

NORTHWEST ACADEMY
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Minutes for January 9, 2013 Meeting of the Board of Education

1. Call to Order 5:30 pm by Vice President Hodgson
2. Roll Call: Present: Richard Hodgson, Kathy Hunter, Joni Olach, Micheal Randall, Anora O'Conner and Claire Rasmussen. Apologies: Joseph Seidel
3. Approvals:
 - a) Agenda : Motion by Rasmussen to approve the Agenda with additions, supported by O'Conner. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
 - b) Minutes of 12 December 2012: Motion to approve by Olach, supported by Hunter. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved
 - c) Financial Report: Motion to accept by Rasmussen, supported by Hunter. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
4. Correspondence:
 - a) Representatives of the Senior class presented a proposal to modify transfer times between sessions to address tardiness.
 - b) An information request was received from the Petoskey News Review for an article on January being Michigan School Board Recognition month.
5. Public Comment: None.
6. Administrators/Development Report: Mr. Saunders
 - ◆ Mr. Witherspoon is addressing a major illness and currently on leave from the cultural education post.
 - ◆ The MI Dept of Education Audit report issued this month shows enrollments down among all immediate boundary schools by approximately 150 students. NWA online student enrollment is at 50.
 - ◆ Mr. Pugh met with a group of home school families and they are planning a recorder group for young students and a Beginning Band through NWA.
 - ◆ The Soup Cook Off/Art Expo Fundraiser is set for January 31st - 5-7:30 pm.
 - ◆ The NWA Student Play is January 10th and 11th.
 - ◆ Ms. Goes has identified Title Funds that may be used for partial 2013-2014 NWA preschool support.
 - ◆ NWA bookkeeper Ms. West has taken a new position elsewhere and will no longer be handling school accounting. Alternative s are being explored.
 - ◆ NWA staff have drafted elements for an updated Vision/School philosophy statement. A draft written statement will be brought to the Board in February for their review.
7. Committee Report:
 - Community Liaison - nothing to report.
 - Finance => NWA administration met with Charlevoix State Bank working to achieve a lower rate for mortgage refinance. All other aspects are in place.
 - => A Bridge loan is required to meet cash flow shortfall. Motion by Hodgson to approve a **Resolution to Authorize Mr. Saunders and Treasurer Randall to execute Bridge Loan Documents.** Supported by Olach. 6 ayes, 0 no. Approved
 - Fundraising: Pizza kit sales are in progress and NWA will participate in the Annual Soup Cookoff.
8. Old Business: No new information to report on the former staff member loan to NWA.
9. New Business: Mr. Saunders presented proposed budget ammendments for the2012-2013 school year. Motion to approve by Rasmussen, supported by Hunter. 6 ayes, 0 no. Approved.
10. Public Comment: none
11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:16 pm by Rasmussen, Support by Olach. 6 ayes, 0 no. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

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