

**Nova Classical Academy  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
September 18, 2023**

**Directors Present: Colleen Hansen, Jeremy Hubbell, Becky Lund, Suzanne McInroy, Theresa Nelson, Sasha Ross, Bavi Weston**

**Directors Absent: Nneka Constantino, Todd Sample**

**Advisors Present: Brett Wedlund, Tamra Paschall** (via Zoom), **Missy Johnson** (via Zoom), **Kriscel Estrella** (via Zoom), **Patti Mumford** (NPTO, via Zoom), **Amy Erickson** (from Friends of Education)

**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. Nelson moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Hansen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. Consent Agenda**

- A. Contracted services agreement with TeachersASAP for SY24
- B. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading/potential approval of revised policy 506 (Student Discipline)
- C. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading/potential approval of revised policy 514 (Bullying Prohibition)
- D. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading/potential approval of revised policy 524 (Internet Acceptable Use)
- E. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading/potential approval of revised policy 806 (Crisis Management)
- F. 1<sup>st</sup> reading of revised policy 502 (Search of Student...)
- G. 1<sup>st</sup> reading of revised policy 532 (Use of Peace Officers...)
- H. Add Theresa Nelson to the Governance Committee
- I. Approve the Governance Committee goals for SY24
- J. Regular July 31, 2023 minutes
- K. Regular August 21, 2023 minutes

Ms. Lund moved to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Nelson seconded. There was discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Board Training**

Ms. Seal and Ms. Lund, two of Nova Classical's Pedagogical Leads, presented training on the Nova Classical mission including what the phrases stand for and what misconceptions have been attributed to them. There was discussion regarding how the mission connects to the work of the Board.

**V. Public Comment**

Patti Mumford spoke about attending the meeting to give updates to the NPTO and how it's hard to hear people on Zoom.

**VI. Reports received by the Board**

**A. Executive Director Report**

Dr. Wedlund gave two updates since his report. First, we have been selected for a School Nutrition Program review; a six-step process to ensure that we are compliant. It will most likely wrap up before Winter Break. Second, the Strategic Leadership Team is doing a book study on “Our Iceberg is Melting”. There was discussion including a question about when the teachers’ pay scale might be re-evaluated.

**B. Board Chair Report**

Ms. McInroy referred to the board goals to be discussed later.

**C. Board Committees**

**i. Governance Report**

There was no discussion.

**ii. Finance and Budget Report**

Ms. Ross gave a brief update. There was no report as they didn’t have a quorum at their last meeting.

Ms. Ross, “Resolved that Bavi Weston, Todd Sample, and Duane Heidemann be added to the Budget and Finance Committee.” Ms. Hansen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**iii. ED Review Committee**

There was no report this month.

**iv. Academic Excellence Report**

Ms. Hansen, “Resolved, that Jeremy Hubbel and Theresa Nelson be added to Academic Excellence.” Ms. Ross seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hansen also added that they reviewed 50% of our testing data and are presenting it to the Board via a dashboard created by Dr. Johnson. They will look at the rest of the data next month.

**v. NPTO Report**

Ms. Mumford shared updates on the \$100 teacher grants, the Lower School room representatives, and the next meeting on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. She also mentioned the Barnes and Noble bookfair on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and the Great Gatherings Kick-Off on November 4<sup>th</sup>. The NPTO is looking for more gatherings. Their directory is also up and running and families are encouraged to opt-in with whatever information they feel like sharing.

**vi. Student Representative Report**

There was no report this month.

**VII. Business**

**A. Board Goals SY24**

Ms. McInroy gave brief background knowledge regarding where the goals came from, including last year’s board goals as well as current committee goals.

Ms. Hansen, “Resolved, that the Board approve the board goals as presented.” Dr. Hubbell seconded. There was discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Facilities Needs Analysis**

Dr. Wedlund gave background information regarding a plan for the “triangle” land and that a facility needs analysis is the start of that process. He also spoke about the committee that is working on this and how they’ve met with several vendors. They are recommending the company that did not build Nova Classical’s current building, though it was a close call. Although this expense is not currently in the budget, we have funds that can be spent on this. There was discussion. The timeline for this is 3 to 6 months, depending on how hard we push it on our end.

Ms. Nelson, “Resolved, that the Board approves the contract between Nova Classical and Hay Dobbs for a facility needs analysis.” Ms. Weston seconded. There was a roll call vote. Ms. Hansen, Ms. Lund, Ms. McInroy, Ms. Nelson, Ms. Ross, Ms. Weston voted in favor. Dr. Hubbell voted against. The motion passed.

**VIII. Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items**

The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, October 20, 2023.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Becky Lund.