Maple Grove Charter School
A Collaborative Exploratory Learning Charter
Governance Board Meeting Agenda
DATE: Monday, October 14, 2025 TIME: 5:30 pm

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Mission: Maple Grove Charter School seeks to develop the whole child through the provision of exploratory experiences where students engage in a hands-on approach in project development through cultural connections to our traditions, opportunities, and our greater community.
Vision: Maple Grove Charter School will honor and sustain our proud history and traditions through educational excellence for community students, families, and residents.

1. Call to Order **at 5:30 pm**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance was recited**
3. Roll Call -Micheal Fasse - **present**, Karen Paul - **present**, Kelly Hirn - **present**, Ashley Lange - **present**, Rebecca Primm - **present**, Jeff Artus - **present** and Karen Gauerke - **present**
4. Written notice of this meeting has been posted.
5. Approval of minutes from the September 2025 Board Meeting **motion by Michael, second by Rebecca, passed unanimously.** Approval of September 2025 Record Review write up **motion by Rebecca, second by Karen G., passed unanimously.**
6. Acknowledge Public Participation – Community members can address the Governance Board if they wish to. Public comments will be noted and addressed by the Board as the agenda states. Any public comments not relating to agenda items will be discussed at an upcoming meeting. **Cindy Artus recognized the efforts of MGCS and the greater Hamburg community for the effort put into the upcoming benefit for Taylor Thurs. Reminder of the event happening 10/18/25 and invitation for all to attend.**
7. Recognition - Governance Board, Principal and/or Superintendent may recognize community members, teachers, parents, etc. who have supported Maple Grove Charter School in the past month. **Principal Hanson recognized and thanked the Governance Board for continued dedication to the school and students. Karen G. mentioned that Athens Area Chamber of Commerce $5,000 grant applications are due 10/30/25. Rebecca will inform the PTO Board of the opportunity.**
8. New Business:
    - 8.1 Contract and Bylaws current working Draft Version
        - 8.1.1 Review of Section 12-15 (15 minutes)

Kelly worked on these sections. She recommended keeping them all as written. Robin mentioned that after this year MGCS will not need to have a separate audit; it will be part of the Athens School District audit. Motion by Kelly to keep Section 12 as-is, second by Rebecca, passed unanimously. Motion by Mike to keep Section 13 as-is, second by Jeff, passed unanimously. Kelly mentioned that Section 14 is the only spot in the contract that the School District of Athens is not written as "the district" but the board agrees this is because it is a location reference, not an entity. Motion by Kelly to keep Section 14 as-is, second by Karen G., passed unanimously. Motion by Jeff to keep Section 15 as-is, second by Michael, passed unanimously.
Since Rebecca already completed Sections 16 and 17, those can be skipped. Section 18 assigned to Jeff, Section 19 assigned to Karen G. and Section 20 assigned to Karen P. for review at the November meeting.

        - 8.1.2 Sample contracts from WRCCS

8.2 Committees:

8.2.1 Proposed Option Based on Retreat Goals (15 minutes)

Kelly did not get any additional information or proposed changes to the committee options as discussed, so the Board is in agreement of adopting them as previously discussed. Reminder that the goal of each committee is to work on more specific tasks over the course of each month in conjunction with the full board. Individual committee assignments were discussed: Financial Sustainability - Will consist of the Board Treasurer, district staff member (Beth Steinke) and a community member (maybe from PTO). This committee will require more work up front at the start of the year then taper off. Public Relations and Marketing - Will consist of Board VP, a community member (Athens, Hamburg) and a 3rd person. Challenges for this committee will include not having an advertising budget because of the grant ending. This committee will require more work before open enrollment and then taper off. Board Operations and Advancement (BOA) - WIll consist of Board President, Board Secretary and Principal. Goals of each committee were reviewed. Committees will require more work between full Board meetings, but not necessarily every month. Discussion was raised on how committees would bring information to the full Board, and whether committee meetings would need their own agendas and minutes. Confirmed that they would. Motion by Rebecca to adopt the committees as outlined, second by Mike, passed unanimously.

Committee assignments as follows: Public Relations and Marketing - Rebecca and Karen G. Financial Sustainability - Karen P. will be on it, and requested another Board member. Mike volunteered. Confirmed with Andrea that Beth Steinke will join. Board Operations and Advancement - Kelly, Ashley and Robin will make up this committee. Assignments for November meeting: BOA and Finance will report, nothing for PR/Marketing.

8.3 Whole Child Learning Plan

8.3.1 Capacity - 135 currently 146 proposed by District (5 minutes) **Andrea mentioned a special school board meeting on 10/15/25 to discuss short term borrowing and potential feasibility study, which complements the facility study and ties to space and capacity. Will provide an update at the November meeting.**

2024/25 Seclusion and Restraint Reports (5 minutes) **Robin defined both seclusion and restraint and the procedure/documentation that must be followed if either are used. Previous year numbers must be reported annually. Last year at MGCS there were zero incidents of seclusion and zero restraints.**

9. Ongoing Business:

9.1 Principal's Report (5 minutes) **Robin attended a principal's conference in La Crosse with Joy Redmann. Highlights were the law conference on the first day which discussed legal battles in different districts and SPED law. She had successful networking with another principal from an agricultural and environmental education charter school similar to ours. She learned about a data collection program that she wants to implement at MGCS to maintain all data in one spot vs. multiple spreadsheets. Early Literacy Coaching was discussed and how through a DPI grant, MGCS teacher Ms. Etten was able to train on best practices and goals for K-2 literacy with a CESA 9 trainer.**

9.1.1 School budget

9.2 Superintendent's Report (5 minutes)

9.2.1 School budget **no big purchases or updates. 13% of the overall budget has been spent; mostly salaries and benefits for staff.**

9.3 FOMG Budget (5 minutes) **Karen P. reported on FOMG budget, syrup budget and Governance Board budget numbers. All accounts are balanced. Donation was received from Scharer Spinal Aid Center via Mike. Kelly suggests the Finance committee can discuss whether we need to share all 3 separate budgets at**

each meeting and make a recommendation. Motion to approve budget by Mike, second by Jeff, passed unanimously.

9.4 PTO Updates (5 minutes) **Rebecca reported that total #s earned from the calendar fundraiser are not in yet and the apparel fundraiser is still waiting to come out. Trunk or Treat coming up 10/25/25 from 2-4 pm. This year there will be a raffle basket fundraiser and Fromm Brothers Historical Society will match donations. They still need food donations and volunteers to host trunks. Last year there were over 100 kids.**

9.5 Maple Grove Foundation Updates (5 minutes) **Working on a new fundraising campaign. Popcorn Fridays continue to be a success. Big thank you to Jeff for helping out with it.**

10. **Adjournment Motion by Rebecca, second by Mike, passed unanimously. Adjourned at 6:21 pm.**