GOAL DIGITAL ACADEMY
Board of Directors
Board Minutes
August 6, 2026

1. Called to Order at 8:03 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Called
Treasurer Earnest called the roll.

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

4. Recognition of Guest(s)
Jamie Byrne, Director of The Tomorrow Center
Dave Jones, Mid-Ohio Director of Community Schools
Jeremy Secrest, Mid-Ohio Director of Grants and Special Projects
Steph Bowers, Special Education Director

5. Board President Report and Recommendations
A. It is approved due to an inability to attend meetings for the immediate future, Mr. James Peterson be removed as a Board Member and is appointed as an Honorary Board Member. An appointment as an Honorary Board Member is based on one's extraordinary service to GOAL Digital Academy and allows one to attend meetings as they are able. When Mr. Peterson is able to attend meetings on a regular basis, Mr. Peterson may notify the Board President of his desire to return as a Board member.

Motion by Mr Nickoli, seconded by Mrs Curtis to accept the recommendation.
Vote: Four Yeas
Absent: Mr Peterson
President Hickman declared the motion passed.

6. Informational Items
A. FTE Review – July 2025 – 887.45; July 2026 – 854 – Not an actual decrease, GOAL trued up enrollment mid-year and should not see a clawback
B. Summer Engagement/Summer School FY26 Report – Steph Bowers
C. Sponsor Review – Dave Jones Presenting
   1.) Financial review – continues throughout summer, monthly enrollment review will start in August
   2.) DOPR Application for 2026-27 School Year (application has been submitted but no other communication has been received yet)
   3.) **Asynchronous Governing Board Member Training:** Roles and Responsibilities of the Sponsor and the School as outlined in the Community School Contract.
D. State Budget

E. Grants: Federal Grant Allocations; Title I - $282,000; Title I Non-Competitive - $150,000; Title II - $33,000; Title IV - $22,000; IDEA B - $225,500; Expanding Opp - $80,000
F. GOAL School Options for K-8 (or 5-14) for FY28
G. 2026-27 Board Meetings – October 1, 2026; December 3, 2026; February 11, 2027; April 8, 2027; June 3, 2027; and August 5, 2027
H. Next Meeting – October 1, 2026 @ 8:00 am at the Marion Lab

7. Presentation of Minutes

A. Approved and signed the June 2, 2026 board meeting minutes.

Motion by Mr Nickoli, seconded by Mrs Curtis to accept the recommendation.
Vote: Three Yeas
Absent: Mr Peterson, Mr Ute
President Hickman declared the motion passed.

8. Treasurer's Financial Reports for Review

A. Board to review the monthly financials reports (Check Register, Cash Summary) as presented.

B. Board to review Budget vs Actual (aka. BVA) report as presented.

C. Credit Cards
- # of cards and accounts issued – 2 with Chase Bank (Patricia Jenkins and Stephen J. Earnest)
- # of active cards and accounts issued – 2 (Patricia Jenkins (1) and Stephen J. Earnest (1))
- cards/accounts expiration dates – Chase is 11/2028; cards/accounts credit limits – Chase = $7,500 shared

All credit card accounts receive no rewards.

D. GOAL review of expenses and long-term financial security.

9. Treasurer's Report and Recommendations

A. It is approved the Community School Annual Budget as presented.

B. It is approved the 3-year Forecast as presented.

Motion by Mrs Curtis, seconded by Mr Hickman to accept the recommendation.
Vote: Four Yeas
Absent: Mr Peterson
President Hickman declared the motion passed.

10. Superintendent's Report and Recommendations

Personnel

A. Approved to accept the resignation of Angeline Burke, School Counselor effective at the end of her contract.

B. Approved to accept the resignation of Amy Holloway, Educational Advocate effective August 6, 2026.

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

Name	Position		Contract	Effective
Full-Time				
Bailee Huston	Licensed Social Worker		200 Days	8/1/26
Cody Meadows	Intervention Specialist		188 Days	9/1/26
Jennifer Willis	School Counselor (pro-rated)		208 Days	9/1/26
William Moodie	MS Social Studies Teacher		195 Days	8/1/26
Job Change				
Nathan Leasure	Intervention Specialist		196 Days	8/1/26
Sarah Brewster	Full-time Customer Service		196 Days	9/1/26
Juliet Thibault	Art Teacher		Hybrid contract	9/1/26
Contract				
Ryan Caplinger	MS Career	(1 semester)	181 day	9/1/26
Sondra Carey	Social Studies		181 day	9/1/26
Kaneisha Brooks	MS ASL	(1 semester)	181 day	9/1/26
Part-Time				
Angeline Burke	School Counselor		Hourly -as needed	9/1/26

D. Approved the following supplementals as recommended by the Superintendent at the same rate as FY26 unless otherwise noted:

Name	Position	Effective
Kyleigh Holtsberry	RESA Mentor	9/1/26
Stephanie Frisch	Lab Leader	9/1/26
Gregg Snouffer	LPDC Co-Chair	9/1/26
Diane Moore	Community Schools TC/Findlay Digital	8/1/26
Katelin Lee	Academic Support Coordinator	9/1/26

E. Approved to adjust base contracts for earning certifications effective at the beginning of their contract for FY27:

Name	Position	Adjust
Wes Brooks	Certified Canvas Educator	$2,000 – certification earned
Ryan Hontz	Certified Canvas Educator	$2,000 – certification earned
Casey Clark	Certified Canvas Educator	$2,000 – certification earned
Jason Calder	Certified Canvas Educator	$2,000 – certification earned
Amanda Waggoner	Certified Canvas Educator	$2,000 – certification earned
Jessica Murnahan	Intervention License	$2,000 – certification earned
Kristina Ebert	Intervention License	$2,000 – certification earned

F. Approved the posting and hiring of a shared employee for the Tomorrow Center and GOAL at a 65/35 split for a Literacy, Learning, Recovery Support Specialist paid out of Title I Non-Competitive grant for the Tomorrow Center effective 9/1/26. The position will report to the Tomorrow Center director.

Motion by Mr Nickoli, seconded by Mrs Curtis to accept the recommendation.
Vote: Four Yeas
Absent: Mr Peterson
President Hickman declared the motion passed.

Operational

A. Approved the FY27 Student/Parent & Personnel handbooks as presented.

B. Approved the following board policies as presented:

Policy#	Title	New/Revised
6.09	Preventing Chronic Absenteeism	New
6.10	Student Attendance Accounting-Missing Children	Updated
6.12	Withdrawal from School	Updated
6.15	Graduation – Diploma Requirements	New
6.16	Student Records	Updated
6.35	Asthma Medication and Epinephine Delivery Systems	Updated
6.42	Prohibition from Extracurricular Activities	Updated
6.50	Diabetes Care	Updated
6.55	Electronic Communication Devices	Updated
6.64	Artificial Intelligence in Education	Updated
7.17	Extracurricular Activities	Updated
9.24	Records Retention and Disposal Schedule	Updated
9.48	Youth Organization Access to Students During School Hours	New

Motion by Mrs Curtis, seconded by Mr Nickoli to accept the recommendation.
Vote: Four Yeas
Absent: Mr Peterson
President Hickman declared the motion passed.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs Curtis, seconded by Mr Nickoli to accept the recommendation.
Vote: Three Yeas
Absent: Mr Peterson, Mr Ute
President Hickman declared the motion passed.

President Hickman declared meeting adjourned at 9:07 am
Next meeting to be held on October 1, 2026 @ 8:00 am

Approved: 10/1/26
Date

President

Treasurer