

**Nova Classical Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
October 18, 2010**

Directors Present: Jason Belter, John Bujan, Tom Corrigan, Sarah Dumont-Brown, Brandon Foat, Damon Fraser, Kirsten Hornseth, Dianne Krizan, Becky Lund, Wendy Swanson-Choi

Directors Absent: None.

Advisors Present: Brian Bloomfield, Miranda Morton, Nancy Baumann, Kate Tetmeyer (NPTO Representative)

Others in Attendance: Nova parents

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 PM after Mr. Bloomfield concluded the State of the School report to the community. Dianne Krizan led the meeting.

II. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Belter moved to approve the amended agenda (the minutes were pulled from the consent agenda). Mrs. Hornseth seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Board Chair Comments

Mrs. Krizan spoke about the comments received about the Advisory program and the need to have a conversation on two levels – pragmatic and philosophical.

IV. Public Comment

There was public comment.

V. Consent Agenda

A. Accept gift donations

Mrs. Hornseth moved to approve the consent agenda with the removal of the Regular Meeting minutes from September 20. Mr. Foat seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Hornseth moved to approve the revised Regular Meeting minutes from September 20, 2010, with the clarification under the Treasurer/ Finance Update about the retro-active reduction in Special Education. Mr. Belter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Treasurer/ Finance Update

Mr. Fraser gave a quick update on the facility search. He also spoke about the updates to the budget for 2010-2011. There was discussion. Mr. Fraser explained the Executive

Director employment agreement and some of the research that went into determining salary. Salary benchmark data came from the Administrative Structure Committee's research on public school principal salaries and comparables provided by Friends of Education. The recommendation for a three-year agreement was based on the various needs and growth plans for Nova, which means that we would benefit most with a stable administration that can see Nova become a full K-12 school. There was further discussion of the employment agreement.

VII. Reports received by the Board

a. Administration Report

Mr. Bloomfield highlighted a few points including the evening parent events coming up in the next month and the Classical Education Certification program. He also gave an update on our extra-curricular programs. Mr. Bloomfield then spoke about the Advisory program. There was discussion. The Administration will provide monthly communication to parents regarding Advisory topics. There was also discussion about the Upper Campus conferences.

b. Board Chair Report

Mrs. Krizan stated that she will work to create a forum where the community can have a discussion regarding Nova's founding vision of parents as the primary educators.

c. Board Committees

i. Development Report

Ms. Swanson-Choi reminded us that there are 30 days until Give to the Max Day.

ii. Finance and Budget Report

iii. Governance Report

d. Ad Hoc Committees

i. Strategic Planning Committee

e. NPTO Report

VIII. Board Updates/Action Items

a. Motion to Approve the Final 2010-2011 Budget

Mr. Fraser, "Be it resolved that the Board of Directors accept the final budget FY2010-11 as presented and instructs the Executive Director to communicate it to the Authorizer and MDE in a timely fashion." Mrs. Hornseth seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Motion to Sign Employment Agreement

Mr. Fraser, "Be it resolved that the Board adopt the recommendation from the Finance and Budget Committee to execute the enclosed employment agreement, including salary action, for the Executive Director and authorize the Board Chair to finalize and execute the agreement, with the two amendments of a typo in section 8.1 and finalize section 9.2 regarding intellectual property." Ms. Lund seconded. There was discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Motion Regarding Advisory

Mr. Belter, "Resolved, that Mr. Bloomfield present a document fleshing out the Advisory program showing the topics and other details for feedback to the

Curriculum Committee at its December meeting.” Mrs. Hornseth seconded. There was discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Motion Regarding Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Bujan, “Be it resolved that the Board adopt the governance committee’s recommendation that the board continue its existing practice of excluding from Board meeting minutes the specific noting, reference or attachment of individual opinions, including without limitation those of founders, voting, and/or ex-officio nonvoting Board members.” Mr. Fraser seconded. There was discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Public Comment

There was public comment.

X. Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items

Next Board meeting is November 15, 2010 beginning at 6:30 at the Upper Campus.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Belter moved to adjourn. Mr. Fraser seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Minutes submitted by Becky Lund.