

NORTHWEST ACADEMY
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Minutes for May 8, 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 Rasmussen to approve the Agenda with additions, supported by Olach. 7 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
 - b) Minutes of 10 April 2013 regular meeting and 22 April 2013 Special Meeting: Motion to approve by Hodgson, supported by Hunter. 7 Ayes, 0 No. Approved
 - c) Financial Report: Motion to accept by Seidel, supported by Olach. 7 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
4. Correspondence: none
5. Public Comment: Staff member C. Eanes described plans for a NWA Senior trip and requested Board approval. Motion to approve the Senior trip by Hodgson, supported by Rasmussen. 7 Ayes, 0 No. Approved
6. Administrators/Development Report: Mr. Saunders
 - ◆ C. Eanes presented a summary of the recent NWA student community service trash pick-up and recycling activity. Measurement, graphing & analysis were incorporated by staff for learning opportunities.
 - ◆ NWEA testing is currently in progress.
 - ◆ The NWA band participated in the MSBOA State Band Festival and received a II rating.
 - ◆ The April 18th school Open House was successful especially with pre-school and Kindergarten enrollments. Thirty-eight students have committed so far for 2013-2014.
7. Committee Reports:
 - A. Community Liaison - Staff member C. Eanes presented results and recommendations of the liaison committee assigned Administrative Policy and Procedure Review. Motion by Rasmussen, supported by O'Connor to accept the report recommendations and that they be addressed by the BOE Personnel Committee. 7 Aye 0 No. Approved.
 - B. Personnel - Motion by Seidel to move into Closed Session 6:03 pm. Supported by Randall. 7 Aye 0 No. Approved. Re-entry into Open Session 6:30 pm. Motion by Hodgson to implement recommendations discussed in the Board Closed session addressing items of Personnel. Supported by Randall. 7 Aye 0 No. Approved.
 - C. Finance - The Finance Committee has not yet met.
 - D. Marketing - J. Seidel explored a retired executive business council based in Petoskey for school marketing assistance and determined this is not a suitable source for our need.
8. Old Business:
 - a) The NWA Band scrap drive has raised approximately \$200 to date.
 - b) G. Stutzman is assisting NWA with plans for the school sailboat.
9. New Business: The number of credits required for NWA student graduation will need to increase starting the 2013-2014 year to keep pace with the State of Michigan required curriculum. Item tabled for a future meeting.
10. Public Comment: none
11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:43pm by Seidel, Support by Hodgson. 7 ayes, 0 no. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

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