

Nova Classical Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 29, 2007

Directors Present: Lisa Knudson, Damon Fraser, Mike Ricci, Simon Fung, Tom Blindt, Courtney Holman, Jim Day, Rick Stempkowski, Jennifer Pierson, Megan Daoust.

Advisors Present: John Greving, Head of School; Jennifer Burkholder, NPTO Liaison.

Others in Attendance: Nancy Schultz, Business Manager; Ina Loobeek, Curriculum Specialist; one teacher, several parents.

Recording Secretary: Vicky Carey

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

Move election results to “Announcements.”

Move contracts out of consent agenda.

Tom Blindt moved to approve the agenda as corrected.

Jim Day seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

III. Announcements

Election Results:

Lisa Knudson and Damon Fraser were elected for regular three-year parent seats.

Dianne Krizan was elected for the one-year vacated parent seat. Jim Day was elected for the regular three-year community member seat. Courtney Holman was elected for the one-year vacated faculty seat.

IV. Consent Agenda

Tom Blindt moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 16, 2007.

Damon Fraser seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

In the May 7 Special Meeting Minutes, there was an error regarding Megan Daoust’s vote for the recommendation for additional students K-2. Her vote should be changed from “abstaining” to a “no” vote.

Simon Fung moved to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2007 with the change.

Tom Blindt seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Action Items

Contracts

Auditor

The Finance Committee recommended approval of the MMKR Certified Public Accountants contract for 2007-2008.

Jim Day moved to approve the MMKR contract for auditor, dated May 11, 2007, for services in fiscal year 2007-2008.

Mike Ricci seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Special Education Agreement

Jim Day moved to approve the ISD #916 contract for the 2007-2008 school year, with a preference for version 'B', with version 'A' being acceptable if they won't agree with version 'B.'

Rick Stempkovski seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Day moved to approve the Agreement for Special Education Director Services contract for the 2007-2008 school year.

Tom Blindt seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Caravan Kids

Jim Day moved to approve the Caravan Kids Catering Services Agreement contract for the 2007-2008 school year.

Rick Stempkovski seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Vanguard

Jim Day moved to approve the contract with Vanguard Cleaning Systems of Minnesota for the 2007-2008 school year, with the proviso that we will adjust it based on the square footage according to our plans.

Tom Blindt seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Busing

Rick Stempkovski moved to approve the TLC Transportation Contract for the 2007-2008 school year.

Jim Day seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Head of School Report

Presentation and Recommendations Regarding Future School Growth

There was discussion regarding the Goal for Growing the High School. Jennifer Pierson suggested adding the words “specifically allocated resources.” Lisa Knudson said that the top three critical issues are facilities, finance, and classical education.

The “Strategies, Action Items and Recommendations” matrix was discussed, along with the financial/facilities piece about finances and space.

Mr. Greving read a letter from Father Bauer. Lumen Christi Catholic Community is open to extension of one more year. We will get back to Lumen Christi following the May 29, 2007 Board Meeting. Once we start with a four-year lease, we are committed to the four years. It would cost \$200,000 to get out of the lease.

There was discussion about the “Impact of Growth Models.” Teachers will need to spend time training in the summer (Riggs, Singapore Math, etc.)

Clarifying questions for each growth scenario were taken from the public.

The Board asked questions for each scenario and did some comparing and contrasting between the scenarios. What is our best plan of success?

There was public comment and discussion.

The Board took a straw vote, scenario by scenario.

Tom Blindt moved that the Board approve the High School 2009 3 Year 10-Pack scenario for school growth.

Damon Fraser seconded the motion.

There was discussion.

Voting yes: Jennifer Pierson, Courtney Holman, Tom Blindt, Damon Fraser,
Lisa Knudson

Voting no: Rick Stempkovski, Simon Fung, Megan Daoust.

Abstaining: Mike Ricci

The motion passed.

The hiring process and the curriculum mapping process will be discussed at the June 18th board meeting.

VII. Treasurer’s Report

First reading of the Proposed 2007-2008 Budget.

Damon Fraser moved to extend the contract for Jamie Wellik for Phase One – Maximum Use of Current Site – up to no more than \$15,000.

Tom Blindt seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Policy Development

Jennifer Pierson moved to approve the resolution to re-establish the status of the parent-teacher organization.

Damon Fraser seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Public Comment

There was public comment.

X. Adjournment

Tom Blindt moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Vicky Carey, recording secretary.