

NORTHWEST ACADEMY  
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**Minutes for 13 May 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: Joseph Seidel, Richard Hodgson, Shelia Davis, Kathy Hunter, Joni Olach, Micheal Randall.  
Apologies: Claire Rasmussen
4. Approvals:
  - a) Agenda: Motion by Seidel to approve the Agenda, supported by Olach. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
  - b) Minutes of 9 April: Motion to approve by Seidel, supported by Hunter. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved
  - c) Financial Report: Motion to accept by Hodgson, supported by Olach. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
5. Correspondence: School Board Member Applications (See Below).
6. Public Comment: None.
7. Administrators Report: Mr. Overton
  - a) The high school is traveling to Detroit to visit the Detroit Institute of the Arts and spend the night at Winans Academy where they will attend "A Raisin in the Sun" and a jazz concert, both by the school. The tour will also include the River Rouge Production Plant and the Heidelberg Project.
  - b) There may be a potential \$150 - \$300 increase in the foundation grant for the new school year.
  - c) The school may be able to reduce costs next year by switching to the Uniform Accounting System.
  - d) Mr. Overton announced Cindy Boss and Phoebe Gohs have been interviewed by the selection and personnel committees and that a recommendation for new school leader will be made to the full board pending contractual requirements.
  - e) A school fact sheet, attesting to actual rankings and accomplishments is in the works for dissemination to parents and the public at large.
  - f) Revised MEAP testing is planned for the next school year.
  - g) A budget hearing will be held before the next regular meeting.
8. Committee Reports: Nothing Significant to Report.
9. Old Business: Contract modification is pending legal review.
10. New Business:
  - a) Discussion led by Mrs. Gohs on the Education Plan. Motion for approval by Hodgson, supported by Olach. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
  - b) Detroit Trip Agenda. Discussion by Mr. Overton. Motion for approval by Seidel, supported by Hodgson. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
  - c) School Board Applicant Review. 5 candidates were considered. Mr. Kroon's selection was motioned by Seidel, supported by Davis. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved. Mr. Seidel's selection was motioned by Hodgson, supported by Hunter. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
  - d) Kennedy Danforth and Jacob Swanson have been selected for the SVSU scholarships for this school year.
  - e) A motion was made by Seidel and seconded by Hunter to approve the submission of a "Best Practices" request, which should net \$52 per student.

11. Public Comment: Mr. Swanson complemented Mr. Overton for his service to the school. Mr. Overton made comment about the plan for operating the school for the new school year.
12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:36 pm by Seidel, Support by Olach. 6 ayes, 0 no. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

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