

GOAL DIGITAL ACADEMY
Board of Directors

Board Minutes
October 2, 2025

1. Called to Order at 8:02 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Treasurer Earnest called the roll.

Present: Mr Hickman, Mr Peterson, Mr Nickoli, Mrs Curtis

Absent: Mr Ute

4. Recognition of Guest(s)

Jamie Byrne, Director of The Tomorrow Center

5. Informational Items

A. Sponsor Review – Tish Jenkins, Superintendent

- 1.) Presentation to Governing Board Members in understanding the Roles and Responsibilities of the Sponsor and School as outlined in the contract
- 2.) Financial Monthly Review
- 3.) Enrollment Monthly Review
- 4.) Monthly Newsletter – General and Policy Updates
- 5.) Conflict of Interest Statements

B. School Report Card – Meets Standards

C. OEC – On-site Evaluation

D. DORP status change effective immediately, approved conditional

E. FTE September 2024 – 796.52; September 2025 – 840.51

F. Special Projects Video's & Annual Report

G. Next board meeting will be December 4, 2025 @ 8 am in Mansfield

6. Presentation of Minutes

Approved and signed the August 7, 2025 regular board meeting minutes.

Motion by Mrs Curtis, seconded by Mr Peterson to accept the recommendation.

Vote: Four Yeas

Absent: Mr Ute

President Hickman declared the motion passed.

7. Financial Reports for Review

A. Board has reviewed the monthly financials reports (Bank Reconciliation, Cash Summary, Check Listing & Credit Card Statement) as presented.

B. Board has reviewed Budget vs Actual (aka. BVA) report as presented.

C. Credit Card

- # of cards and accounts issued – 2 with Chase Bank (Patricia Jenkins and Stephen J. Earnest) and 2 with Elan Financial Services (Patricia Jenkins and Stephen J. Earnest)
- # of active cards and accounts issued – 4 (Patricia Jenkins (2) and Stephen J. Earnest (2))
- cards/accounts expiration dates – Chase is 11/2028; Elan is 3/2027 cards/accounts credit limits – Chase = \$7,500 shared; Elan = \$12,000 each
- All credit card accounts receive no rewards.

8. Treasurer's Report and Recommendations

A. Approved the Community School Annual Budget as presented.

B. Approved the 3-year Forecast as presented.

Motion by Mr Nickoli, seconded by Mrs Curtis to accept the recommendation.

Vote: Four Yeas

Absent: Mr Ute

President Hickman declared the motion passed.

9. Executive Session:

Mr Hickman moved to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of:

- Considering the employment of public employees and officials

seconded by Mrs Curtis to accept the recommendation.

Vote: Four Yeas

Absent: Mr Ute

President Hickman declared the motion passed.

The Board entered into executive session at 8:32 a.m.

President Hickman declared the meeting back in regular session at 9:06 a.m.

President Hickman declared the motion passed.

10. Superintendent's Report and Recommendations

Personnel

A. Approved to accept the resignation of Isabella DePalo effective 8/6/25.

B. Approved to accept the resignation of Michael Galleher from LPDC committee effective 9/30/25.

C. Employment Contracts

The following employment contracts are approved effective with the 2025-2026 contract year (contingent upon proper certification/licensure, completed background checks and FTE funding)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Contract			
Michael Falgout	HS English	181	9/1/25
Ryan Caplinger	HS English	181	9/1/25
Kimberly Dart	HS English	181	9/9/25
Robert Terrill III	Intervention Specialist	185 (Prorated)	10/20/25
Lily Tate	PE/Health K-12	185 (Prorated)	10/13/25
Part-Time			
Sarah Brewster	Customer Service	Hourly	9/9/25
Job Changes			
Matthew Alexander	Math/Spanish	185	9/1/25

D. Approved the Tomorrow Center staff for Personal Day Payout for non-use as approved by the Tomorrow Center Board of Directors on September 23, 2025 following GOAL Board Policy for FY25:

Leila Bucher	3 Days	Megan Oder	3 Days
Kay Hines	3 Days	Susie Sexton	3 Days
Peggy Hubschman	3 Days	Chelsea Ulrey	3 Days
Josh Niese	3 Days	Hollie Wilson	3 Days

E. Approved to terminate the contract of Samantha Nelson-Ball effective October 2, 2025.

Motion by Mrs Curtis, seconded by Mr Peterson to accept the recommendation.

Vote: Four Yeas

Absent: Mr Ute

President Hickman declared the motion passed.

Operational

- A. Approved the 2024-2025 GOAL Annual Report with FY25 financial data.
- B. Approved the Title IX Services Agreement with Mid-Ohio as presented.
- C. Approved the Leadership and Learning Agreement with Mid-Ohio as presented.
- D. Approved the RC3313.17 Service Agreement with Mid-Ohio as presented.
- E. Approved per Operational Procedures the continuation of funding for staff identified for the Grow Our Own Program to pay 100% of tuition, fees & testing costs for FY26:
 - 1) Angeline Burke – GOAL Digital Academy -- (finished October 2024)

- 2) Jenna Streib – GOAL Digital Academy -- begin School Counselor Program beginning October 2024
- 3) McKynna Byrne – GOAL Digital Academy -- K-8 Elementary Teacher began in Summer of 2024
- 4) Wesley Brooks – GOAL Digital Academy -- Alternate Principal License begin Summer of 2025
- 5) Kaneisha Brooks – GOAL Digital Academy – Intervention Specialist
- 6) Kyleigh Holtsberry -- GOAL Digital Academy – Intervention Specialist
- 7) Joe Sumner – The Tomorrow Center (must have Certified SpEd Administrator for OEC) – Masters Special Education began Sept 2024

F. Approved the continuation of contract with Soliant for Occupational Therapy not to exceed \$50,000 for FY26.

G. Approved to adopt the following board policies as presented:

<u>Policy#</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>New/Revised</u>
6.18	Student Discipline	Updated
6.19	Code of Student Conduct	Updated
6.55	Electronic Communication Devices	Updated
7.04	Promotion, Placement and Retention	Updated
7.05	Remediation-Intervention Program for Reading Skills	Updated
7.40	Career-Technical Education Credit Transfer Courses	New
8.19	Inventory and Disposition of Equipment and Unused Supplies Obtained with Federal Awards	Updated
9.08	Title IX Grievance Procedure - Employee and Student	Updated

Motion by Mr Nickoli, seconded by Mr Peterson to accept the recommendation.

Vote: Four Yeas

Absent: Mr Ute

President Hickman declared the motion passed.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs Curtis, seconded by Mr Nickoli to accept the recommendation.

Vote: Four Yeas

Absent: Mr Ute

President Hickman declared the motion passed.

President Hickman declared meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Next regular meeting to be held on December 4, 2025 @ 8 a.m at the Mansfield lab

Approved:

12/4/25

Date

President

Treasurer