

**Nova Classical Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
November 20, 2006**

Directors Present: Lisa Knudson, Simon Fung, Jim Day, Mike Ricci, Damon Fraser, Jennifer Pierson, Megan Daoust.

Directors Absent: Tom Blindt, Rick Stempkowski

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

Others in Attendance: Nancy Schultz, Business Manager; Amy Hennessy (Nativity); Denise Peterson (Friends of Ascension); one teacher; several parents.

Recording Secretary: Vicky Carey

I. **Call to Order**

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

II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

III. **Announcements and Introductions**

Amy Hennessy, Nativity County Fair Chair, was introduced.

Denise Peterson from Friends of Ascension was introduced.

IV. **Approval of Agenda**

Deleted from Consent Agenda: Nativity Contract, Facility, Finance & Budget, Accountability, Personnel, PTO. The Employee Handbook will be discussed at the next meeting.

Mike Ricci moved to approve the Agenda.

Damon Fraser seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. **Nativity Contract**

Amy Hennessy, Nativity County Fair Chair, requested to use Nova's grounds for the Nativity County Fair in September, 2007. Nativity will not be able to use their grounds because of a remodeling project in the spring of 2007.

Some advantages for Nova would be: community building, goodwill, and free publicity.

There was discussion about security, custodial services, and insurance. There would be no liability and no disruption with school; set up will begin after school is dismissed.

Damon Fraser moved to approve the Site Lease Agreement as amended.

Mike Ricci seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. **Consent Agenda**

Jim Day moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
Mike Ricci seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

VII. **Board Chair Report**

There was no Board Chair report.

VIII. **Treasurer's Report**

There was discussion on how Nova is doing in regards to expectations, and also on the PTO status.
A revised budget will be submitted at the January meeting.
There is good progress in the way in which the financial statements are presented.

Busing

We will be working with a new vendor (First Student) soon. The 39 families who should be billed for busing services will not be billed until January because of the previous poor service.

IX. **Head of School Report**

John Greving discussed enrollment numbers, the October faculty in-service with Mr. Evans, and the upcoming in-service on November 27.

There has been a lot of activity at Nova with the play, Book Week Assembly, "Haunting Tales," skits for the virtue of the month, as well as soccer teams and now basketball teams.

MCA results

Nova received five stars in reading and four stars in math. We went down in math because of a more difficult test and a higher percentage of students performing at levels 1 and 2.

X. **Strategic Plan**

Lisa Knudson spoke about how we prioritize our critical issues. There will be a full report in January.

There was discussion about the five priorities. There is still some work required – further definition of outcomes and action plans should be completed and submitted by December 15.

XI. **Discussion of Classical Article**

There was discussion of the article about curriculum planning. We need to broaden our perspective of classical education – it is more than just content.

XII. **Committee Reports**

Goals of Accountability Committee

Accountability Committee Report

Mike Ricci moved to approve the Accountability Committee Report.

Jennifer Pierson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

PTO Committee Report

There will be no action item for #1 and #2 of the Nova PTO Committee Report until the January meeting.

Governance Committee Report

The committee recommended that in the spring Courtney Holman would run for the remainder of Mr. Long's term.

Jennifer Pierson moved to approve the Governance recommendation.

Megan Daoust seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. **Consulting Contract**

We need to come up with an anticipated budget.

Amend (third paragraph) to "Within an approved budget, the Nova Chair of the Board and/or Head of School are responsible..."

Mike Ricci moved to approve the amended Consulting Contract.

Jennifer Pierson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

XIV. **Policies**

The following were discussed:

Development, Adoption and Implementation of Policies

Application and Enrollment Policy

Discipline Policy

XV. **Public Comment**

There was public comment.

XVI. **Adjournment**

Mike Ricci moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Megan Daoust seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Vicky Carey, recording secretary.