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## **Board Meeting Minutes** **October 2, 2023**

### Attendees:

Brenda Robertson – Chair  
Walter Martin – Vice Chair  
Mark Fleming – Secretary  
Steven Peters – Treasurer  
Natalie Wright – Board Member  
Katie Gomersall – HOS  
Laura Zuber – Stride  
Stacey Bryant – Stride  
Tasha Parnell – Stride  
Kristina Rodrigues – Stride  
Kelly Shannahan – Stride  
Eric Angeny – Stride  
Chad Long – Stride  
Scott Sides – Stride  
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John Kramer – Stride  
Chelsea Striker – Teacher

Brenda Robertson opened the meeting recognizing that there was a quorum.  
She asked that the Agenda and Minutes from the last meeting be adopted.  
Mark Fleming made the motion to adopt them, Steve Peters seconded it  
Brenda Robertson called for the vote. It was unanimous.

Natalie Wright read the mission statement.

Brenda Robertson asked if there were any public communications to be made and there were no consent items for approval this month.

Brenda Robertson moved on to Discussion Items:

- 1) Katie Gomersall – HOS - gave a thorough update to the board:
  - a. Laura Zuber updated the school store and Katie encouraged everyone to visit and purchase official NCVA Bear attire.
  - b. Katie explained the FMLA and that we are already doing this and so should join the state program for it so that we could receive funds to cover the costs of tutors.
  - c. Katie noted that NCVA HS just finished their first check in this past Friday and they are waiting for the results.

***Every child. Every class. Every day.***

- d. The school introduced a new social emotional learning site for elementary students to choose an avatar and explore/socialize with other students from the school. It is being very well received. It is monitored by teachers and is getting great reviews from the students.
  - e. Training on the ECATS has begun and so far it is making life much easier for the EC staff to ensure that all necessary documents are up to date and easily accessible. Thank you to the board for supporting this group with funding this new program to make their lives easier.
  - f. Katie said that Varsity Tutoring is now on board and ready for students. It was later getting started this year because we took so long to make the decision and get the contract signed. She recommended starting that process earlier so that we will have it ready to go when school starts next year.
  - g. We are now at 3100 students enrolled and we have a waitlist of 800 students
  - h. Katie explained that we are helping students by identifying “F” students in a report that is shared with teachers so that they may begin working with them more quickly and making them a priority.
- 2) Chelsea Spiker – an 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at NCVA and now the chair of the School Improvement Plan gave a brief update about the plan. This year there are 3 goals: 2 new ones and 1 remaining one from last year. Even though we are no longer a low performing school, it was suggested that we continue with the program to ensure our continued success and Katie agreed. The school is off to a good start and we have a plan moving forward.
  - 3) Laura Zuber, K12 Assistant Administrator, presented the enrollment process for students in our school and how students move from the waitlist to being enrolled. And then she presented the full process for an Administrative Withdrawal based on chronic absenteeism.
  - 4) Brenda Robertson in her update reminded Board members that the Stride Board conference is Oct 26-27 in Reston, VA. Currently, Brenda and Sara were scheduled to attend. Mark Fleming asked if he could also attend and Scott Sides said he would make sure that it would happen.
  - 5) Sara Struhs – Executive Director – spoke to several items:
    - a. Sara spoke with Amanda Falkenbury and she suggested that they do a Lunch and Learn on 10/23 from 12-1. The Board is very interested in that and so she agreed to set the meeting up.
    - b. Sara reminded everyone that the November Board Meeting will be 11/4 prior to the academic meeting with Cande Killian Wood.
    - c. Sara reminded the Governance committee that they are meeting Wed from 12-1.
    - d. Sara reminded the Board that the Strategic Planning and Work Session will be at the Graylyn in Winston Salem February 9-11. Spouses are welcome.
    - e. Sara reminded the Board that last month we discussed the CD investments, but that they never voted on it and asked that they amend the Action Items to take a vote on it tonight.
- Walter made the motion, Chris seconded it – Brenda called the vote – it was unanimous.

Brenda next moved on to the Action Items:

- 1) Brenda called for a motion to approve the September bill. Mark made the motion. Natalie seconded it. Brenda called for a vote – it was unanimous.
- 2) Brenda called for a vote to approve the purchase of CD’s to create the “Ladder” and begin it now. Walt made the motion, Chris seconded it, Brenda called for the vote – it was unanimous.



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- 3) Brenda called for a vote on the SIP presented tonight. Mark made a motion. Steve seconded it Brenda called for the vote – it was unanimous.
- 4) Brenda the called for the committee to enter into closed session. Sara read the motion: A motion is made to enter ito close session to prevent premature disclosure of an honorary degree scholarship, prize of similar award as allowed under General Statute 143-318.11 (a)(2). She then asked the others to please leave the meeting. The board entered in to closed session to discuss the above.
- 5) Upon leaving closed session, the Brenda asked for a motion to present awards to the staff of NCVA. Mark made the motion, Steve seconded it. Brenda called for a vote – it was unanimous.

#### Adjournment

Brenda called for a motion to adjourn. Mark made the motion. Steve seconded it. Brenda called for the vote – it was unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned.