

NORTHWEST ACADEMY  
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**Minutes for October 10, 2012 Meeting of the Board of Education**

1. Call to Order 5:30pm by President Seidel
2. Roll Call: Present: Joseph Seidel, Richard Hodgson, Kathy Hunter, Joni Olach, Micheal Randall, and Claire Rasmussen. Apologies: Anora O'Connor
3. Approvals:
  - a) Agenda: Motion by Hodgson to approve the Agenda as amended, supported by Hunter. 6 ayes, 0 no. Approved
  - b) Minutes of 12 September, 2012 regular meeting: Motion to approve by Seidel, supported by Olach. 6ayes, 0 no. Approved
  - c) Financial Report: Motion to accept by Hodgson, supported by Hunter. 6ayes, 0 no. Approved
4. Correspondence: Letter from Michigan Dept of Education with the Seat Time Waiver notice of approval.
5. Public Comment: None.
6. Administrators/Development Report: Mr. Saunders
  - ◆ NWEA training is in progress with testing targeted for the end of October. An application has been made to SVSU for a mini grant to cover the cost of administering the program.
  - ◆ MEAP testing is currently under way.
  - ◆ Taxi service to transport NWA students to school during 2012-2013 year has been established.
  - ◆ Specific Staff & Student activities:
    - Mr. Pugh is enriching the NWA jazz band and has started an all school choir.
    - Ms. Kaiser is setting up a school yearbook with students selling ads to fund the project.
    - A student government has been elected and Ms. Eanes has engaged the council in the MANNA Food project (weekend food sent home in backpacks for students in need).
    - The senior class will have a senior trip this year, striving for Chicago.
  - ◆ Five staff members will be attending the MAPSA conference supported by designated Title funds.
  - ◆ J. Witherspoon, cultural specialist, is back working with students and has been well received.
  - ◆ Training is planned for implementing the common core curriculum.
  - ◆ Homecoming is Oct, 19th with a tailgate planned during the soccer game.
7. Committee Report:
  - Community Liaison - nothing to report.
  - Finance – nothing to report.
  - Fundraising: a) Friends "Cookie Dough" sale ending this week. b) The Argonne Dinner is set for Thurs. Nov 8th 5-8 pm. c) Oleson's slips totaling approximately \$500 have been received for NWA.
8. Old Business:
  - a) A former staff member has approached NWA regarding repayment of a loan made to NWA several years ago. The Board requested administrative staff to research documentation to form a basis for next steps.
9. New Business:
  - a) Budget: The 2012-2013 school budget will need to be revised due to decreased student enrollment and increased insurance costs. Options are being considered to address potential budget shortfalls.
  - b) An informal meeting was held with marketing professionals visiting the area to review ideas for NWA to address local markets. No commitments were made.
  - c) A NWA student has requested a student bulletin board be installed to highlight senior class news (e.g. college acceptance).
10. Public Comment: None.
11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:15 pm by Seidel, Supported by Hodgson. 6 ayes, 0 no. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

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