Report and Site Visit Rubric
- iv. Discussion, Sponsor Connection, December 2022 and January 2023

Ms. Junior gave the Sponsor Report.

The Sponsor Connections for December and January were reviews. School safety was discussed.

Ms. Junior noted she was anticipating a new emergency drill law.

#### d. Treasurer Report (Massa Financial Solutions)

i. Discussion, November and December 2022 Financial Statement

Mr. Nichols provided the Treasurer Report. The November and December 2022 Financial Statements were brought forward for discussion. As the results were cumulative, the December results were discussed.

The FTEs were paid out at 282 for December. The January FTEs were released at 292. Mr. Nichols expects a significant increase in the February payment due to an increase in enrollment. The School has a cash balance of around \$45,000. The School saw a loss of \$7,474 and had a net income of just over \$10,000. Mr. Nichols also noted that Massa recently added a sweep account, which is an interest-bearing account for the School with low risk.

## e. Legal Update (Callender Law Group)

- i. November/December 2022 and January/February 2023 Legal Updates
- ii. Discussion, Committee Formation Background
- iii. Review of resolutions on the agenda

Mr. Garcar gave the Legal Update. The New Business items were reviewed. The State Board of Education Letter, dated December 20, 2022 was included in the meeting materials.

f. Adoption/Approval of Head of School Report/Management Company Report/Sponsor Report/Treasurer Report/Legal Update The School Report/Management Company Report/Sponsor Report/Treasurer Report/Legal Update were brought forward for consideration by the Board. Upon Motion duly made by Member Faehnrich to adopt the School Report/Management Company Report/Sponsor Report/Treasurer Report/Legal Update without amendment, seconded by Member Bartlett, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of members present.

<b>Board Member</b> Name/Initials	AYE	NAY	<b>OTHER</b> (Not Present, Abstain, etc.)
Kimberly Bartlett	Х		
Diane Faehnrich	X		
Mark Sanzotta			Not Present
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman	X		

## 6. Committee Reports, if submitted

- **a.** *Executive Committee*
- **b.** Audit & Finance Committee
- c. Other proposed committees
  - i. *Workforce Development*
  - ii. Academics

None. The Board noted that committees will be formed in the very near future. The topic will appear for consideration on the next agenda.

## 7. Old Business

None.

## 8. New Business

**a.** Discussion, Adoption/Approval of Minutes, November 14, 2022 Board Meeting The Minutes for the November 14, 2022 Board Meeting were brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had during the Legal Update. Upon Motion duly made by Member Faehnrich to adopt the Minutes for the November

<b>Board Member</b>	AYE	NAY	OTHER	
Name/Initials			(Not Present, Abstain, etc.)	
Kimberly Bartlett	X			
Diane Faehnrich	Х			
Mark Sanzotta			Not Present	

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Jonathan Petrea, Chairman

14, 2022 Board Meeting without amendment, seconded by Member Bartlett, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of members present.

**b.** *Resolution, Adoption/Approval of Annual Report and Performance Framework* The Annual Report and Performance Framework were brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had during the Legal Update. Upon Motion duly made by Member Faehnrich to adopt the Annual Report and Performance Framework without amendment, seconded by Member Bartlett, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of members present.

<b>Board Member</b> Name/Initials	AYE	NAY	OTHER (Not Present, Abstain, etc.)
Kimberly Bartlett	X		
Diane Faehnrich	X		
Mark Sanzotta			Not Present
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman	X		

c. *Resolution, Adoption/Approval of Tobacco-Free Campus Policy* The Tobacco-Free Campus Policy brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had during the Legal Update. Upon Motion duly made by Member Faehnrich to adopt the Tobacco-Free Campus policy without amendment, seconded by Member Bartlett, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of members present.

<b>Board Member</b> Name/Initials	AYE	NAY	<b>OTHER</b> (Not Present, Abstain, etc.)
Kimberly Bartlett	Х		
Diane Faehnrich	Х		
Mark Sanzotta			Not Present
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman	Х		

**d.** *Resolution, Adoption/Approval of Truancy Notification Policy* The Truancy Notification Policy was brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had during the Legal Update. Upon Motion duly made by Member Faehnrich to adopt the Truancy Notification Policy without amendment, seconded by Member Bartlett, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of members present.

<b>Board Member</b> Name/Initials	AYE	NAY	<b>OTHER</b> (Not Present, Abstain, etc.)
Kimberly Bartlett	Х		
Diane Faehnrich	Х		
Mark Sanzotta			Not Present
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman	Х		

9. Open Discussion/Public Comment

None.

# 10. Date/Time/Location of the Next Regular Board Meeting:

*Scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.* at 5730 Broadview Road, Parma, 44134.

The School's administrative offices have moved to Independence. The address is 4 Summit Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor. After discussion, Chairman Petrea moved the February 13, 2023 Board meeting to <u>4 Summit Park Dr., Ste. 360, Independence 44131 at 6:00</u> <u>p.m.</u> without objection.

## 11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon Motion duly made by Member Bartlett to adjourn the January 9, 2023, Board Meeting of Gateway Online Academy of Ohio, seconded by Member Faehnrich, the Motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous affirmative vote of members present. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

<b>Board Member</b> Name/Initials	AYE	NAY	<b>OTHER</b> (Not Present, Abstain, etc.)
Kimberly Bartlett	Х		
Diane Faehnrich	Х		
Mark Sanzotta			Not Present
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman	X		

## APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion to approve and adopt minutes of the January 9, 2023 Regular Board

meeting of Gateway Online Academy of Ohio, with without amendments,

made by MEMBER SAN 7077A , seconded by MEMBER FACHNRICH

Roll Call Board Member Name/Initials	AYE	NAY	Other (Abstain, not present, etc.)
Kimberly Bartlett	111/		
Diane Faehnrich	BF		
Mark Sanzotta	- 74		
Jonathan Petrea, Chairman	AC.P.		

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Jonathan Petrea, Chairman

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