

**Nova Classical Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting
March 18, 2024**

Directors Present: Nneka Constantino, Colleen Hansen, Jeremy Hubbell, Becky Lund, Suzanne McInroy, Theresa Nelson (via Zoom), Sasha Ross, Todd Sample, Bavi Weston

Directors Absent:

Advisors Present: Brett Wedlund, Jesse Prinz

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 6:01 pm. Suzanne McInroy chaired the meeting.

II. Business Meeting: Approval of Agenda

Ms. Lund moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Ross seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Business

A. Presentation of Findings of Facilities Needs Analysis

Dr. Wedlund gave some background information regarding the process. Tom Dobbs from Hay Dobbs walked through the major findings from the study. This included data about space usage, primary themes from the community surveys, and estimated costs for potential projects.

Nneka Constantino arrived at 6:10 pm.

There was discussion about code requirements.

Hay Dobbs' recommendation is to evaluate expansion/renovation scenarios based on the best value and budget constraints and to review pros and cons of each option to arrive at an optimal project scale, scope, and budget.

There was discussion about easements.

Mr. Hobbs continued with regulatory and legal considerations. He also spoke about some potential next steps and a general timeframe for them. There was discussion about that and about things that might impact cost.

There was discussion about possible ways to move forward. Dr. Wedlund shared some insights from the Facilities Committee including thinking about out-of-the-box ways to get what we want and making sure that we consider ongoing costs.

The Board will discuss next steps at our regular March meeting.

B. Agreement to Provide Contracted Services to DVA

Ms. McInroy gave background information about the situation at DaVinci Academy and their request to have Dr. Wedlund and Eagle Ridge's Executive Director could serve as consultants to help DaVinci finish the school year and help with the search for a new Executive Director. She also highlighted that this requires Board approval as stated in his contract. Ms. McInroy also shared some areas of concern including workload, the timeline for the consultation, and that Dr. Wedlund could not be considered as the next Executive Director at DaVinci. Some of the benefits are sharing expertise within the Friends of Education network and helping another FoE school as Nova Classical has been helped in the past. Finally she shared that the presented contract was developed by Eagle Ridge for their ED's consultation with DaVinci.

There was discussion about the contracted hours this would require. Dr. Wedlund also shared information from his discussions with his Leadership Team and that they don't have concerns about this proposal affecting their work. He also spoke about the major Strategic Plan items that are ahead of schedule. Finally, Dr. Wedlund also shared about the proposed breakout of work from DaVinci. There was further discussion about the work and payment. There was also discussion about Dr. Wedlund's desire to do this work. The contract has a work-end date of June 10th, though that could be pushed out if some of the projects were not completed. There was further discussion.

Ms. Lund, "Resolved, that the Board approves the contract between Nova Classical and DaVinci Academy." Ms. McInroy seconded. There was discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hansen, "Resolved, that the Board approves the stipend as presented in the board packet." Mr. Sample seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Next Meeting Date

The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, March 25, 2023.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Becky Lund.