

**BUILDING**



**LEADERS**

The board approved these meeting minutes on 5/26/2026.

<b>School Name-</b> Gentry Academy		
<b>Charter Number-</b> 4284-07		
<b>Date-</b> Wednesday, April 29, 2026		
<b>Address-</b> 1420 County Road E East Vadnais Heights, MN 55110		
<b>1. Call to Order</b>		
<b>By</b> Ellie Neumann		<b>Time-</b> 4:32 pm
<b>1a. School Mission Statement</b>		
<b><u>Vision:</u></b> Building leaders!		
<b><u>Mission:</u></b> 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.		
<b>2. Roll Call</b>		
<b>Board Member Names</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Samuel Fellows		X
Jim Fox	X	
Ellie Neumann	X	
Derrick Rangel	X	
Megan Stone	X	
Akiko Ziegler	X	
Jennifer Kurth (Ex Officio)	X	
<b>Others Present</b>		
Bridget Peterson		
John Smith		
Trevor Helmers		
Brady Hoffman		

Patrick Battaglia			
<b>3. Adoption of the Agenda</b>			
<b>Motion-</b> The meeting's agenda was presented for approval.			
<b>Made by:</b> Megan Stone		<b>Seconded by:</b> Derrick Rangel	
<b>Discussion</b> None			
<b>Vote</b>			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	5	0	0
<b>4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest if any</b>			
None			
<b>5. Consent Agenda</b>			
<b>Motion-</b> None			
<b>Made by:</b>		<b>Seconded by:</b>	
<b>Discussion</b> None			
<b>Vote</b>			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain
<b>6. Public Comment</b>			
<p>John Smith shared that he wanted to bring attention to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-class options (AP, PSEO)</li> <li>-number of students taking these classes and how it affects the budget</li> <li>-wanting admin to take a look at the lack of opportunities in the school and funding for teachers to improve</li> </ul>			
<b>7. Secretary's Report</b>			
<b>Motion-</b> Ellie Neumann presented the March meeting minutes for approval.			
<b>Made by:</b> Derrick Rangel		<b>Seconded by:</b> Megan Stone	
<b>Discussion</b> None			
<b>Vote</b>			

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	5	0	0

**8a. Treasurer's Report**

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

**Made by:** Akiko Ziegler

**Seconded by:** Megan Stone

**Discussion**

Highlights:

- 2025-2026 adopted budget 321 ADM
- 2025-2026 revised budget 331 ADM
- Actual ADM 334
- 75% Percent of the fiscal year completed
- 80%YTD revenue as a percent of budget based on the working projection.
- 72% YTD expenses as a percent of budget based on the working projection.
- 23% Projected ending fund balance as a % of expense budget

**Vote**

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	5	0	0

**8b. Treasurer's Report**

**Motion-** Bridget Peterson reviewed the first draft of the FY 26-27 budget. No motion necessary, just information shared.

**Made by:**

**Seconded by:**

**Discussion**

Highlights:

- explained enrollment (ADM, Pupil Unit, etc.)
- Review of revenues
- It is not a funding year
- Review of expenses (building lease offer of a reduction)
- Initial draft shows 23% fund balance (reserve)
- next month final draft for board approval

**Vote**

	Yea	Nay	Abstain

### 8c. Committee Report - Academic & Athletic Update

**Motion-** No motion necessary, just information shared.

**Made by:**

**Seconded by:**

#### **Discussion**

##### Academic Update:

Jennifer Kurth shared...

-medical leave for Nancy Anderson (secretary), we are looking for someone to take over for the month of May, information will go in the Gentry Happenings this week

-in person meeting in May for board election

-school closing near us, asked us about hosting an open house for students to look for a new school

-Gentry Foundation Board looking to fill some seats (looking at how the board can support Gentry- an idea of technology, challenge they have faced is getting fundraisers going and people donating with the economy)

-Jim Fox questioned about compensation for teachers-earning awards from the state? Jennifer answered-possibly especially with the school closing down the road

Megan Stone shared...

-State testing is happening

-every single senior turned in their internship requests and they will be doing those towards the end of the year

-6 speakers have come into speak with the seniors (possible interns for next year)

-Prom is coming up

-Finals are coming up, they are spread across 3 days

-Graduation is Wednesday, May 27th, all are invited

##### Athletic Update:

Akiko Ziegler shared...

March meeting topics...

-spring sports in full swing, fees are all collected up front and have been all collected

-winter sports fees are still being collected, believes the last day is today

-girls lacrosse, LCA asked to host a co-op, competing in section 7 instead of section 4

-Morgan has been working on transitioning to BOUND app, eventually all player registrations will happen through this app

-boys and girls both hockey schedules contracts are done

-spring sport scheduling and contracts for 2027 are in the works

-some items of need-banner from state tournament (boys hockey) will order in June

-still exploring outdoor fields to use a home field

-boys hockey will be having a new uniform and Morgan is working with Kyle Follmer on that

-Morgan is looking into potential partnerships with Liberty Classical Academy

-next meeting tonight			
-Jennifer and Morgan met with Liberty Classical Academy....next step getting input from stakeholders, does look like could be a great fit for some sports, sounds like more options than MPA has			
<b>Vote</b>			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain

<b>9. Policy Development, Review, and Revision</b>			
<b>Motion-</b> None			
<b>Made by:</b>		<b>Seconded by:</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>			
<b>Vote</b>			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain

<b>10. Board Business (old and new)</b>			
<b>Motion-</b> To approve Derrick Rangel as election commissioner for Gentry Academy School Board.			
<b>Made by:</b> Jim Fox		<b>Seconded by:</b> Megan Stone	
<b>Discussion</b> Jennifer Kurth reviewed the Notice of Election.			
<b>Vote</b>			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	4	0	1
<b>10a. Board Training</b>			
<b>Training-</b> Board Governance Training			
<b>Date</b> 4/29/2026			
<b>Trainer</b> Trevor Helmers			

<b>10b. Board Training</b>	
Training- MDE Reporting Calendar-Overview for April	
Date 4/29/2026	
Trainer Jennifer Kurth	
<b>11. Announcements</b>	
-Next meeting is Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at Gentry Academy	
<b>12. Adjournment</b>	
By: Ellie Neumann	Time: 6:27

Next meeting will be held:  
Tuesday, May 26 @ 4:30 pm

Gentry Academy School Board Clerk

Ellie Neumann

Date Approved

5/26/2026

Gentry Academy School Board Chair

Ellie Neumann

Date Approved

5/26/2026