

**Nova Classical Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 20th, 2009**

Directors Present: Damon Fraser, Simon Fung, Dianne Krizan, Becky Lund, Jason Belter, Diane Cossairt, Ken Silver, Brandon Foat, John Bujan, Robert Kreischer, Tom Blindt

Advisors Present: Wendy Swanson-Choi, Brian Bloomfield, Miranda Morton, Dawn Ellerd (PTO representative)

Others in Attendance: Nova parents and faculty

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM. Damon Fraser led the meeting.

II. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Belter moved to approve the agenda. Mrs. Lund seconded approval of the agenda. Ms. Lund, Mrs. Krizan, Mr. Bujan, Mr. Foat, Mr. Belter, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Silver, and Mr. Fung voted for the motion. Mrs. Cossairt opposed. The motion passed.

Mr. Blindt arrived at 6:04 PM.

III. Public Comment

There was public comment. Jane Marie Phillips submitted written comments.

IV. Consent Agenda

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Mr. Belter moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Lund seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Treasurer Finance Update

Mr. Silver gave an overview of the Treasurer's report. There was a discussion about Special Education reimbursement procedures. Mr. Blindt asked about cash flow projections into July and August. Mrs. Baumann indicated that current projections would not predict a need to use the line of credit for those months.

VI. Reports received by the Board

Mrs. Swanson-Choi gave an update on the site expansion request and Sponsor renewal. She stated that MDE will be reviewing the waiver and site expansion within two weeks.

Mr. Bloomfield gave an overview of the school wide ERB results. In future years they will be used as a pre and post test for grades 2-8+. Compared to public schools the results were very strong. He also stated that the using independent schools as a norm gives us comparisons that are more normally distributed and will be more useful in gauging performance.

Mr. Bloomfield gave an overview of his classical implementation report. Mr. Fung requested a until this fall that the board receive a monthly progress report on the start of the high school.

There was brief discussion on the proposed calendar for 2009-2010.

Mr. Kreischer arrived at 6:31 PM.

There was discussion of the election deadline and procedures for ballots.

The Curriculum and Budget and Finance Reports were submitted without discussion.

There was discussion of the policies on the agenda. Mrs. Cossairt submitted written comment suggesting tabling the policies for further review. Ms. Lund gave an overview on the origin of the policies. There was discussion on the procedure for reviewing the policies. Mr. Bujan noted that the Accountability committee noted the policies it was working on back in December and there was still time for input on these policies.

There was a second reading of Nova policy 102 the Definitions Policy

There was a second reading of Nova policy 304 the Gifted and Talented Policy

There was a first reading of Nova policy 201 the Board of Directors Policy

There was a first reading of Nova policy 202 the Selection of Board Members Policy

There was a first reading of Nova policy 203 the Meetings of the Board Policy

There was a first reading of Nova policy 204 the Agenda for Regular School Board Meetings Policy

There was a first reading of Nova policy 205 the Committee Policy.

There was a first reading of Nova policy 206 the Orientation and Training of Board Members Policy

There was a first reading of Nova policy 302 the Early Admission to Kindergarten Policy

There was a first reading of Nova policy 303 the Whole Grade Acceleration Policy

There was a first reading of Nova policy 703 the NCA Fundraising Policy

There was a first reading of Nova policy 9301 Notice of Special Education Retention Policy

There was a first reading of Nova policy 9302 Highly Qualified Requirements for Special Education Teachers Policy

There was a first reading of Nova policy 9303 Special Education Conditional Intervention Policy

There was a first reading of Nova policy 9304 Special Education Do Not Resuscitate- Do Not Intubate Policy

The NPTO report and update to the strategic plan report were submitted without discussion.

Mrs. Cossairt left at 6:55 PM.

VII. Board Updates/Action Items

Mr. Fraser discussed the background of the origination of the HSA benefits. Mrs. Bauman talked about the impact of the number of employees on benefits cost.

Mr. Fraser, "Be it resolved that Nova adopt the recommendation from the Finance and Budget Committee to continue offering the traditional 500/15 health plan, and continue to offer the high-deductible health plan with accompanying HSA, but funded to 75% for the 2009-10 school year." Mr. Blindt seconded. There was discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Belter, "Be it Resolved that per the Curriculum Committee's recommendation, Nova adopts the Curriculum Maps for Grades K-8, and the following School of Rhetoric courses: Biology, Humanities, Geometry, Advanced Algebra, Rhetoric, Morality Colloquium, and Latin." Ms. Lund seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fraser, "Be it resolved the board designates the June regular Board meeting to elect the officers and standing committee chairs." Mrs. Krizan seconded. There was discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bujan moved to approve Policy # 101 - Legal Authority of the Board of Director Policy, Policy # 305 - Class Size Policy, and Policy # 605 - Uniform Policy. Mr. Blindt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fraser discussed how the NPTO has achieved independent non profit status.
Mr. Fraser, "Resolved, that the NPTO ad hoc advisory committee of this board is hereby dissolved effective April 20, 2009." Ms. Lund seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Public Comment

There was public comment.

IX. Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items

There was discussion of the items for the agenda on May 18th including high school updates.

X. Adjournment

Mrs. Krizan moved to adjourn. Mr. Foat seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Minutes submitted by Jason Belter.