

**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
September 9, 2013**

1.0 Call to Order

Chairman Bud Biggs called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Foundation Board Members Duberly Beck, Bud Biggs, Regina Bell, Buck Goodspeed, Jack Hamilton, Andrew Jaramillo, Scott Johnson, Jeff Lewis, Jose Palafox, Kevin Porter, Donna Siegel, Russell Stringham, Marcia Vargas and Rick Wolf were present.

Andrew Jaramillo left before the vote.

Foundation Board Members David Bains, Robert Lovingood and Kirtland Mahlum were absent.

AAE School Board Committee Members Jose Palafox, Kevin Porter, Russell Stringham and Rick Wolf were present.

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

NSAA School Board Committee Members Duberly Beck, Andrew Jaramillo, Scott Johnson, Jeff Lewis and Marcia Vargas were present.

Andrew Jaramillo left before the vote.

Staff members Cheryl Dale, Teresa Dowd, Rebecca McCoy, Stacy Newman, Rick Piercy, Jim Quinn, Jim Southwick, and Cheryl Thompson were also present.

Norma Spencer represented the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.

3.0 Public Comments

Mr. Lu, a NSAA parent asked what the plan was for the bilingual program in the upper grades. Rick Piercy stated that as dual immersion programs grow 50/50 works well up to middle school. There are requirements for MS/HS that are needed and it is difficult to attain 50/50 due to lack of enrollment in those grades. We will continue to work towards that.

4.0 Special Presentations/Announcements

.01 Cheryl Thompson was recognized for her 19 years of service with the LCER.

.02 Jim Southwick went over 2013 CST results, school performance by year, matched growth (compares same students year to year), STAR 2012-13 proficient and advanced, cohort growth, teacher in vs. out data, special needs in vs. out data, grade level cluster data, teacher level cluster

data, student level cluster data, advanced placement exam, advanced placement 5 year trend, early assessment program, CAHSEE, and API (NSAA 676 and AAE 841). We can use this data to identify individual intervention and be specific when working with students. Also the best way to assess a teacher's effectiveness is to compare students year to year. We have data back for 2 years. We can assist teachers with curriculum, calendar of instruction, instructional strategy training and staff development.

We have been working on math at AAE. There are many variables such as math placement, materials, and instructional placement. The data shows where we can correct problems.

A question was asked if NSAA's math proficiency had correlation to being taught in Spanish and testing in English. Not really. As we add grade levels we add new teachers.

At future meetings the Board would like to hear the Principals share what they're doing with data.

5.0 **Correspondence:** None

6.0 **Discussion Items**

.01 AB1266 creates the right of elementary and secondary school students to use sensitive sex-segregated school facilities such as showers, restrooms and locker rooms based on the student's perceived gender identity rather than their actual sex. A referendum has been filed by the Privacy for All Students coalition to give voters the right to reject the law. If the referendum qualifies for the ballot, AB 1266 will be suspended until voters decide whether to approve or reject it. For more information you can go to www.privacyforallstudents.com.

.02 We are currently paying low interest rate on the bond to build the AAE gym, but everyone believes interest rates will be going up and we could get stuck with high rates. We cannot negotiate with outside entities, but our current bank will negotiate and they have given a bid for new fixed rates. It will still be less than what we were paying at our previous bank. The budget will be updated. There are no lump sum fees, only legal costs. Jose is glad we're addressing it now.

7.0 **Information**

.01 Staff reports were included in the packet.

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

.03 The Red Cross Agreement to use the Mojave River Campus for emergencies was included in the packet.

.04 President/CEO Report – Rick Piercy

Rick reported that Gordon and Lisa are in Shanghai through CSBA.

NSAA received a 6 year WASC accreditation. We have redone the Conditional Use Permit with the City of San Bernardino – there are many new requirements for NSAA. The City wants a median put in on Central but we are suggesting a parking lot instead to address the concerns. We

will have spent half a million this year at NSAA which is more than we budgeted so we are using reserves. Next year we may have to put in signal light at Foisy. We are still looking at Seccombe Lake as a possible location. San Bernardino City USD has given us 9 portables (6 for NSAA and 3 for AAE) and we are requesting 15 more.

AAE plans to move all grades to MRC and possibly create a STEMs academy at Thunderbird. Traffic will be a problem. We will be putting a signal light in at Tuscola (our fair share is 26%), putting the power lines underground, filling in the wash behind E and covering the Native American sites. The AAE gym dedication is November 8 at 9:00 a.m.. Congressman Cook will be there in the afternoon at 1:30. Thank you to Mitsubishi for the cement donation. It was asked if we will still consolidate if we don't get the portables from SBCUSD. We would then lease them.

K16 Bridge meets all 7 of the criteria for colleges for SB 1456 matriculation requirements. Colleges can apply for a grant through Hartnell, who will be working with us and applying for a \$6 million grant yr/5 yrs. Chris and David will present the program to all 112 community colleges. San Bernardino City schools are joining Bridge and will have guaranteed acceptance at CSUSB. We are looking at putting Bridge into the military through DoDEA. We have also been approached by Nelnet regarding prep tests for SAT, ACT, etc. They will put their testing materials into Bridge at a reduced cost. It was asked if we were working with other universities than CSUSB. They are the first one to work with us so far.

We are moving forward with SB Co. Flood Control and the Desert Knolls Wash. MDAQMD is holding a meeting tonight at AAE about VVWRA's project.

.05 NSAA Principal's Report – Guadalupe Girard was not in attendance.

8.0 Standing Board Committee Reports

- .01 (a) Budget/Audit Committee – Russell Stringham reported the committee had no report.
- (b) Fundraising Committee – Donna Siegel promoted the 3rd annual Festival of the Arts. At the reception Friday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m., Chelsea Franko will be performing. Tickets are available for \$25. Donna encouraged the Board to purchase tickets and give them to their contacts. The art show itself is Saturday, September 14. Thank you to all the sponsors. We have 250+ pieces of art, photographs from local high schools, craft vendors, flea market, live music, and something for all ages. T-shirts are for sale for \$15. Donna challenged the Board for 100% participation.
- (c) Personnel Committee – Stacy Newman reported that they are meeting this week and will bring an item forward in December. More members are needed. Scott Johnson volunteered.

9.0 Foundation Board Consent Agenda

On a motion by Regina Bell, seconded by Scott Johnson, vote 13-0, the Foundation Board of Directors approved Consent Agenda Items 9.01 – 9.04.

- .01 Approve Minutes of June 17, 2013 Regular Meeting
- .02 Approve Credit Card for James Southwick with a limit of \$5,000
- .03 Approve July 1, 2013 through August 31, 2013 Financial Reports
- .04 Approve Foundation Financial Reports for May, June and July 2013

10.0 Foundation Board Action Items

.01 On a motion by Kevin Porter, seconded by Scott Johnson, vote 13-0, the Foundation Board of Directors appointed Jeff Lewis as Personnel Committee Chairperson.

11.0 AAE School Board Committee Consent Agenda

On a motion by Russell Stringham, seconded by Jose Palafox, vote 4-0, the AAE School Board Committee approved Consent Agenda Items 11.01 – 11.04.

.01 Approve Minutes of August 8, 2013 Regular Meeting

.02 Approve AAE Comparatives – August 2013

.03 Approve Overnight Field Trip to Disneyland for Grad Nite May 28 – 29, 2014

.04 Approve Overnight Field Trip to Pine Summit for ASB Leadership Camp September 13 – 15, 2013

12.0 AAE School Board Committee Action Items

.01 On a motion by Rick Wolf, seconded by Jose Palafox, vote 4-0, the AAE School Board Committee approved Courtney Robinson as a FT Speech and Language Pathologist on the Basis of a Waiver Request Through 6/30/14. Rick Wolf asked if we were able to show good faith and diligence in filling this position and the answer was yes.

.02 On a motion by Russell Stringham, seconded by Jose Palafox, vote 4-0, the AAE School Board Committee approved the Variable Term CBEST Waiver Request for Heather Hagerman.

13.0 NSAA School Board Committee Consent Agenda

On a motion by Scott Johnson, seconded by Duberly Beck, vote 4-0, the NSAA School Board Committee approved Consent Agenda Items 13.01 – 13.02.

.01 Approve Minutes of August 21, 2013 Regular Meeting

.02 Approve NSAA Financial Report August 2013

14.0 Staff Comments

Gordon Soholt informed the Board that the AAE School Counselor has moved on and we will be hiring a new Counselor.

15.0 Board Member Comments

Scott Johnson noted that Mr. Lu is an involved NSAA parent. He also asked for next year how we will assess Spanish proficiency, and we will use assessment TBD.

16.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Scott Johnson, seconded by Jeff Lewis, vote 13-0, Chairman Biggs adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.