

**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 14, 2015**

1.0 Call to Order

Chairman Bud Biggs called the meeting to order at 7:07 a.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Foundation Board Members David Bains, Duberly Beck, Regina Bell, Bud Biggs, Buck Goodspeed, Andrew Jaramillo, Robert Lovingood, Kirt Mahlum, Jose Palafox (by phone), Kevin Porter, Donna Siegel, Russell Stringham, Marcia Vargas and Rick Wolf were present.

Foundation Board Members Scott Johnson and Tom Rosenbaum were absent.

Foundation Board Members Jose Palafox, Kevin Porter and Rick Wolf left at 8:30 a.m. Andrew Jaramillo left at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

NSAA School Board Committee Members Scott Johnson and Tom Rosenbaum were absent.

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

3.0 Public Comments: None

4.0 Special Presentations/Announcements: None

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 Unaudited Actuals
- .08 Board Attendance Log
- .09 Board Give and Get
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- .11 May 27, 2015 Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes
- .12 August 19, 2015 Budget/Audit Committee Meeting Minutes

6.0 **Discussion Items**

- .01 Foundation Board Meeting Split Locations – Gordon Soholt noted that this meeting was supposed to be scheduled at NSAA, but as everyone except Duberly and Marcia were going to attend by video conference, it was rescheduled up here. Duberly and Marcia were thanked for coming up. It is disrupting to meet by video conference. Gordon would like the Board to consider not having the video option as it is only twice a year members would need to drive to a different location. We can look at time changes if necessary. It important to have the full attention of the Board, and the Board supports both schools. Russ noted freeway issues; Andy noted it wasn't convenient; Bud, Jose and Regina suggested improving video quality; Robert noted that after the beginning of the year the drive will be improved, Marcia noted that it is an easy drive and she doesn't feel she's part of meeting with video conferencing; Duberly noted that twice a year is worth it and presence at each campus is important. Ryan will look into better conferencing capabilities with the Ramp Up grant.
- .02 Foundation Board Retreat November 6 - Gordon is meeting with Dr. Pat Caldwell regarding the agenda and we are looking at locations.
- .03 Update to the Board - Rick Piercy sent an overview to the Board of what he and Gordon have discussed in their meetings, including finances, the retreat, goals, blended program, and NSAA relocation. He asked the Board to let him know if they had any other areas they'd like them to discuss.
- .04 College and Career Education Update – Lisa will discuss this at the next AAE School Board Committee meeting.
- .05 Fundraising Initiatives – Kevin Crosson, AAE graduate, is working on a Fun Run fundraiser to raise funds for an additional playground at AAE. There are currently 350 participants and he has received sponsorships totaling \$31,000 so far. Conco is moving the current playground as their donation, and our grant writer is applying for grants as well. We are in need of a Dermatologist connection for one of the grants. Andy suggested Dr. Tran.
- .06 CAASPP Scores – Jim Southwick informed the Board that CAASPP has replaced STAR as California's assessment of student progress. The first test has established a baseline. The scores cannot be compared to past tests. There is a video on the CDE website to help understand CAASPP. We will be showing it to parents at site meetings. We are being very proactive in identifying students that may need extra support, and Special Ed is working hard providing services as well. At NSAA dual immersion plays a role in the scores. Jim is going to look at other dual immersion schools, but most other schools only have a dual immersion track, not a full dual immersion program. There is no vehicle in the State to provide the test in Spanish. High Spanish scores would translate to high English scores. We have improvement plans for both schools. If there are any questions regarding data, please stop by and see Jim.

Jim also reported that The California High School Exit Exam has been suspended for the next 3 years while the California Department of Education (CDE) decides what they want to do next. There will either be a new exam or the 11th grade common core test will replace it.

7.0 **Standing Board Committee Reports**

- .01 (a) Budget/Audit Committee – None
- (b) Fundraising Committee – None
- (c) Personnel Committee – None

8.0 Foundation Board Consent Agenda

On a motion by Buck Goodspeed, seconded by David Bains, vote 14-0, the Foundation Board of Directors approved Consent Agenda Items 8.01 – 8.05.

- .01 Approve June 8, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes and July 16, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes
- .02 Approve VVWRA Easement
- .03 Approve NSAA Petty Checking Account in the Amount of \$1,000
- .04 Approve Credit Card in the Amount of \$2,000 for Jeffrey Henderson, ASB
- .05 Approve IT E-waste Surplus

9.0 Foundation Board Action Items

- .01 On a motion by Buck Goodspeed, seconded by Duberly Beck, vote 14 - 0, the Foundation Board of Directors approved the Foundation Board of Directors Agreement/Job Description.

10.0 AAE School Board Committee Consent Agenda

On a motion by David Bains, seconded by Jose Palafox, vote 6 - 0, the AAE School Board Committee approved Consent Agenda Item 10.01.

- .01 Approve August 13, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes and August 13, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes

11.0 NSAA School Board Committee Consent Agenda

On a motion by Duberly Beck, seconded by Marcia Vargas, vote 3-0, the NSAA School Board Committee approved Consent Agenda Item 11.01 with an amendment that Duberly Beck would like to be on the NSAA 9-12 Committee.

- .01 Approve August 18, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

12.0 Closed Session

The Foundation Board of Directors convened into closed session at 8:20 a.m. and reconvened into open session at 9:25 a.m. Chairman Biggs reported that the Foundation Board of Directors authorized a settlement amount on Item 12.01 and that no action was taken on Item 12.02

- .01 Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9: Shannon Nefferdorf vs. Lewis Center for Educational Research
- .02 Conference with Legal Counsel Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956: 1 case

13.0 Adjournment

Chairman Bud Biggs adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.