

**Nova Classical Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting – HELD ONLINE/REMOTELY
November 16, 2020**

Directors Present: Jason Belter, Mel Hernandez, Claudia Gumbiner Hungs, Divya Karan, Nick LaRusso, Becky Lund, Theresa Nelson, Frank Ross, Diane Ruday, Jennie Winter

Directors Absent: None

Advisors Present: Brett Wedlund, Chris Rovn, Missy Johnson, Michael Pelofske, Brooke Tousignant, Ginger Gabor (NPTO Representative), Sarah Jeong (Student Representative)

Others in Attendance: Nova staff and parents

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Theresa Nelson led the meeting.

II. Public Comment

No public comment was allowed during the meeting.

Madeline Ritenour submitted electronic public comment asking that the fall volleyball season be allowed to continue.

Riley Sipe submitted electronic public comment asking that the fall volleyball season be allowed to continue.

Fern Fisher submitted electronic public comment asking that the fall volleyball season be allowed to continue.

Rob and Natalia Morse submitted electronic public comment asking that the fall volleyball season be allowed to continue.

Thomas Dobbs submitted electronic public comment asking that the fall volleyball season be allowed to continue.

Jason and Abigail Ball submitted electronic public comment asking that the fall volleyball season be allowed to continue as allowed by the MSHSL.

Samantha Ball submitted electronic public comment asking that the fall volleyball season be allowed to continue.

Allison Ball submitted electronic public comment asking that the fall volleyball season be allowed to continue.

Ava Ball submitted electronic public comment asking that the fall volleyball season be allowed to continue.

Kimberly Strand submitted electronic public comment asking that the fall varsity volleyball season be allowed to continue and that the C and JV teams be allowed to have a final practice on November 17.

Aaron Sagedahl submitted electronic public comment asking that the fall volleyball season be allowed to continue, at least for the varsity team.

Tiffany Kabanuk submitted electronic public comment asking that the fall volleyball season be allowed to continue.

Scott Krizan submitted electronic public comment asking that the Board not make a decision that affects Nova students on other school's teams (such as playing SPA hockey).

Kristie Pritschet submitted electronic public comment asking that the fall volleyball season be allowed to continue.

III. Business

A. Discussion of Distance Model for Extracurricular Activities

Dr. Wedlund presented the rationale for the meeting and the three proposed resolutions for tonight's meeting. He also gave an update on the Covid data (including projections from the UofM) and recommendations from MDE and MSHSL. There was discussion.

Claudia Gumbiner Hungs arrived around 6:05.

Mr. Rovn spoke about currently operating activities and winter activities. There was discussion about the current situation as well as data presented earlier. There was also discussion about the MSHSL and what steps they might be taking in the near future. Mr. Rovn shared that 19 of 21 schools he surveyed are postponing at least some winter activities and that they're hoping that MSHSL will make a decision shortly. He also spoke about other schools that have outdoor sports, which may allow certain sports to continue, but not indoor activities. Nova offers only indoor activities. Nova's Skyline Conference will meet on Wednesday to make some conference-wide decisions. He spoke about the MSHSL recommended a threshold of 30 cases per 10,000 in counties, but stated that all metro schools passed that threshold weeks ago without taking action. Mr. Rovn spoke about the safety protocols that Nova has taken, but also mentioned the inconsistency between schools. He also said that schools in our conference have had a spike in cases. There was further discussion about the proposed motions and Nova's due care. There was also discussion about other options instead of the recommended motions.

Ms. Lund, "Resolved, that Nova will not take any action excluding Nova students from participating in activities where Nova is not the host school of the co-op." Ms. Ruday seconded. A roll call vote was held. Ms. Hernandez, Ms. Gumbiner Hungs, Ms. Karan, Dr. LaRusso, Ms. Lund, Ms. Nelson, Mr. Ross, Ms. Ruday, and Ms. Winter voted in favor. Mr. Belter voted against. The motion passed.

Dr. LaRusso, "Resolved, that Nova will postpone the start of any winter athletics until at least January 4, 2021." Mr. Ross seconded. A roll call vote was held. Mr. Belter, Ms. Hernandez, Ms. Gumbiner Hungs, Ms. Karan, Dr. LaRusso, Ms. Lund, Ms. Nelson, Mr. Ross, Ms. Ruday, and Ms. Winter voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Lund, "Resolved, that Nova requires all non-athletic extracurriculars to have only remote participation until at least January 4, 2020." Ms. Gumbiner Hungs seconded. A roll call vote was held. Mr. Belter, Ms. Hernandez, Ms. Gumbiner Hungs, Ms. Karan, Dr. LaRusso, Ms. Lund, Ms. Nelson, Mr. Ross, Ms. Ruday, and Ms. Winter voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Belter, "Resolved that Nova will immediately cease all volleyball activities in conjunction with guidance recommendations from the MSHSL." Ms. Karan seconded. There was discussion. A roll call vote was held. Mr. Belter voted for. Ms. Hernandez, Ms. Gumbiner Hungs, Ms. Karan, Dr. LaRusso, Ms. Lund, Ms. Nelson, Mr. Ross, Ms. Ruday, and Ms. Winter voted against. The motion failed.

Ms. Winter thanked Mr. Rovn and Dr. Wedlund for their work in supporting the extracurricular programs and in keeping things as safe as possible.

IV. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Becky Lund.