

**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 13, 2016**

1.0 Call to Order

Vice Chairman Scott Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:15 a.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Foundation Board Members David Bains, Duberly Beck, Bud Biggs (8:00 a.m.), Buck Goodspeed, Andrew Jaramillo, Scott Johnson, Robert Lovingood, Kirt Mahlum, Jose Palafox (by phone), Kevin Porter, Donna Siegel, Russell Stringham, Marcia Vargas and Rick Wolf (7:50 a.m.) were present.

Foundation Board Members Tom Rosenbaum and Regina Weatherspoon-Bell were absent.

AAE School Board Committee Members David Bains, Robert Lovingood, Jose Palafox (by phone), Kevin Porter, Russell Stringham and Rick Wolf were present.

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

NSAA School Board Committee Member Tom Rosenbaum was absent.

Staff members Valli Andreasen, Darren Dowd, Teresa Dowd, Lupita Girard, Wes Kanawyer, Lisa Lamb, Stacy Newman, Rena Payne, Sherri Pearson, Toni Preciado, Jim Quinn, Paul Rosell and Carolyn Schmidt were also present.

3.0 Public Comments: Kelli Cole informed the Board of the GAVRT trip and that the form is due today.

4.0 Special Presentations:

.01 Chairman Bud Biggs presented Employee of the Semester awards to George Armstrong, Karen Wilson and Beth Burns. Lisa also presented a thank you to Pat Caldwell.

.02 Ken Sockwell, VPA Department Chair, reported on the Opportunity Grant he received to attend Disney’s Leadership Institute.

.03 Rick and Linda Piercy were not in attendance to receive their Certificate of Appreciation.

5.0 Foundation Board Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Kevin Porter, seconded by David Bains, vote 14-0, the Foundation Board of Directors approved Consent Agenda Items 5.01 – 5.02.

.01 Approve March 14, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes and May 12, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes

.02 Approve Foundation Board Meeting Schedule

6.0 AAE School Board Committee Consent Agenda

Kevin asked about the Costa Rica trip. It is the first time we have had a field trip there and is through a club. Jose asked how we were raising funds. The trip is voluntary and the club is fundraising and parents will cover the rest. On a motion by Robert Lovingood, seconded by David Bains, vote 6 - 0, the AAE School Board Committee approved Consent Agenda Items 6.01 – 6.16.

- .01 Approve May 12, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
- .02 Approve AAE Local Control and Accountability Plan
- .03 Approve ROTC Cadet Officer Candidate Training School, MRC campus - July 15-16, 2016
- .04 Approve ROTC Cadet Advanced Leadership Training School, MRC campus – August 5-6, 2016
- .05 Approve Annual ASB High School Leadership Camp, Fawnskin, CA – August 26-28, 2016
- .06 Approve Annual ASB MS Leadership Camp, Big Bear, CA - September 16-28, 2016
- .07 Approve ROTC USS Midway overnight program, San Diego, Ca – September 10-11, 2016
- .08 Approve ROTC Senior Cadet Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio – October 4-9-2016
- .09 Approve ROTC Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, Nevada – November 12, 2016
- .10 Approve ROTC Cadet Advance Leadership Training School, MRC campus – January 3, 2017
- .11 Approve ROTC Drill Team & Color Guard SCIDM, El Segundo, CA – February 18-19, 2017
- .12 Approve Costa Rica Club Trip to Costa Rica – March 18-26, 2017
- .13 Approve ROTC 10TH Annual ROTC Leadership Camp, Fawnskin, CA – March 27-31, 2017
- .14 Approve ROTC Drill Team & Color Guard Drill Meet, Los Alamitos, Ca – April 28-29, 2017
- .15 Approve 9th Annual Special World Vision Event – MRC campus – May 26-27, 2017
- .16 Approve AAE School Board Committee Meeting Schedule

7.0 NSAA School Board Committee Consent Agenda

On a motion by Marcia Vargas, seconded by Duberly Beck, vote 4-0, the NSAA School Board Committee approved Consent Agenda Items 7.01- 7.04.

- .01 Approve May 17, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
- .02 Approve NSAA Local Control and Accountability Plan
- .03 Approve NSAA Local Educational Agency Plan
- .04 Approve NSAA School Board Committee Meeting Schedule

8.0 Standing Board Committee Reports

- .01 (a) Finance Committee – Russ Stringham reported that the committee has met several times regarding solar and has signed the contract with DS Solar. David Bains read notes he had from the June 10th meeting that he was not able to present before the contract was signed. Bud Biggs noted that when we first heard consultant Simeon Trotter’s recommendations in December, the Board recommended going forward with the first phase of the solar project and discussing storage as a later phase. He doesn’t understand why it has been delayed so long. Kirt Mahlum disavowed any representation David has made against staff and noted that Lisa and Jim were personally attacked by David at the meeting last Friday. Kevin and Buck agreed. Kevin noted that we need to get the first phase started and can then look at the next steps. He didn’t like that it got personal and we shouldn’t make allegations that are not factual or based on feelings. Robert would like to know more about our projected savings. Jim Quinn will be presenting a storage proposal at a future Finance Committee meeting. Rick Wolf met with staff at AVUSD and would like our contractor to talk with them to see what issues they’ve had.

- (b) Fundraising Committee – Donna Siegel noted that the Committee has a goal of raising no less than \$20K per year and this year’s art show should be just over that. Thank you to Kim, Teresa and the Board. Pat and Donna will be meeting with the Executive Director of St. Mary’s Foundation regarding restructuring the Fundraising Committee.
- (c) Personnel Committee – Duberly Beck reported that the committee Foundation Board of Directors Agreement has been updated. Please sign the agreement and return to Teresa.

9.0 Discussion/Action Items

- .01 BP3600 – Checks over \$10K are including in the Board packet quarterly. Transactions are being brought forward to the Finance Committee. On a motion by Robert Lovingood, seconded by Kirt Mahlum, vote 14 – 0, the Foundation Board of Directors approved BP3600.
- .02 On a motion by Kirt Mahlum, seconded by Marcia Vargas, vote 14 – 0, the Foundation Board of Directors approved BP9311.
- .03 Jim Quinn will be bringing forward a proposal for more solar panels and storage.
- .04 The Tetra contract was reviewed by BB&K and their response was included in the packet. It is an enforceable contract and they felt the terms were advantageous. The consultant recommended by BB&K is doing a preliminary review of the construction project and will provide results to the Finance Committee. Kevin asked if there was a way to make this a subsequent remedial review under BB&K so it can be protected by attorney/client privileges and for our use only.
- .05 Jim Quinn is working with a bond consultant for long term debt restructuring. Union Bank renewed our line of credit. The lease at NSAA is a factor in that we could restructure it all together.
- .06 Plans are to increase ADA by filling grades. We are adding TK classes at both schools and both are full and have waiting lists. NSAA’s 8th grade is going from 17 to 50 and AAE’s 12th grade is going from 76 to 115. Both campuses are focusing on attendance and providing incentives.
- .07 Lisa Lamb provided a NSAA charter renewal timeline in the packet. We will be providing a draft to Angel Arrington by August and are working on the MOU. We will need Board support and should be aware of what is in the charter, the academic program, and scores. We will let the Board know the dates for the hearings.
- .08 Lisa, Lupita, Toni, Erin and MS teachers are working on the schedule to have secondary academic pieces in place for NSAA to grow to HS. Marcia Vargas noted that a So Cal boys scholar athlete of the year was from a San Bernardino Dual Immersion program. We are meeting with HighMark regarding the potential to relocate or rebuild NSAA. We are also meeting with SB County and SB City regarding the lease.
- .09 We are discussing a collaborative math project with CSUSB. K16 Bridge is working on a grant with them as well. Kevin Porter felt the Board needs to be cognizant of Chris making commitments on behalf of the LCER. He recommends meeting with him and getting on the same page. K16 Bridge has been operating independently of LCER. We would like to establish an ad hoc committee to evaluate the program usage, personnel, finance and effectiveness. Robert Lovingood would like to see measurables and an understanding the program. On a motion by Robert Lovingood, seconded by Andy Jaramillo, vote 14-0, the Board of Directors approved a committee to include Finance Committee members, other board members and staff to bring back a report to the Board on the K16 Bridge program.

10.0 Information Included in Packet

- .01 Staff Reports
- .02 Foundation Financial Reports

.03 Lewis Center Financial Reports

- Checks Over \$10K
- Balance Sheet
- Revenue vs. Expense
- Comparatives
- By Department

.04 AAE Financial Report

.05 NSAA Financial Report

.06 Board Attendance Log

.07 Board Give and Get

.08 Jeanne Stambaugh Consultant Report

.09 Rick Piercy Consultant Report

12.0 Board and Staff Comments: Kirt Mahlum asked about terminations in the Human Resources report. We are an At Will employer and the term “termination” means ending the employment. It could be a resignation or termination. Kevin Porter noted that the Board is only brought in if there are legal issues. The Board would like it noted on the report if it was a resignation or termination.

13.0 Closed Session: Public Employment: Interim CEO

The Foundation Board of Directors convened into closed session at 9:30 a.m. and reconvened into open session at 10:28 a.m. Chairman Biggs reported that no action was taken.

14.0 Discussion/Action Items

.01 On a motion by Buck Goodspeed, seconded by Duberly Beck, vote 14-0 the Foundation Board of Directors approved Resolution 2016-02 – Executive Compensation.

.02 On a motion by Kevin Porter, seconded by Marcia Vargas, vote 14-0, the Foundation Board of Directors approved the At Will Employment Agreement for the Interim CEO.

15.0 Adjournment

Chairman Bud Biggs adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.