

*Northwest Academy  
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Minutes for Regular Meeting of the Board Of Education – 10 September 2014, 5:30 P.M.

1. Call Meeting to Order by Seidel at 5:30 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Seidel, Randall, Davis, Hunter, Kroon. and Rasmussen: Apologies: Olach
4. Approval of:
  - Agenda: Motion to approve with changes by: Seidel – second by Hunter – 6 ayes/0 nays - Approved
  - Minutes of Previous Meetings –13, 27 August 2014: Motion to approve by Rasmussen – second by Hunter – 6 ayes/0 nays - Approved
  - Financial Report: Motion to approve by Seidel – second by Kroon – 6 ayes/0 nays – Approved.
  - Checks written report: motion to approve by Hunter- second by Rasmussen – 6 ayes/0 nays - Approved
5. Correspondence: None
6. Public Comment\*: None
7. School Leader's Report:
  - Graduation Requirements
    - Cindy Romero made a presentation to the board for an option to increase the student credit requirement for graduation and to add an Arts requirements because we are a school of the arts.
  - Senior Presentation
    - Eli Schmidt presented to the board a request to have open campus for Seniors.
    - Motion to approve senior lunch off campus for a probation period of one month. Senior student will need to attend October board meeting for update. Parents and students will have to sign a contract of expectations prior to student having privilege. Motion by Kroon – second by Seidel – 6 ayes/0 nays – Approved.
  - Leader Phoebe Gohs report:
    - First Week of School
      - Cell Phones – new policy is being followed and going well.
      - Chromebooks – going well.
      - Implementation of High School Program – is going well. Working with students on team building.
    - Student Count
      - 65 (does not include part time students and 7 preschool students)
    - Budget
      - Bridge Loan – will need to get loan approval and secured.
    - Attendance Policy
      - Current Policy is being implemented and would like to see if it is effective before updating. Adult Student Attendance policy was also discussed.
    - Preschool Licensing
      - Final and approved, hanging in office area.
      - Setting up DHS payments – 6/7 students will qualify for DHS
  - Motion to approve School Leaders report by Kroon – second by Rasmussen – 6 ayes/0 nays – Approved.
8. Committee Reports:
  - No Reports given.
  - Discussion presented by Kroon regarding setting up a Finance Advisory Team to assist Phoebe regarding budget. Kroon and Randall volunteered to take that roll.
9. Old Business: None
10. New business
  - Bridge Loan. Motion to seek SVSU permission and to apply for bridge loan in the amount \$50,000.00 for the current 2014/2015 school year. Motion by Seidel – second by Randall – 6 ayes/0 nays – Approved.
  - Rasmussen presented two income ideas. Phoebe will be looking into selling ad space on the north side of the school overlooking downtown.
11. Public Comments\*: None
12. Adjournment. Motion by Seidel at 7:01 – second by Hunter – 6 ayes/0 nays – Approved.

Respectfully Submitted

  
Shelia Davis, Board Secretary, Northwest Academy Board of Education