

NORTHWEST ACADEMY
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Minutes for November 13, 2013 Meeting of the Board of Education

1. Call to Order 5:29 pm by President Seidel
2. Roll Call: Present: Joseph Seidel, Richard Hodgson, Kathy Hunter, Joni Olach, Micheal Randall and Claire Rasmussen.
3. Approvals:
 - a) Agenda: Motion by Seidel to approve the Agenda, supported by Hodgson. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
 - b) Minutes of 9 October 2013 regular meeting: Motion on to approve by Hodgson, supported by Hunter. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved
 - c) Minutes of the 9 October Closed Session meeting minutes: Motion to approve be Seidel, supported by Hunter. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved
 - d) Financial Report: Motion to accept by Olach, supported by Hunter. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
4. Correspondence: The new Char-Em ISD Educational Directory publication has been received.
5. Public Comment: none
6. Administrators Report: Mr. Saunders
 - ◆ Five staff members attended the Michigan Association of Public School Academies (MAPSA) meeting..
 - ◆ Training is continuing under the TRIG technology program.
 - ◆ Guidance is being sought from Bergman Marine on recommended repairs to the school sailboat.
 - ◆ The NWA Christmas Concert will be held Tuesday, December 17th, 2013 at the 1st Congregational Church.
 - ◆ A parent of one of our pre-school students has offered to donate labor and equipment to paint in the north building. NWA only needs to provide paint.
 - ◆ The current student cunt is 92.28. Seven additional student sign-ups are anticipated.
 - ◆ A revised draft of the Administrative Guidelines has been prepared: see Committee Updates.
 - ◆ The school audit is being delivered on Friday.
 - ◆ FID report preparation is underway via an SVSU recommended consultant accountant.
 - ◆ The December BOD meeting time will be 5:00 pm. Required public postings will be made.
 - ◆ NWA is participating in Educational Program reviews being held monthly with a group of administrators in Saginaw. Curriculum monitoring methods are being considered.
7. Student Council Representative Report: Students are preparing proposals for school lab renovations and the student council recently held a student dance which was well attended.
8. Committee Reports:
 - a) Personnel: A revised draft of the Administrative Guidelines has been prepared and a copy provided to Board members. Approval with any agreed changes is requested for the December meeting.
 - b) Fund Raising: The Argonne Dinner raised approximately \$2000, the Tote bag October Sales yielded approximately \$1000 and recent scrap metal sales provided \$70. In early December NWA will be participating in the Gifts for a Purpose program.
9. Old Business:
 - a) S. Witherspoon updated the Board on options to provide a free & reduced fee lunch program. St. Mary's does not participate in the State program and other possible options require input dollars from NWA. Board discussion requested Mr. Saunders to develop financial details associated with a lunch arrangement via Charlevoix Public Schools.
10. New Business: nothing to report
11. Public Comment: none
12. Closed Session: Motion by Seidel to move into Closed Session to review student issues. Supported by Rasmussen. 6 Ayes. 0 No. Approved.
13. Re-entered Open session 6:26 p.m.
14. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:26p.m. by Seidel, Support by Hunter. 6 ayes, 0 no. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

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