

Goodwill LEADS, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. Eastern

The Goodwill LEADS, Inc. Board of Directors met in the Jude Leighton room of The Academy at 2721 Kenwood Ave. Those Present were:

LEADS, INC. Board:

Debie Coble, Goodwill President/CEO
Anthony Allison, Board Chair
Andrea Pearman, Vice Chair
Dana Trowbridge
Juliann Jankowski
Ann Carol Nash
Jayde Lippert
Audra Peterson
Marcos Rodriquez, Jr.
Taira Nelson
Wally McQuade

Staff present:

Dr. Chris Alber, Vice President of Excel Centers
Kimberly Beck, Central Office & Data Manager
Shire Kuch, CFO
Kimberly Moll, Accountant
Melissa LaPlace, Director Excel South Bend
Katie Lowe, Director Excel Elkhart
Aquinas Lewis, Director Excel Gary
Dr. Countance Anderson, Director Excel Hammond

NOTES ON THE MINUTES

Roll call and all votes on measures presented to the board are done via a roll call vote that is reflected in the minutes and performed within the approved measures outlined in the bylaws.

WELCOME

The meeting began at 12:03 p.m. Those present were announced by roll call. Later attendees were added as they entered.

Roll Call		
Board Member	Y	N
Debie Coble	Present	
Anthony Allison	Present	
Andrea Pearman	Present	
Dana Trowbridge	Present	
Juliann Jankowski	Present, virtual	
Ann Carol Nash	Present	
Wally McQuade	Present	
Marcos Rodriquez	Present, virtual	
Taira Nelson	Present	
Audra Peterson	Present	

PUBLIC COMMENT

There being no public present, no comments were made.

Ms. Coble took this time to announce the resignation of Jayde Lippert from the board, and shared his intentions to remain engaged with Goodwill Industries.

All of those present introduced themselves for the benefit of the new board members.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 20, 2024 AND SEPTEMBER 5, 2024 MINUTES

There being no questions or corrections, Mr. Trowbridge moved to approve the minutes, and Ms. Coble seconded the motion.

Approval of Minutes		
Board Member	Y	N
Debie Coble	X	
Anthony Allison	X	
Andrea Pearman	X	
Dana Trowbridge	X	
Juliann Jankowski	X	
Ann Carol Nash	X	
Wally McQuade	X	
Marcos Rodriguez	X	
Taira Nelson	X	
Audra Peterson	X	

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Mr. Kuch reviewed the financials with those present.

He noted at the time there was a loss for both schools, but informed those present that this was expected as there's cost at the beginning of the year with getting the schools opened. These purchases included computer and software updates, and this loss was expected and previously budgeted.

Revenues were listed for each school, he and Ms. Moll would be looking into conflated professional fees for the month of august.

Ms. LaPlace asked to clarify if the South Bend and Gary purchases for the ESSER grants were included in the current loss. Dr. Alber said they were, but that the receipts had to be submitted before reimbursement.

There being no further questions, Mr. Trowbridge moved to approve the financials, and it was seconded by Ms. Pearman.

Approval of Financials		
Board Member	Y	N
Debie Coble	X	
Anthony Allison	X	
Andrea Pearman	X	
Dana Trowbridge	X	
Juliann Jankowski	X	
Ann Carol Nash	X	
Wally McQuade	X	
Marcos Rodriguez	X	
Taira Nelson	X	
Audra Peterson	X	

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Dr. Anderson joined the meeting virtually at 12:14 p.m.

Mr. Kuch went through the purchases and noted any that may be confusing for the board. They included payments to Goodwill and on lines of credit. There were no questions. A motion was made to approve the accounts payable by Mr. Trowbridge and seconded by Ms. Nelson.

Approval of Accounts Payable		
Board Member	Y	N
Debie Coble	X	
Anthony Allison	X	
Andrea Pearman	X	
Dana Trowbridge	X	
Juliann Jankowski	X	
Ann Carol Nash	X	
Wally McQuade	X	
Marcos Rodriquez	X	
Taira Nelson	X	
Audra Peterson	X	

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Dr. Alber reviewed the submitted ADM counts for each school with those present. Overall the Excel network submitted 870 students for count. He reviewed the February goal of gaining 15 students at each school. As the network moves forward, they will be working to increase retention of students in the buildings.

Dr. Alber updated those present on the current construction of the combined CTE training center and Excel Center for Elkhart. At current time, the plan is to have the Excel Center there open to students by January 6, 2025, after the winter holiday.

Dr. Alber informed those present of the recent Baltimore Learning Lab professional development in which some Excel staff and Directors were able to visit with other Excel Centers across the nation and explore the theme of multilanguage learners in the Excel Centers.

He then announced the current process and update for the South Bend Charter Renewal process.

There being nothing left to discuss, at 12:36 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Nelson to move to Executive Session, it was seconded by Ms. Pearman.

Move to Executive Session		
Board Member	Y	N
Debie Coble	X	
Anthony Allison	X	
Andrea Pearman	X	
Dana Trowbridge	X	
Juliann Jankowski	X	
Ann Carol Nash	X	
Wally McQuade	X	
Marcos Rodriquez	X	
Taira Nelson	X	
Audra Peterson	X	

The meeting ended at 1:10 p.m.

Kimberly Beck
Central Office & Data Manager