

**Minutes --- Board of Directors Special Meeting  
March 16, 2011**

<b>I. Call to Order:</b> The meeting was called to order by Chairman White at 7:50 a.m.
<b>II. Roll Call:</b> The following members were present: Director Gensheimer, Director Johnson, Director Miller, Director Milshteyn and Director Talburtt. Late: Fred McDonald and Director Richards-Schuster Absent: Director Griff McDonald
<b>III. Guests:</b> There were no guests.
<b>IV. Updates from the Chair:</b> Chairman White announced that the Board Policy Committee had finished the review of the current board policy manual.
<b>V. Approval of Consent Agenda:</b> Director Talburtt moved and Director Miller seconded that the consent agenda be approved. Motion passed unanimously.
<b>VI. Public/Staff Communications:</b> Staff members: Sam Rosewig, Katie Glupker and Patricia Sahakian were in attendance. Sam Rosewig and Katie Glupker presented the board with a report on the English program at WTMC this year, highlighting the spring literature seminar on the literature of survival and the fall Shakespeare production field trip.
<b>VII. Treasurer's Report:</b> Director Miller presented the treasurer's report for February 2011. Director Miller moved and Director Milshteyn seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Director Miller introduced the budget amendment for the 2010/ 2011 school year. Revenues were increased due to new ARRA, Edu Jobs and the maintaining of the student enrollments. Money was moved to some new line items in an effort to create more transparency in the budget and to accommodate an additional staff member hired through the Edu Jobs program.
<b>VIII. Old Business:</b> Chairman White announced that the revised Board Policy Manual has been sent to the National Charter Schools Institute who will provide us with a copy suitable for duplication for the board.
<b>X. Closed Session:</b> Chairman White asked Dean Covert if he would like the board to go into closed session to review his personnel issue. Dean Covert gave his permission for the board to go into closed session. Director Fred Mc Donald moved and Director Milshteyn seconded that the board go into closed session at 8:50 a.m. At 9:10 a.m. Director Talburtt moved and Director Fred Mc Donald seconded that the board return to open session.
<b>IX. New Business:</b> Director Johnson brought up the idea of increasing revenues by possible partnering with other districts to expand our program. This idea will be further discussed in the board's annual retreat. Dean Covert gave his administrative report. The student loss rate at WTMC students has improved from 12% in 2009/2010 to 1% in 2010/2011. Maintaining a consistent student body enrollment number has positively impacted our foundation grant funding and illustrates how well our curriculum is matching student needs. Compass Reading and Math readiness scores are way above last year's rates. Applications for 2011 are well above last year's application at this time. Dean Covert will be working with a student intern from the University of Michigan during the spring term. The intern will support the staff in the development of school wide rubrics in critical thinking and writing. Dean Covert has received positive feedback from the NPR interview. The radio interview has generated a lot of interest in WTMC. WTMC hosted Gregg Dionne, the Alternative Education Consultant, from the Michigan Dept. of Education Office of Education Improvement and Innovation on Monday, March 14, 2011. Mr. Dionne was most impressed with his visit to WTMC.
<b>X. Adjournment:</b> Director Talburtt moved and Director Fred Mc Donald seconded a move to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Director White adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Alex Milshteyn

Secretary, WTMC Board of Directors