

## Draft 2

Nova Classical Academy  
Board of Directors Meeting  
November 28, 2005 6:30 p.m.  
Special Meeting

Directors Present: Lisa Knudson, Simon Fung, Chad Long, Maria Marchand, Tom Blindt, Rick Stempkovski, Megan Daoust, Ted Olsen, Jim Day  
Directors Absent: Joe Michalak  
Advisors Present: John Greving, Louise Wilson, Jane Marie Phillips  
Others in attendance: Chris Porter (facilitator), Teresa Schulte (ex officio)

### I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

### II. Announcements/Procedures for the Meeting

Lisa Knudson reviewed the procedures.

### III. Review of the Procedure for Submitting a Waiver

- A. Chris Porter presented the results of the community meetings – see attached Power Point presentation and report (procedure item #7). There was a question and answer session with the board around proposed composition of the board needs to be included in the waiver (including board chair and majority), number of participants in community meeting, and the rationale for having a collegial model.

The facilitator and the public then had a question/answer and comment period. Points discussed included clarification of teacher abstention from choosing a model, equal representation model, teacher conflict of interest, flexibility of composition, current composition in bylaws, and role of parents in standards of governance.

#### B. Procedure items 1-6.

1. Rick Stempkovski read the statute from which the school district is seeking a waiver.
2. The board discussed the explanation and educational justification for the waiver request. Discussion included effectiveness of the model used to date, future effectiveness, importance of inclusion of teachers, adherence to mission and vision, founders' intent, dynamic nature of growth requiring flexibility, concern about lack of numbers for composition included in bylaws, and purpose of charter school law (see attachments). Lisa Knudson has been charged with assembling a committee to complete the waiver request documents. Documents will be included in December's board packet for review by board.
3. Time period requested would follow the contract period with the sponsor. A satisfaction survey would be administered prior to renewal of waiver.

4. Method and timeframe for evaluating and reporting effectiveness of the waiver would be submitting the annual report and any other report requested by the sponsor.
5. Mr. Greving to be listed as the contact person.
6. Minutes and official board resolution to be approved at the December 15, 2005 board meeting

#### V. Board Resolution

\*Rick Stempkovski made the motion:

I move that it be resolved that the Directors of Nova Classical Academy seek from the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education a waiver of the provision of Minn. Stat. 124D.10 subd. 4c requiring a teacher majority board before the school completes its third year of operation for a period to extend through the next sponsor contract period, namely, for three years commencing July 1, 2006.

Tom Blindt seconded the motion.

IV. Public Comment on items 1-6. The board received public comment prior to acting on the motion. Public comment included discussion about the importance of teacher voice on the board, teacher communication with the board, teacher and parent roles as board member and teacher and parent, time commitment required of board members, number of teachers on board being included in bylaws, what is meant by "charter school staff" in the waiver procedure document from the state and what is required for approval of waiver request, assessment including re-application process for waiver every three years and it was suggested that teachers be part of the decision-making process, in response to discussion about insuring teacher representation it was suggested that the Governance Committee be charged with looking at the bylaws regarding board composition (see motion below).

Lisa Knudson called the question.

Directors voting for: Lisa Knudson, Simon Fung, Maria Marchand, Tom Blindt, Rick Stempkovski, Megan Daoust, Ted Olsen, Jim Day

Directors voting against: Chad Long

\*Simon Fung moved that the Board of Directors charge the Governance Committee to consider board composition that includes teacher involvement.

Rick Stempkovski seconded the motion.

Directors voting for: Lisa Knudson, Simon Fung, Maria Marchand, Tom Blindt, Rick Stempkovski, Megan Daoust, Ted Olsen, Jim Day, Chad Long

#### VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.