

NORTHWEST ACADEMY
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Minutes for April 10, 2013 Meeting of the Board of Education

1. Call to Order 5:30 pm by President Seidel
2. Roll Call: Present: Joseph Seidel, Richard Hodgson, Kathy Hunter, Joni Olach, Micheal Randall, Anora O'Connor and Claire Rasmussen.
3. Approvals:
 - a) Agenda: Motion by Seidel to approve the Agenda with additions, supported by Hodgson. 7 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
 - b) Minutes of 13 March 2013: Motion to approve by Hodgson, supported by Olach. 7 Ayes, 0 No. Approved
 - c) Financial Report: Motion to accept by Hunter, supported by Olach. 7 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
4. Correspondence:
 - a) Letter from the MI Dept of Ed regarding the visit of March 8 thanking NWA for the hospitality during the on-site review. No required changes were identified.
 - b) Letter from SVSU requesting Board of Directors appointment recommendations.
5. Public Comment: None.
6. Administrators/Development Report: Mr. Saunders
 - ◆ Additional Instruction Days will be added to the school calendar due to the excess number of snow days.
 - ◆ SVSU will be making their semi-annual review visit Friday, April 12, 2013.
 - ◆ SVSU will be conducting a personnel development session on the new State of Michigan Standards Wednesday, April 17, 2013.
 - ◆ The Ed YES! report was reviewed with the Board. Opportunities for improvement exist in Data and Information Management, Professional Learning and Instructional Leadership.
 - ◆ An educational session on depression will be held with students on April 19, 2013.
 - ◆ NWEA beta testing of students will be conducted which will foster additional school revenue.
 - ◆ The contract with Ed Tech Specialists is up for renewal. A 4 month contract includes a required minimum of 3 hrs/month at \$110/hr. Discussion tabled until next meeting.
 - ◆ Service learning activities for students have been scheduled for the month of April.
 - ◆ In May there will be a "Ride to School Day" to promote healthy lifestyles.
7. Committee Report:
 - Community Liaison - nothing to report.
 - Finance: nothing to report.
 - Fundraising: \$526 in Oleson's food store slips have been turned in.
8. Old Business: Nothing to Report.
9. New Business:
 - a) NWA students addressed the Board requesting additional emphasis on specific code of conduct elements.
 - b) Candidate applications for NWA BOE terms expiring July, 2013 were briefly reviewed. Motion by Seidel to recommend Ms. Hunter and Ms. Rasmussen to SVSU to renew their terms. Supported by Olach. 7 ayes, 0 no. Approved.
 - c) Mr. Saunders reviewed the background to a recommended resolution on school Best Practices. Motion by Hunter to conduct a roll call vote to determine approval of the Best Practices Incentive School Board Resolution. 7 ayes, 0 no. Approved to Roll Call Vote. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Seidel - Aye, Mr. Hodgson - Aye, Ms. O'Connor - Aye, Ms. Hunter - Aye, Ms. Olach - Aye, Mr. Randall - Aye, Ms. Rasmussen - Aye. Resolution passed 7 Ayes, 0 No.
10. Public Comment: none
11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 5:56pm by Seidel, Support by Hunter. 7 ayes, 0 no. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

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