

**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 9, 2014**

**1.0 Call to Order**

Chairman Bud Biggs called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

**2.0 Roll Call**

Foundation Board Members David Bains, Duberly Beck (by phone), Bud Biggs, Regina Bell, Buck Goodspeed, Jack Hamilton, Andrew Jaramillo, Scott Johnson (by phone), Kirt Mahlum, Jose Palafox, Kevin Porter, Tom Rosenbaum, Donna Siegel, Russell Stringham and Marcia Vargas were present.

Foundation Board Members Robert Lovingood and Rick Wolf were absent.

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

AAE School Board Committee Member Robert Lovingood was absent.

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

Staff members Cheryl Dale, Ryan Dorcey, Darren Dowd, Teresa Dowd, Guadalupe Girard, Lisa Lamb, Rick Piercy, Paul Rosell, Gordon Soholt and Jim Southwick were also present.

Andrea Tennyson represented the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.

**3.0 Public Comments: None**

**4.0 Special Presentations/Announcements: None**

**5.0 Correspondence:**

.01 SBCSS NSAA Oversight Evaluation was included in the packet. It was a positive visit and the County is recognizing us as one of their schools and providing support.

**6.0 Discussion Items:**

.01 Jim Southwick provided an overview of Bridge. Bridge meets the State’s SB1456 requirements and through My Mentor provides lessons in college and career exploration. VVC received the Pathway Grant of which we will have an advisory role. There are new colleges and high schools coming into the program, including a MOU with San Bernardino City Unified School District and CSUSB. We are currently developing pipelines and getting ready for the fall kick-off.

**7.0 Information**

**.01** Staff reports were included in the packet.

**.02** Internal financials were included in the packet.

**.03** 2014-15 Board Meeting Schedules were included in the packet.

**.04** Foundation Board Attendance Log was included in the packet.

**.05** Rick Piercy reported that construction at NSAA has been problematic with the City of SB. We have been working on solutions but cannot put in the 3 additional portables for next year until issues are resolved. The field should be done over the summer.

At AAE we are still working on the light and purchasing right-of-ways. The new parking lot at MRC will begin this Friday and the on campus road will be widened for the traffic flow. The new portables are arriving, Mineral City has been moved, and the gristmill and water tower will come at a later date. Edison will be putting 4 poles underground as well. We are also still working on the Desert Knolls Wash project, including the bridge over the wash, the light on Highway 18, and possible college on the other side. We have met with one college to see what the interest would be. Andy Jaramillo suggested surveying the high school students regarding their interest in attending a college on campus.

**.06** Lisa Lamb reported that AAE staff has been working on PLC (Professional Learning Community) and end of year assessments. They will also do assessments for new students coming in at the beginning of the year. Graduation is this Friday at HDC and Kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotions are this week. Senior awards were held last night and they have earned over \$900K in scholarships. Varsity boys baseball made it to the semi-finals and athletics set a lot of records this year. ROTC earned Distinguished Unit with Merit again and is in the top 9% of all units worldwide. We are one of only 2 charter schools in the country to have ROTC.

**.07** Lupita Girard reported that NSAA is also wrapping up the year with award ceremonies this week. The carnival was a big success and \$7K was raised by PTO.

**8.0 Standing Board Committee Reports**

**.01 (a)** Budget/Audit Committee – Russell Stringham reported the committee met and recommends that the Board approve the budget.

**(b)** Fundraising Committee – Donna Siegel asked the Board to Save the Date for Rick Piercy's retirement party on August 16, 2014. A formal invitation will be forthcoming.

**(c)** Personnel Committee – Cheryl Dale reported that Stacy had her baby and that she, Brook and Rebecca have been busy hiring new staff.

**9.0 Staff Comments:** Gordon thanked Administration for their hard work at this busy time of year.

**10.0 Board Member Comments:** The commencement speech at the University of Texas by Admiral McRaven on steps to being a successful person was recommended for teachers and students to view.

### **11.0 Foundation Board Consent Agenda**

On a motion by Regina Bell, seconded by Kevin Porter, vote 14-0 (Duberly had stepped out of the room), the Foundation Board of Directors approved Consent Agenda Items 11.01 – 11.05.

- .01 Approve Minutes of March 10, 2014 Regular Meeting
- .02 Approve July 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014 Financial Reports
- .03 Approve Foundation Financial Reports for February, March and April 2014
- .04 Approve 2014-15 Budget
- .05 Approve BP 3330: Long Term Higher Education Use of Lewis Center Facilities

### **12.0 Foundation Board Action Items**

- .01 On a motion by Andy Jaramillo, seconded by Russ Stringham, vote 15 - 0, the Foundation Board of Directors ratified Tom Rosenbaum as a member of the High Desert “Partnership in Academic Excellence” Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors and the Norton Space and Aeronautics Academy School Board Committee.
- .02 On a motion by Jose Palafox, seconded by David Bains, vote 15 - 0, the Foundation Board of Directors ratified Rick Piercy as President Emeritus, a non-paid position in which Mr. Piercy will act as advisor and consultant to the Board and Staff.

### **13.0 AAE School Board Committee Consent Agenda**

On a motion by Russ Stringham, seconded by David Bains, vote 5-0, the AAE School Board Committee approved Consent Agenda Items 13.01 – 13.18.

- .01 Approve Minutes of May 8, 2014 Regular Meeting
- .02 Approve AAE Comparatives – May 2014
- .03 Approve CARS 2014-15 Application for Funding - AAE
- .04 Approve Resolution 2014-01 AAE Education Protection Account
- .05 Approve AAE Education Protection Account Computation of Spending 2014-15
- .06 Approve AFJROTC Cadet Officer Candidate Training School, July 18-19, 2014
- .07 Approve AFJROTC Cadet Advanced Leadership Training School, MRC Gym, August 8-9, 2014
- .08 Approve ASB – MS Camp, Big Bear, Pine Summit, September 5-7, 2014
- .09 Approve ASB – HS Camp, Big Bear, Pine Summit, September 12-14, 2014
- .10 Approve AFJROTC USS Midway, San Diego, CA, September 13-14, 2014
- .11 Approve AFJROTC Senior Cadet Trip to Hawaii, September 29-October 3, 2014
- .12 Approve AFJROTC Nellis AFB Air show, November 8-9, 2014
- .13 Approve AFJROTC Cadet Advanced Leadership Training School, MRC Gym, January 6-7, 2015
- .14 Approve AFJROTC Drill Team Competition, March 6-7, 2015
- .15 Approve Junior & Senior European Trip, March 21 – April 4, 2015
- .16 Approve AFJROTC 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Camp, March 23-27, 2015
- .17 Approve CAHPERD Dance Workshop, Palm Springs Convention Center, May 1-3, 2015
- .18 Approve Yearbook Camp, Palm Springs, July 21-23, 2014

### **14.0 AAE School Board Committee Action Item**

- .01 On a motion by David Bains, seconded by Russ Stringham, vote 5 - 0, the AAE School Board Committee approved the AAE LCAP. LCAP is a local control and accountability plan

that builds a professional learning community. It is a living document that is linked to the budgeting process.

**15.0 NSAA School Board Committee Consent Agenda**

On a motion by Marcia Vargas, seconded by Duberly Beck, vote 4-0 (Scott Johnson had left at this time), the NSAA School Board Committee approved Consent Agenda Items 15.01 – 15.06.

- .01 Approve Minutes of April 23 and May 21, 2014 Regular Meetings
- .02 Approve NSAA Finance Report – May 2014
- .03 Approve CARS 2014-15 Application for Funding - NSAA
- .04 Approve Resolution 2014-02 NSAA Education Protection Account
- .05 Approve NSAA Education Protection Account Computation of Spending 2014-15
- .06 Approve NSAA UCR Student Teacher Agreement

**16.0 NSAA School Board Committee Action Item**

- .01 On a motion by Duberly Beck, seconded by Marcia Vargas, vote 4-0 (Scott Johnson had left at this time), the NSAA School Board Committee approved the NSAA LCAP. NSAA needed to include a LEA Plan and Title I, II and III.

**17.0 Closed Session**

The Foundation Board of Directors convened into closed session at 10:55 am and reconvened into open session at 11:10 am. Bud Biggs reported that the existing litigation has been settled.

**18.0 Adjournment**

Chairman Biggs adjourned the meeting at 11:11 am.