

**Nova Classical Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
August 23, 2021**

Directors Present: Mel Hernandez, Claudia Gumbiner Hungs, Divya Karan, Becky Lund, Frank Ross (participated via Zoom), **Sasha Ross, Diane Ruday, Jennie Winter**

Directors Absent: Nick LaRusso

Advisors Present: Brett Wedlund, Michael Pelofske, Brooke Tousignant, Missy Johnson, Ginger Gabor (NPTO), **Evan Odegard** (Student Representative), **Shannon Hinz** (FoE)

Others in Attendance: Nova staff, parents (Note: While this meeting was held in-person at 1455 Victoria Way, it was also made available on Zoom.)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Claudia Gumbiner Hungs led the meeting.

II. Business Meeting: Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Ruday moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Winter seconded. All present members and Mr. Ross voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Consent Agenda

- A. TeachersOnCall Contracted Services Agreement
- B. TeachersASAP Contracted Services Agreement
- C. 1st reading of revised policy NP 301 (Application and Enrollment)
- D. 1st reading of revised policy NP 302 (Early Admission to Kindergarten)
- E. 1st reading of revised policy NP 303 (Whole Grade Acceleration)
- F. Annual approval of policy 402 (Disability Nondiscrimination)
- G. Annual approval of policy 410 (Family and Medical Leave)
- H. Annual approval of policy 413 (Violence and Harassment)
- I. Annual approval of policy 414 (Mandated Reporting)
- J. Annual approval of policy 506 (Student Discipline)
- K. Annual approval of policy 515 (Protection and Privacy of Student Records)
- L. Annual approval of policy 521 (Student Disability Nondiscrimination)
- M. Annual approval of policy 522 (Title IX)
- N. Annual approval of policy 524 (Internet Acceptable Use)
- O. Annual approval of policy 526 (Hazing Prohibition)
- P. Annual approval of policy 806 (Crisis Management)
- Q. Accept the proposed 2021-2022 Governance Committee Goals
- R. FY22 Annual Designations
- S. July 26, 2021 Board Minutes
- T. Addition of Sasha Ross to the Budget & Finance Committee

Ms. Lund moved to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Ruday seconded. There was discussion. All present members and Mr. Ross voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

Thomas Dobbs submitted electronic public comment asking the Board to revise the face covering policy to allow the varsity volleyball team to play games without masking.

V. Board Training

Ms. Lund provided training regarding Nova's mission including giving further explanations and some of the institutional history behind the various phrases. There was brief discussion.

Divya Karan arrived at 6:07 pm.

VI. Reports received by the Board

A. Board Chair Report

There was no report this month.

B. Executive Director Report

Dr. Wedlund briefly highlighted enrollment numbers after today which he anticipates will end up around 1,020 which is above our budget numbers. He also gave an update regarding COVID testing being provided at Nova from the state for students and staff. He will solidify what that would mean at Nova in the next few days after looking into more details. There was discussion about applying for the option to do distance or hybrid learning; we want the option, but we are not planning to use it.

C. Board Committees

i. Governance Report

There was no discussion.

ii. Finance and Budget Report

There was no discussion.

iii. Academic Excellence Report

There was no report this month.

D. Ad Hoc Committees

E. NPTO Report

Mrs. Gabor stated that the NPTO has a Treasurer and spoke about recent events like the Open House nights and the opt-in directory. She also highlighted upcoming things like finding room parents and the \$100 teacher grants. They are looking for leaders for the Nova Book Fair and Nova Great Gatherings. She reminded everyone that the meetings are the first Tuesday of the month on Zoom beginning at 6:00 pm. Dr. Johnson also thanked the NPTO for providing lunches for new faculty and all faculty during the staff training.

F. Student Report

Mr. Odegard gave an update including how students were very excited to return to school today, fall sports are in full swing, and Nova's student lunch clubs are getting started. He added that today was a long day getting used to being in class all day, but that it was an exciting day.

VII. Business

A. Friends of Education Charter Renewal Application

Dr. Johnson spoke about our current goals with Friends of Education as well as the proposed goals for achieving by SY27. She also reviewed the data behind our current goals. Dr. Johnson spoke about comparison schools and there was discussion regarding which schools or districts we should be using for a comparison.

Ms. Lund, “Resolved that the Board chooses “Comparative Proficiency – Schools. Each year, the School’s K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 will demonstrate higher school-wide proficiency rates than the top-performing Saint Paul Public School - K-5 (Randolph Heights Elementary), 6-8 (Capitol Hill Middle School), 9-12 (Central) - for each in reading, math, and science.” for Sub Goal 1.2.” Ms. Gumbiner Hungs seconded. All present members and Mr. Ross voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Johnson continued to walk the Board through the proposed goals as well as the data from our current goals. There was discussion.

Ms. Lund, “Resolved, that the Board approves the proposed contract goals for renewal with Friends of Education.” Ms. Winter seconded. All present members and Mr. Ross voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

B. NP 801 (Covid-19 Related Quarantines)

Ms. Lund, “Resolved that the Board approves policy NP 801 (Covid-19 Related Quarantines) using the emergency approval process.” Ms. Gumbiner Hungs seconded. There was discussion. Ms. Gumbiner Hungs, Ms. Karan, Ms. Lund, Ms. Ross, Mrs. Ruday, Ms. Winter and Mr. Ross voted in favor. Mrs. Hernandez abstained. The motion passed.

C. NP 802 (Face Coverings)

Ms. Lund, “Resolved that the Board approves policy NP 802 (Face Coverings) using the emergency approval process.” Ms. Winter seconded. There was discussion.

D. 2021-2022 Board Goals

Ms. Gumbiner Hungs presented the proposed goals. There was discussion regarding measurable goals vs discussion-based goals. There was also discussion about the process to draft these goals. Several edits to the goals were suggested.

Frank Ross left the meeting at 8:40.

Ms. Gumbiner Hungs, “Resolved that the Board extend the meeting to finish the board goals and hold the Executive Director Review.” Ms. Hernandez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board will return to the goals discussion in September.

VIII. Closed Meeting

The meeting was closed as permitted by section 13D.05, subdivision 3 (a), to evaluate the performance of Nova's Executive Director.

After the session was reopened, the Board submitted this summary:

Ms. Lund, “Resolved, the Board evaluates Dr. Wedlund as “Exceeds Expectations” for the 2020-2021 school year.” Ms. Gumbiner Hungs seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items

The next regular board meeting will be on September 27, 2021. We will revisit the board goals and discuss the Executive Director goals for SY22.

X. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Becky Lund.