

**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
June 8, 2015**

1.0 Call to Order

Treasurer Russell Stringham called the meeting to order at 7:17 a.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Foundation Board Members David Bains, Duberly Beck, Regina Bell, Buck Goodspeed, Andrew Jaramillo, Robert Lovingood, Kirt Mahlum, Jose Palafox, Kevin Porter, Tom Rosenbaum, Donna Siegel, Russell Stringham and Marcia Vargas were present. *Note: Robert Lovingood left early so his vote was not included for Agenda Items 8.0, 9.01, 9.02 and 9.03. Duberly Beck stepped out of the meeting so her vote was not included for Agenda Items 8.0, 9.01, 9.02, 9.03 and 11.0*

Foundation Board Members Bud Biggs, Scott Johnson and Rick Wolf were absent.

AAE School Board Committee Members David Bains, Robert Lovingood, Jose Palafox, Kevin Porter and Russell Stringham were present.

AAE School Board Committee Member Rick Wolf was absent.

NSAA School Board Committee Members Duberly Beck (by phone), Andrew Jaramillo, Tom Rosenbaum and Marcia Vargas (by phone) were present.

NSAA School Board Committee Member Scott Johnson was absent.

Staff members Tom Atkisson (by phone), Ryan Dorcey, Darren Dowd, Teresa Dowd, Guadalupe Girard (by phone), Lisa Lamb, Stacy Newman, Toni Preciado (by phone), Jim Quinn (by phone), Paul Rosell, Gordon Soholt and Jim Southwick were also present.

Linda Fabre (by phone) represented the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.

3.0 Public Comments: None

4.0 Special Presentations/Announcements:

.01 Russell Stringham, Treasurer of the Board, presented the Employee of the Semester Award to David Pike.

.02 AAE Seniors Michael Fosse and Dana Watkins presented a statistics project on whether high school students do better in core classes or elective classes. There was significant evidence that students do better in elective classes.

5.0 Information Included in Packet: The following information was included in the packet:

.01 Staff Reports

.02 Foundation Financial Reports

- .03 Lewis Center Financial Reports
- .04 AAE Financial Report
- .05 NSAA Financial Report
- .06 Internal Financial Statement
- .07 Board Meeting Schedules for 2015-2016
- .08 Board Attendance Log
- .09 Board Give and Get
- .10 Letter to Board from Robert DeNike

6.0 Discussion Items

.01 Rick Piercy interviewed 15 of the Board Members and presented their concerns as well as what they felt is going well.

.02 Gordon Sohlt noted that Board Member presence at events is appreciated. He will be sending monthly event calendars in advance. The Board is also welcome to sit in on classes at any time. Gordon noted that it is not required in our bylaws to maintain 17 members, and with Jack Hamilton's resignation, consider reducing the composition to obtain an optimum size for obtaining quorums and Board participation. Board Members were in agreement that it made sense to do so, and we could also establish a distinguished advisory group for those interested in the Lewis Center/AAE/NSAA but didn't have the time to commit to being on the Board.

It was also noted that it would be best to have face to face meetings for the quarterly Foundation Board Meetings as it is hard to hear each other when teleconferencing. Kirt Mahlum requested that this be placed on the September agenda as an action item.

10.0 AAE School Board Committee Consent Agenda

This item was moved up on the agenda. On a motion by Robert Lovingood, seconded by David Bains, vote 5-0, the AAE School Board Committee approved Consent Agenda Items 10.01 – 10.14.

- .01 Approve AAE Board Minutes of May 14, 2015, Regular Meeting
- .02 Approve Camp Whittle, Fawnskin, CA. – ASB High School Leadership Camp – August 28- 30, 2015
- .03 Approve Pine Summit, Big Bear, CA. – ASB Middle School Leadership camp - September 11-13, 2015
- .04 Approve MRC Campus, Gym - AFJROTC Cadet Officer Candidate Training School - July 17-18, 2015
- .05 Approve MRC Campus Gym - AFJROTC Cadet Special Teams Training School – July 21- 22, 2015
- .06 Approve MRC Campus Gym – AFJROTC Cadet Advanced Leadership Training School- August 7 – 8, 2015
- .07 Approve Washington D. C. – AFJROTC Senior Cadet Trip to Washington D.C. – October 3-7, 2015
- .08 Approve MRC Campus Gym – AFJROTC Cadet Advanced Leadership Training School – January 5-6, 2016
- .09 Approve El Segundo, CA. – AFJROTC Drill Team & Color Guard, SCIDM – March 4 – 5, 2016
- .10 Approve YMCA Camp Fawnskin, CA. – AFJROTC Leadership camp – March 21-25, 2016
- .11 Approve Los Alamitos, CA. – AFJROTC Drill Team & Color Guard, SCIDM – April 22-23, 2016
- .12 Approve Westin Hotel Palm Springs- Yearbook Camp – July 13 -15, 2015
- .13 Approve AAE LCAP 2014-15 Year 2
- .14 Approve AAE 2nd Interim Report

7.0 Standing Board Committee Reports

.01 (a) Budget/Audit Committee – Russ Stringham reported that the Budget Committee met last month and reviewed the budget. It was nice to see the staff increases and be more competitive. Jose noted the importance of being competitive when hiring to get top picks. Gordon noted that thanks to the work of the Exec Team we were able to give step and class increases as well as the 5% across the board raise. We are waiting on the

Governor's budget to be approved and will then see what additional funds will be available either on a one time basis or as sustainable funding. Kevin noted that in surplus years it would be nice to identify funds towards a staff bonus. Buck suggested getting feedback from the staff on what they'd like, such as a retreat or something to make their job easier.

- (b) Fundraising Committee – Donna Siegel reported that the Foundation's art show raised \$18,183. She thanked the Board for their sponsorships but also would like to have more attendance at the reception as well as the show. It is a great time to bring contacts to see the school. She thanked Teresa Dowd and Kim Bunnell for their work on the show as well. She has a donated painting by Ray Summers for sale for \$300 obo.
- (c) Personnel Committee – Regina Bell reported that the Personnel Committee met and discussed the President/CEO contract and goals and objectives. She thanked Stacy Newman for her assistance with these as well.

8.0 Foundation Board Consent Agenda

On a motion by Andrew Jaramillo, seconded by David Bains, vote 11-0, the Foundation Board of Directors approved Consent Agenda Items 8.01 – 8.11.

- .01 Approve March 9, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes
- .02 Accept Resignation of Jack Hamilton from Foundation Board
- .03 Approve BP 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedure Revision
- .04 Approve BP 1312.1 Complaints Concerning LCER Personnel Revision
- .05 Approve AR 1312.1 Complaints Concerning LCER Personnel Revision
- .06 Approve BP 2120 President-CEO Revision
- .07 Approve BP 2121 President-CEO Employment Contract Revision
- .08 Approve BP 2122 President-CEO Job Description Revision
- .09 Approve BP 2123 Evaluation of President-CEO Revision
- .10 Approve BP 2210 Administrative Leeway Revision
- .11 Approve BP 4112.4 Personnel Health Examinations Revision

9.0 Foundation Board Action Items

- .01 On a motion by Kevin Porter, seconded by Jose Palafox, vote 11 - 0, the Foundation Board of Directors approved the 2015-16 Budget.
- .02 On a motion by Buck Goodspeed, seconded by Regina Bell, vote 11 - 0, the Foundation Board of Directors approved the President/CEO Contract.
- .03 On a motion by Andy Jaramillo, seconded by David Bains, vote 11 - 0, the Foundation Board of Directors approved Rick Piercy as a Board Advisor for 2015-16 with compensation to be health benefits.

11.0 NSAA School Board Committee Consent Agenda

On a motion by Tom Rosenbaum, seconded by Marcia Vargas, vote 3-0, the NSAA School Board Committee approved Consent Agenda Items 11.01 – 11.03.

- .01 Approve May 19, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes
- .02 Approve NSAA LCAP 2014-15 Year 2
- .03 Approve NSAA 2nd Interim Report

12.0 Closed Session

The Foundation Board convened into closed session at 8:55 a.m. to discuss the President/CEO Performance Evaluation. The Foundation Board reconvened into open session at 9:35 a.m. Russell Stringham, Treasurer of the Board reported that no action was taken during closed session.

13.0 Adjournment

Treasurer Stringham adjourned the meeting at 9:36 a.m.