

NORTHWEST ACADEMY
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Minutes for April 9, 2014 Meeting of the Board of Education

1. Call to Order 5:31 pm by President Seidel
2. Roll Call: Present: Joseph Seidel, Richard Hodgson, Kathy Hunter, Joni Olach, Michael Randall, Shelia Davis and Claire Rasmussen.
3. Approvals:
 - Agenda: Motion by Rasmussen to approve the Agenda as amended, supported by Hodgson. 7 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
 - Minutes of 12 March 2014 regular meeting, Minutes of 20 March 2014 Special Meeting: Motion to approve collectively by Hodgson, supported by Hunter. 7 Ayes, 0 No. Approved
 - Financial Report: Motion to accept by Rasmussen, supported by Olach. 7 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
4. Correspondence: None
5. Public Comment: Ms. C. Eanes addressed the Board and submitted a written complaint. Mr. D. Hoover addressed Mr. Seidel. Ms. K. Wickham addressed the Board.
6. Administrators Report: Mr. Overton
 - ◆ The amended budget will be implemented.
 - ◆ The combined math & science position is working well.
 - ◆ The new supervision for the Seat Time Waiver program and the computer lab is also working well.
 - ◆ The cell phone use issue during class time has quieted significantly.
 - ◆ Mr. Randall was acknowledged for the computer lab painting and floor resurfacing work.
7. Student Council Representative Report: none
8. Committee Reports:
 - Personnel: School Leader Selection Committee: Motion by Seidel to name volunteers Seidel, Rasmussen, Olach, Overton and parent M. Schmidt to a school leader selection committee. Supported by Hodgson. 7 Aye, 0 No. Approved.
 - Fund Raising: Nothing to report.
 - Community Liaison: Nothing to report
9. Old Business: Normal City water service has now been restored to the school building. Repairs are underway.
10. New Business:
 - Staff contract modification – tabled, under attorney review.
 - 2013-2014 Budget Amendment: Mr. Overton introduced the current budget amendment. Motion by Olach to approve the 2013-2014 School Budget Amendment. Supported by Rasmussen. 7 Aye, 0 No. Approved.
 - School Insurance Requirements are being reviewed and options are being explored.
 - There is no Hot Lunch service this week due to the provider's family emergency.
 - Board member Davis requested a closed session to conduct an investigation into the written complaint received by the Board. Roll Call Vote to go into Closed Session: Seidel – Aye, Olach – Aye, Rasmussen – Aye, Hodgson – Aye, Hunter – Aye, Randall – Aye, Davis – Aye. Approved to Closed Session 6:08 p.m.
 - Returned to Open Session at 6:44 p.m. The public was invited back to the room. Ms. Davis' written statement was read aloud and Mr. Overton's assessment of student impact was summarized. The investigation determined that the action of Ms. Davis did not violate school policy for individual students nor was the content used to the detriment of individual students. Motion by Hodgson to reject the premise that Ms. Davis should resign. Supported by Seidel. 7 Aye, 0 No. Approved.
11. Public Comment: None
12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. by Seidel, Support by Rasmussen. 6 ayes, 0 no. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted



Claire R. Rasmussen (Secretary) Northwest Academy Board of Education