

NORTHWEST ACADEMY
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Minutes for 11 September 2013 Meeting of the Board of Education

1. Call to Order 5:35 pm by President Seidel
2. Roll Call: Seidel, Hodgson, Hunter, Randall, Olach and Rasmussen
3. Approvals:
 - a) Agenda: Motion by Rasmussen to approve the Agenda, supported by Olach. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
 - b) Minutes of 14 August 2013 meeting: Motion to approve by Hodgson, supported by Hunter. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved
 - c) Financial Report: Motion to accept by Seidel, supported by Hodgson. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
4. Correspondence:
 - a) MI Dept of Education letter to SVSU documenting recognition of their charter agreement with NWA.
 - b) SVSU letter to NWA RE seventh amendment to SVSU/NWA charter contract. Motion by Hodgson to approve a proposal to recognize the SVSU contract amendment adding programs for pre-K through grade 12. Supported by Olach. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved
 - c) The annual Education Report letter was sent out to parents Aug 19th, 2013.
 - d) Letter from Charlevoix city officials confirming inspection of the water backflow prevention system.
5. Public Comment: C. Eanes - the school is looking for service learning opportunities in the community.
6. Administrator's Report:
 - ◆ The Aug 28th staff retreat at Wolverine Camp was successful. Two Board members also attended.
 - ◆ School marketing activities during the last month were reviewed. Ads in local media has generated enrollment interest and school visitors.
 - ◆ Mr. Saunders has received notification that he passed his administrative exams.
 - ◆ Staff members C. Eanes was acknowledged for educational programing efforts.
 - ◆ The administrative guidelines still need to be confirmed. The personnel committee will address.
 - ◆ Mr. Saunders discussed the Arts Integration implementation. Motion by Rasmussen to appropriate \$500.00 for consultant K. Overton to provide 10 staff sessions. Supported by Seidel. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved
7. Committee Report:
 - Fundraising: Mr. Seidel reviewed the Meijer's and Coke school refund programs. Information will be published in the school newsletter.
8. Old Business:
 - Specialized Data System (SDS) Update: Saunders/Herriman/Hodgson & accountant Beardsley will view an upcoming Webinar on use of the system.
 - Management Company: The contract with T. Beardsley is being updated by SVSU & NWA's school attorney. The first payroll under the new arrangement will be monitored closely.
9. New Business:
 - A Memorial Bench with a plaque for student Kyle McGarey is being prepared.
 - Installation options were discussed for the re-established entryway brick project utilizing set aside funds.
 - SVSU staff will be visiting NWA to review our educational plan and school performance data and follow up with any recommendations for improvement.
 - SVSU requested NWA to abbreviate the Mission Statement. Motion by Hodgson to approve the new Mission Statement: ***"The mission of Northwest Academy is to provide a personalized education that allows students to realize their full potential."*** Supported by Hunter. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
10. Public Comment: None
11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:30 pm by Seidel, Support by Rasmussen. 6 ayes, 0 no. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

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