

GOAL ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 25th, 2025

Board Members Present: Leaza Silver, Jrace Walker, CJ Renaud, Mark Maryak, Ted Del Duca

Board Members Absent: Luis Contreras

GOAL Staff Present: Dr. Jones, Jamie Trujillo, Jill Toussaint, Deb Morton, Kari Schafer, Mark DeHerrera, Michael DeHerrera, Karla Ash, Geri Sandoval, Ron Vigil, Scott Elliott, Jason Hochevar, Tania Markham, Keanu Cabral, Aryn Henneke, JC Spencer, Jesse Burton, Bryanna Burns, Courtney Seder

Guests Present: Legal Counsel Amber DeCarli, and GOAL students Gilbert, Robert, and Daniel

Location: The Board met for a Regular Board Meeting at 304 S. Victoria Ave. Pueblo, CO 81003 and Microsoft Teams, beginning at 4:30 PM.

- 1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and the establishment of Quorum**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Reading of Mission and Vision Statements**
- 4. Action:** Approve the Regular Board Meeting Agenda
 - a. Move to approve the Regular Board Meeting as presented.
 - b. Motion by Mark Maryak, second by Leaza Silver.
 - c. Yea: Leaza Silver, Jrace Walker, CJ Renaud, Mark Maryak, Ted Del Duca
 - d. Nay:
 - e. Absent: Luis Contreras
 - f. Final Resolution: Motion Carries
- 5. Esports update.** Scott Elliott introduced Esports coaches and students to the Board. Some highlights they shared about the program:
 - a. **Program Development:** Jesse Burton, GOAL teacher and Esports Coach, expressed the need for a full-time Esports position to help the program thrive.
 - b. **Academic Motivation:** Gilbert highlighted how Esports motivates students to pass their classes to remain eligible for participation.
 - c. **Online Security:** Robert discussed the impact of online security and network issues on gaming. CIO Jamie Trujillo acknowledged the security problem and mentioned efforts to find a solution.
 - d. **Success and Friendships:** Daniel emphasized the role of hard work in achieving success and building friendships through the program. He thanked his teachers and Jesse for their support.
 - e. **Esports Competition:** Students participated in a Super Smash Bros. match against Ted Del Duca and Mark Maryak.
- 6. Good News**
 - a. **Southern Region Update:** Principal Jason Hochevar provided an update on the Southern Region, highlighting GOAL's innovative approach through senior recovery support. Keanu Cabral and Tania Markham reported on their successes in the senior recovery program for the year. The senior recovery support class is designed to engage students in their coursework. Tania Markham praised the excellent collaboration between students, academic coaches, and teachers.
 - b. **HR Update:** Ron Vigil announced that GOAL High School has been nationally recognized as one of USA Today's Top Workplaces for the second year in a row. The

award is based on several factors, including employee engagement, organizational health, workplace culture, employee well-being, appreciation and recognition, innovation, and leadership.

7. Board Training – No training

8. Officer Reports

- a. CAO Jill Toussaint presented the Academic Report with the final numbers for Q3.
- b. CFO Deb Morton presented the February 2025 financial statements, noting issues with the T-Mobile billing. Ted Del Duca requested further clarification on these billing discrepancies. Jamie Trujillo explained that the problem stems from inconsistencies in the monthly bills received and that the bills are large and require lots of time to go over to figure out why they vary month to month. Additionally, Ted Del Duca inquired about the purchase of 3,000 diploma covers, to which Deb Morton responded that they were purchased in bulk to ensure adequate stock.
- c. CEO Dr. Jones presented the latest enrollment updates and projections for next school year, emphasizing the need to monitor the state-level deficit. The goal is to adopt a conservative approach to enrollment counts for budgeting purposes, targeting a student count of 6,700 for the next year. The current budget is well positioned to maintain existing staff and cover recurring expenses. Encouragingly, 918 students are on the waitlist for enrollment, which bodes well for future enrollment targets. Ted Del Duca inquired about the student target count for enrollment numbers for next school year. Dr. Jones responded that the plan is to keep enrollment figures stable, assuming no additional budget allocations. Ted also asked about significant state-level programs that could possibly be cut, to which Dr. Jones cited the Ascent Program as an example of a program that might be eliminated or paused. Ted further inquired about recent executive orders affecting the US Department of Education and its funding. Dr. Jones explained that such changes could impact IDEA and Title I funding. However, she does not anticipate a reduction in funds but rather a distribution of those funds from another Federal level department, potentially.

9. Board Member Report – Mark Maryak reported that changes in the Air Force program have led to a decrease in Air Force students. This shift presents an opportunity to support Pueblo students interested in aviation-related careers. He inquired about ways to collaborate with local organizations to offer stable, high-paying jobs in aviation mechanics. CJ Renaud suggested that Mark contact her, as she can provide assistance.

10. Consent Agenda Items

- a. Action: Approval of Consent Agenda Items
- b. Move to approve Consent Agenda items as presented - February 25th, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes and GOAL Financials February 2025
- c. Motion by Mark Maryak, second by CJ Renaud.
- d. Yea: Leaza Silver, Jrace Walker, CJ Renaud, Mark Maryak, Ted Del Duca
- e. Nay:
- f. Absent: Luis Contreras
- g. Final Resolution: Motion Carries

11. Action Items – No action items

12. Informational – No items

13. Public Comment – No public comments

14. Announcements: The Next Board Meeting is Scheduled Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025, at 304 S. Victoria Ave and Microsoft Teams, Pueblo, Colorado, Beginning at 4:30 PM

15. Executive Session

- a. Executive session pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(a), C.R.S.), the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest specifically to updated Board on acquisition of real property; and §24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S.), conference with the public entity's attorney(s) specifically to receive legal advice related to CEO hiring processes under Colorado law, and litigation.
- b. Amber DeCarli and Dr. Jones were invited into executive session.
- c. Move to approve the Executive Session as presented.
- d. Motion by Mark Maryak, second by CJ Renaud.
- e. Yea: Leaza Silver, Jrace Walker, CJ Renaud, Mark Maryak, Ted Del Duca
- f. Nay:
- g. Absent: Luis Contreras
- h. Final Resolution: Motion Carries
- i. Executive Session began at 5:35 PM.
- j. Action: Adjourn the Executive Session
- k. Move to adjourn the executive session.
- l. Motion by Jrace Walker, second by Leaza Silver.
- m. Yea: Leaza Silver, Jrace Walker, CJ Renaud, Mark Maryak, Ted Del Duca
- n. Nay:
- o. Absent: Luis Contreras
- p. Final Resolution: Motion Carries
- q. The Board Adjourned the Executive Session at 6: 53 PM.

16. Action Item: Resolution 2025-03-25-A CEO Hiring

- a. Action: Approval of Resolution 2025-03-25-A CEO Hiring
- b. Move to approve Resolution
- c. Motion by Mark Maryak, second by CJ Renaud.
- d. Yea: Leaza Silver, Jrace Walker, CJ Renaud, Mark Maryak, Ted Del Duca
- e. Nay:
- f. Absent: Luis Contreras
- g. Final Resolution: Motion Carries

17. Action Item: Resolution 2025-03-25-B Regarding Litigation

- a. Action: Approval of Resolution 2025-03-25-B Regarding Litigation
- b. Move to approve Resolution
- c. Motion by Jrace Walker, second by Leaza Silver.
- d. Yea: Leaza Silver, Jrace Walker, CJ Renaud, Mark Maryak, Ted Del Duca
- e. Nay:
- f. Absent: Luis Contreras

g. Final Resolution: Motion Carries

18. Adjourn the Meeting

- a. Board President Ted Del Duca motioned to adjourn the meeting via executive privilege.
- b. The Board Adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 PM.

Date Approved: 



Secretary







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