

GEM CHARTER SCHOOL

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

Open Hearing for the public to discuss the Budget for GEM Charter School 2016-2017 school year

Discussion starting at 3PM

When: Tuesday, June 21 3:00PM Where: GEM Charter School 1704 N. Center Street, Mesa, AZ 85201

Open Meeting Called to Order 3:10 PM.

Roll Call

Nelleke van Savooyen	President	Present	Sandy Holzer	Secretary	Present
Bob Stratton	Board Member	Present	Rima Abdouni	Board Member	Present

Quorum established

Topics Discussed:

1 **Approve budget for 2016-2017 school year**, about the same as last year's budget, we should have more flexibility this year since we still did not hire a new primary teacher this year and Nelleke will continue teaching. The building lease for 2016-2017 is going to be \$24,255.00; this is a 5% increase from last year. Due to the continued low enrollment we are still keeping building 2 closed. Sandy Holzer put a motion on the table to approve the budget for 2016-2017, Robert Stratton seconded and the board approved unanimously.

2 **Recap 2015-2016 school year**. Financially we had a better year; we were able to increase our savings/emergency fund to \$42,000.00 academically the students in the primary are not quite ready to move on to the elementary classroom at this time. The AZMerit test this year was done on line and the children did better. For the 2016-2017 we do not have any upper elementary students, we only had 2 and I recommended that those students should find a school with more peers of their own age. We will have about 15 lower elementary at this time and the primary will have around 25. I am hoping to move up some children by December and I hope to enroll some more 1st graders before the school year starts.

3 **Proposition 301 percentages change**. We will have some money left over for the performance pay and I would like to increase the first level from \$1,500.00 to \$2000.00 and the second level from \$750.00 to \$1000.00 for the June 2017 evaluation (2016-2017 school year). Sandy Holzer put a motion on the table to approve proposition 301 percentage changes, Robert Stratton seconded and the board approved unanimously.

4. **I would like to propose a returning bonus for all employees** using our Prop 123 increase. I would like to propose our part time staff who have been here less than 1 year to receive \$100.00 with their first paycheck August 16, part time employees at the school for more than 1 year to receive \$250.00 and full time employees to receive \$500.00 each for a total of \$1,950.00. We should receive about \$5000.00 more with our last payment on June 30 from the prop 123 increase. Robert Stratton put a motion on the table to approve a staff returning bonus , Sandy Holzer seconded and the board approved unanimously.

4 **Adjourned to Executive Session** to discuss Employment Items.

5 **Returned to Open Meeting to vote** on items 1, 2, 3 and 4, Sandy Holzer put a motion on the table to approve items 1,2,3 and 4 discussed in the executive session, Rima Abdouni seconded the motion and all 4 board members approved unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 3:45pm