



The board approved these meeting minutes on 2/25/2026

School Name- Gentry Academy		
Charter Number- 4284-07		
Date- Wednesday, January 28, 2026		
Address- 1420 County Road E East Vadnais Heights, MN 55110		
1. Call to Order		
By John Smith		Time- 4:30 pm
1a. School Mission Statement		
<p><u>Mission:</u> At the core of Gentry Academy’s ability to build great leaders is the philosophy that true leadership does not come from a single characteristic but rather a collection of traits, values, and skills that work together. It is Gentry Academy’s mission to strive to bring together this collection of traits, values, and skills on a daily basis so as to help the students achieve their best possible selves.</p> <p><u>Vision:</u> Gentry Academy’s vision to “Build Tomorrow’s Leaders” creates the foundation which all learning and development are built upon. Through its high-quality Leadership and Life Skills Program students are guided to discover, recognize and embrace their own unique skill set, passions, and opportunities for personal growth that set them up for success in life. Students are presented with a powerful opportunity to learn in a traditional classroom setting that is integrated with the highest-caliber leadership and W.I.N. (What I Need) Time curriculum. Each student deserves not only the best opportunities to learn and grow but also should enjoy the advantage of being surrounded by innovative and passionate peers who will simultaneously challenge and support them.</p>		
1b. Pledge of Allegiance		
2. Roll Call		
Board Member Names	Present	Absent
Brad Beck	X	
Samuel Fellows		X
Ellie Neumann	X	
John Smith	X	
Megan Stone	X	
Akiko Ziegler	X	
Jennifer Kurth (Ex Officio)	X	

Others Present			
Bridget Peterson			
Patrick Battaglia			
James (Jim) Fox			
Derrick Rangel			
3. Adoption of the Agenda			
Motion- The meeting's agenda was presented for approval.			
Made by: Megan Stone		Seconded by: Brad Beck	
Discussion			
None			
Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	5	0	0
4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest if any			
None			
5. Consent Agenda			
Motion- The annual designations were presented for approval.			
Made by: Brad Beck		Seconded by: Akiko Ziegler	
Discussion			
The designations were as follows:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Designate the 2026 official school newspaper Recommendation - WHITE BEAR PRESS II. Designate 2026 school lawyer Recommendation - Trevor Helmers - Squires Waldspurger & Mace III. Designate 2026 depository and investments Recommendation - Premier Bank IV. Designate 2026 Authority for Electronic Funds Transfer Recommendation - EdFin, Jen Kurth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approved Reasons: Transfers between accounts; payment of employee payroll; payment of federal, state, unemployment taxes and retirement contributions; vendor payments; V. Authorized Signatories Recommendation - Executive Director, Board President, Treasurer VI. MDE Designations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. IOwA - JEN KURTH b. Special Education Director - JEN KURTH 			
Vote			

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	5	0	0

6. Public Comment

6a. Prospective Board Member Introductions

- Patrick Battaglia
- Derrick Rangel
- James (Jim) Fox
- Each answered the question of what do you want Gentry's legacy to be in the next 3-5 years.

7a. Secretary's Report

Motion- Ellie Neumann presented the December meeting minutes for approval.

Made by: Megan Stone **Seconded by:** Brad Beck

Discussion

None

Vote

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	5	0	0

7b. Treasurer's Report

Motion- Bridget Peterson shared the December financial statement and supplemental report for approval.

Made by: Megan Stone **Seconded by:** John Smith

Discussion

Highlights:

- *2025-2026 adopted budget 321 ADM
- *2025-2026 revised budget 321 ADM
- Actual ADM 333
- 50% Percent of the fiscal year completed
- 51%YTD revenue as a percent of budget based on the working projection.
- 48% YTD expenses as a percent of budget based on the working projection.
- 21% Projected ending fund balance as a % of expense budget

Vote

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	5	0	0

7b. Treasurer's Report

Motion- Bridget Peterson shared the FY 2025-2026 Revised Budget for approval.

Made by: Brad Beck

Seconded by: Akiko Ziegler

Discussion

Highlights:

*This budget would be approving 10 more students from last budget (321 to 331)

*Fund balance going from 23% to 22%

Vote

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	5	0	0

7c. Committee Report - Academic & Athletic Update

Motion- No motion necessary, just information shared.

Made by:

Seconded by:

Discussion

Academic Update:

Jennifer Kurth shared...

-up for contract renewal with IQS, meeting with them and presenting new contract in March

-8 new students this semester

-Information Night was great and lots of families attended (2 students started after that night and more are inquiring)

-Student Honor Rolls for semester 1 include: 133-A 138-B

-Boys Hockey game was rescheduled for during the day yesterday, lots of students attended, and there was great feedback from it

Megan Stone shared...

-Information Night- each family got to go to a couple classrooms and some mini lessons

-Honor Roll is factored in house points for students

-starting new semester and students are working on their at-home conferences

-new this year optional sign up conferences will be happening on February 17

Athletic Update:

John Smith shared...

-Training Haus moving from downstairs in basement to a WIN activity option (paid)

-spring sports registrations open Feb. 6, meetings are scheduled for each team in Feb.

-winter sports (boys and girls hockey) have playoffs coming up soon

-girls lacrosse new coach was hired and announced in Gentry Happenings and on Gentry socials,

MPA no longer part of co-op

- girls softball co-op with Legacy and another school, finalizing game schedule
- boys golf has matches scheduled, uniforms and home matches were also discussed
- conference applications have been done, we expect rejections but MSHL will place us
- players fees for each sporting season
- no updates on STP
- Sam Hohn was nominated for the Athena Award
- looking at moving to a system called "Bound" to improve to experience for families for sports schedules, etc
- theme nights for hockey games

Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain

8. Policy Development, Review, and Revision
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Motion- None			
Made by:		Seconded by:	
Discussion			
Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain

9. Board Business (old and new)
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Motion- None			
Made by:		Seconded by:	
Discussion			
Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain

10. Board Training

Training- MDE Reporting Calendar-Overview for February	
Date 1/28/2026	
Trainer Jennifer Kurth	
11. Announcements	
-Next meeting is Wednesday, February 25, 2026	
12. Adjournment	
By: John Smith	Time: 5:41

Next meeting will be held:

Wednesday, February 25 @ 4:30 pm

Gentry Academy School Board Clerk

Gentry Academy School Board Chair

Ellie Naumann

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