

NORTHWEST ACADEMY
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Minutes for 11 June 2014 Meeting of the Board of Education

1. Call to Order 5:30 pm by President Seidel
2. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Seidel.
3. Roll Call: Present: Seidel, Hodgson, Davis, Hunter, Olach, Randall. Apologies: Rasmussen
4. Approvals:
 - a) Agenda: Motion by Hodgson to approve the Agenda with Mr. Cross under Old Business and a Pre-K sliding fee schedule under New Business, supported by Hunter. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
 - b) Minutes of 13 May: Motion to approve by Seidel, supported by Hunter. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved
 - c) Financial Report: Motion to accept by Seidel, supported by Olach. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
 - d) Selection/Personnel Committee's recommendation that the board notify the management company that Mrs. Phoebe Gohs be hired as the School Leader for the forthcoming school year. Motion by Seidel, supported by Davis. 6 Ayes, 0 No's. Approved
5. Correspondence: None.
6. Public Comment: None.
7. Administrators Report: Mrs. Gohs
 - a) All of the carpeting in the building has been cleaned. The state of the bathrooms and academic building exterior was discussed. Inquiries are being made in how to best repair the exterior before the new school year.
 - b) A proposed education program was discussed. This would implement Montessori education into the upper grades. A blended learning approach was discussed for the high school; to include in- school, home school, and on- line learning. The curriculum for the new school year will also include a much greater exposure to the arts. There was also discussion of an early college "5 Year Plan".
 - c) A building use proposal was presented. The north building will become the "Art's Center". Art will be taught in the current computer lab. Band will stay in the same room and dance will be done by opening the small north rooms into one common area. Academics will be in the south building.
 - d) The use of "Chrome Books" is proposed for the new year. They are in-expensive and on-line access can be controlled. They will be used with "Edvance" programming, which is significantly cheaper than our current on-line program.
 - e) A sliding fee scale for pre-K students was discussed.
 - f) A proposed change in management company was discussed with Mr. Overton providing that service beginning in September.
8. Committee Reports: Nothing Significant to Report.
9. Old Business: Mr. Cross requested the board go into closed session to discuss the present law suit. A roll call vote was asked. Seidel, Olach, Hodgson, Hunter, Randall, and Davis voting yes. Closed session was entered at 6:07p.m. Board returned at 6:23p.m.
10. New Business:
 - a) Motion to appoint Mrs. Gohs as the Pre-K Licensee Designee. Motion for approval by Seidel, supported by Davis. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
 - b) Motion to approve the proposed 2014-2015 budget. Motion for approval by Randall, supported by Hunter. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
 - c) Motion to ratify the board motion of 12 Feb 14 to remove Mrs. Christina Eanes from the classroom, as of 12 Feb 14. Motion for approval by Seidel, supported by Hunter. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
 - d) Motion to approve a sliding fee schedule for pre-K students. Motion for approval by Seidel, supported by Olach. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
 - e) Motion to accept the new Building Use Proposal. Motion for approval by Seidel, supported by Hunter. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
 - f) Motion to accept the proposed Education Program. Motion for approval by Seidel, supported by Davis. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
 - g) Motion to accept the proposed Blended Learning Proposal. Motion for approval by Seidel, supported by Hodgson. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.

- h) Motion to approve the use of “Chrome” technology. Motion for approval by Seidel, supported by Randall. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
 - i) Motion to approve the implementation of Montessori education into the upper grades. Motion for approval by Seidel, supported by Olach. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
 - j) Motion to approve the designation of the former North Building as the “Arts Center:” Motion for approval by Seidel, supported by Hunter. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
 - k) Motion to approve the change of management company. Motion for approval by Seidel, supported by Randall. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Tentative Approval contingent on pending contractual agreements.
 - l) Motion for Building Repair. Tabled pending more information.
 - m) Motion to approve the Calendar for the new school year. Motion for approval by Seidel, supported by Hunter. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
 - n) Motion to approve advertising for new K-3 and full time Art Teacher. Motion for approval by Seidel, supported by Randall. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
11. Public Comment: Mr. Overton was thanked for his assistance to the school. Mr. Hodgson was thanked for his service to the board as his term is expiring.
12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. by Seidel, Support by Olach. 6 ayes, 0 no. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph F. Seidel (President) Northwest Academy Board of Education