

**Regular Joint Meeting of the
High Desert “Partnership in Academic Excellence” Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors
Academy for Academic Excellence School Board Committee and
Norton Space and Aeronautics Academy School Board Committee**

**Minutes
March 10, 2014**

1.0 Call to Order

Chairman Bud Biggs called the meeting to order at 8:13 a.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Foundation Board Members Duberly Beck, Bud Biggs, Regina Bell, Buck Goodspeed, Jack Hamilton, Andrew Jaramillo, Scott Johnson, Kirt Mahlum, Jose Palafox, Kevin Porter, Donna Siegel, Russell Stringham, Marcia Vargas and Rick Wolf were present. *Regina Bell, Andrew Jaramillo and Rick Wolf left before the voting on consent and action items.*

Foundation Board Members David Bains and Robert Lovingood were absent.

AAE School Board Committee Members Jose Palafox, Kevin Porter, Russell Stringham and Rick Wolf were present. *Rick Wolf left before the voting on consent and action items.*

AAE School Board Committee Members David Bains and Robert Lovingood were absent.

NSAA School Board Committee Members Duberly Beck, Andrew Jaramillo, Scott Johnson, and Marcia Vargas were present. *Andrew Jaramillo left before the voting on consent and action items.*

Staff members Cheryl Dale, Teresa Dowd, Guadalupe Girard, David Kenneally, Lisa Lamb Stacy Newman, Rick Piercy, Toni Preciado, Paul Rosell, Jim Quinn, Gordon Soholt and Jim Southwick were also present.

Linda Fabre represented the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.

3.0 Public Comments

Several parents filled out request to speak cards and presented their comments on NSAA stopping at K-8. Cards were filled out by Saralyn Tossetti, Mikaela Popescu, Dawn Middleton, Clara Wilshire, Wade Forde, John Lu, Mia Zamora-Johnson, Kaakon Brown, and Ana Villalpando. Duberly Beck read a statement by Stacy Davis and Scott Johnson read a statement by Dane DeWeese.

4.0 Board Workshop on NSAA K-8

Scott Johnson presented the background on the process, and Gordon Soholt presented the reasons for going K-8. It is a facility, financial and political issue. A long term land lease will be needed to get financing. Various ideas were discussed and parents would like to get more involved and help with fundraising and grants. A committee will be formed to work on this issue.

5.0 Special Presentations/Announcements

Gordon Soholt presented information on Common Core. It is a set of standards in Language Arts and Math that is being adopted by most states. State assessments will change and teaching methods will change as well. There will be more project based learning. AAE and NSAA are working together to implement Common Core.

6.0 Correspondence

Nigro & Nigro will be doing the audit for the year ending June 30, 2014 and will meet with the Board if they would like.

7.0 Discussion Items

Gordon Soholt presented information on teacher retention over the last 4 years as requested at a previous meeting. Teachers leave for a variety of reasons including relocation, to take an administrative position, maternity reasons, going from part time to full time, and salary.

8.0 Information

.01 Staff reports were included in the packet.

.02 The Foundation Board Attendance Log was included in the packet.

.03 Rick Piercy reported that we are moving forward with the consolidation of campuses at AAE. We don't expect to start with all the grades at MRC in August, but sometime during the year. We are working on the light at Tuscola and Apple Valley Rd., putting power lines underground, and VVWRA is relocating sewer lines.

We are pleased to announce we are able to restore step and class increases for staff as well as provide a % raise to the salary schedule for the 2014-15 school year.

.04 AAE Principal's Report was included in the packet.

.05 NSAA Principal's Report was included in the packet.

9.0 Staff Comments: None

10.0 Board Member Comments: None

11.0 Standing Board Committee Reports

.01 (a) Budget/Audit Committee – Russell Stringham reported the committee met and discussed the Golden Handshake program.

(b) Fundraising Committee – Donna Siegel reported the committee has raised funds to be able to give out Educational Activity Grants and Opportunity Grants. Board members are needed for the selection of recipients. Please let Teresa know if you are interested.

(c) Personnel Committee – Kirt Mahlum reported the committee met regarding the President/CEO transition and the committee recommends approving the plan as presented. The committee is in need of additional members. They meet quarterly or as

the need arises. Duberly Beck volunteered for the committee. A chair is needed as well. Regina Bell was nominated as chair.

12.0 Foundation Board Consent Agenda

On a motion by Kevin Porter, seconded by Kirt Mahlum, vote 11-0, the Foundation Board of Directors approved Consent Agenda Items 12.01 – 12.05.

- .01 Approve Minutes of December 9, 2013 Regular Meeting
- .02 Approve July 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014 Financial Reports
- .03 Approve Foundation Financial Reports for November 2013, December 2013 and January 2014
- .04 Approve Resolution No. 2014-01: Voluntary Retirement Program
- .05 Approve June 30, 2013 Audit Report

13.0 Foundation Board Action Items

- .01 On a motion by Kirt Mahlum, seconded by Kevin Porter, vote 11 – 0, the Foundation Board of Directors approved modification of the NSAA Charter to freeze NSAA at 8th grade until resources to expand are available, with approval of the County Board, and will consider 9-12 alternatives.
- .02 On a motion by Buck Goodspeed, seconded by Scott Johnson, vote 11-0, the Foundation Board of Directors approved the Lewis Center for Educational Research Transition Plan.

14.0 AAE School Board Committee Consent Agenda

On a motion by Jose Palafox, seconded by Russ Stringham, vote 3-0, the AAE School Board Committee approved Consent Agenda Items 14.01 – 14.04.

- .01 Approve Minutes of February 13, 2014 Regular Meeting
- .02 Approve AAE Comparatives – February 2014
- .03 Approve AAE 2nd Interim Financial Report
- .04 Approve AAE Calendar for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 School Years

15.0 AAE School Board Committee Action Item

- .01 On a motion by Jose Palafox, seconded by Russ Stringham, vote 3-0, the AAE School Board Committee approved the addition of Integrated Math I to AAE Graduation Requirements for 2014-2015 school year.

16.0 NSAA School Board Committee Consent Agenda

On a motion by Marcia Vargas, seconded by Duberly Beck, vote 3-0, the NSAA School Board Committee approved Consent Agenda Items 16.01 – 16.04.

- .01 Approve Minutes of February 19, 2014 Regular Meeting
- .02 Approve NSAA Finance Report – February 2014
- .03 Approve NSAA 2nd Interim Financial Report
- .04 Approve NSAA Calendar for 2014-2015 School Year

17.0 NSAA School Board Committee Action Item

.01 On a motion by Duberly Beck, seconded by Marcia Vargas, vote 3-0, the NSAA School Board Committee approved the NSAA LEA Plan Addendum.

18.0 Closed Session

The Foundation Board of Directors convened into closed session at 8:14 am and reconvened into open session at 9:35 am to discuss items 18.01 – 18.04. Bud Biggs reported the following action was taken.

.01 On a motion by Kevin Porter, seconded by Russ Stringham, vote 3-1 with Rick Wolf as the Nay vote, the AAE School Board Committee approved the Pupil Personnel Administrative Hearing Panel Recommendation on AAE Expulsion Case 031014-1 to expel for the remainder of second semester 2013-14 and the first semester of 2014-15 effective immediately.

.02 On a motion by Kevin Porter, seconded by Jose Palafox, vote 4-0, the AAE School Board Committee approved the Pupil Personnel Administrative Hearing Panel Recommendation on AAE Expulsion Case 031014-2 to expel for the remainder of second semester 2013-14 and the first semester of 2014-15 effective immediately.

.03 On a motion by Jose Palafox, seconded by Russ Stringham, vote 4-0, the AAE School Board Committee approved to amend the Pupil Personnel Administrative Hearing Panel Recommendation on AAE Expulsion Case 031014-3 and expel for the remainder of second semester 2013-14 and the first semester of 2014-15 effective immediately.

.04 On a motion by Andrew Jaramillo, seconded by Duberly Beck, vote 4-0, the NSAA School Board Committee approved the Pupil Personnel Administrative Hearing Panel Recommendation on NSAA Expulsion Case 021914-1 to expel for the remainder of second semester 2013-14 effective immediately.

The Foundation Board of Directors convened into closed session again at 11:58 am and reconvened into open session at 12:26 pm to discuss item 18.05. Bud Biggs reported the following action was taken.

.05 On a motion by Jack Hamilton, seconded by Kevin Porter, vote 10-1 with Russ Stringham as the Nay vote, the Foundation Board of Directors approved the Personnel Committee recommendation to appoint Gordon Soholt as President/CEO when Rick Piercy retires.

19.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Scott Johnson, seconded by Kevin Porter, vote 11-0, Chairman Biggs adjourned the meeting at 12:28 p.m.