

Meeting Minutes  
August 5, 2024

Brenda Robertson – Board Chair  
Walter Martin – Board Vice Chair  
Steven Peters – Board Treasurer  
Mark Fleming – Board Secretary  
Chris Farrell – Board Member  
Natalie Wright – Board Member  
Steve Moody – Board Member  
Katie Gomersall – Head of School  
Tasha Parnell – Administrator- HS  
Kristy Rodriguez – Administrator – MS  
Kelly Shannahan – Administrator – ES  
Stacey Bryant – Administrator- EC  
Leah King – Administrator – Student Support  
Laura Zuber – Administrator – School administration  
Scott Sides – K12  
John Kramer – K12 finance  
Chad Long – K12 finance  
Eric Angeny – K12 finance

Brenda asked for a quorum. Sara confirmed there was a quorum present and we could begin. Brenda welcomed everyone to the meeting. She asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes and the agenda. Steve M. made the motion; Walter seconded it. Brenda called for the vote: it was unanimous.

Brenda read the mission statement.

Brenda asked for a motion to accept the consent items. Steve P. made the motion; Walter seconded it. Brenda called for the vote: it was unanimous.

Brenda asked Katie for the Head of School update.

Katie told the board that new hire orientation began today week and Thursday and Friday will be the full staff professional development. Tony Bennett is going to be the welcome speaker. Katie thanked Brenda, Chris and Sara for being there – she had several comments from the teachers telling her they were happy they were there. She was also very excited the tech team was there to answer questions and address problems. This was super helpful for everyone, especially the new teachers and given that all the computers are new this year. All in all, it was very successful.

Katie said she has been working with Varsity Tutors for the upcoming year contract. They are adding new metrics to the program so that both parents and teachers may request tutoring for students. They are also adding ACT, SAT, and writing test prep tutoring. They will also have testing through their center as well as in the classroom.

This year so far we have 3884 students registered. We are slightly over knowing in the first month there will be students who leave NCVA for several reasons: admitted to another school on their list; realize virtual education is not for them; etc. We currently have 342 students on the processed waitlist (meaning their paperwork is completed and they are ready for enrollment) and 3700 additional students on the general waitlist (meaning they are interested but have not completed their paperwork yet.). Brenda asked how many of the students would come off of that list and actually enroll? Laura Zuber predicted approximately 1,000 of them prove to be admissible (having completed their paperwork) and of those 1,000, 600-700 will actually wish to enroll.

School starts on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Katie said that she has been admitted into a program through Stride to explore using AI in the school for optimization of work.

Brenda thanked her for her report and asked Chad Long to present the monthly bill. Chad presented the bill. He explained the end of year proved 170 enrollments more than expected and that created an addition to the LEA funding paid out. They anticipate a \$3 million surplus at the end of fiscal year 2024. Brenda asked Chad how many LEA's still had not paid for last year; he was not certain but agreed he will investigate and let the board know.

Brenda thanked him for his report and asked Sara to give the Executive Director's report.

Sara started by asking the board to make note of the important dates for the upcoming year: Academic meeting November 1<sup>st</sup> weekend; Board workshop February 9<sup>th</sup> weekend; and moving the next meeting in September from the 5<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday weekend on the 1<sup>st</sup> and a conflict with board members on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Brenda also asked that the February workshop be moved to the following weekend due to scheduling conflicts. The board agreed.

Sara then asked Steve M. to give the board a briefing on the NC Charters School Association conference which was held in Charlotte in July. Steve said it was very well attended and there were many vendors. He attended several break-out sessions including Leadership and Teachers Development. He said it was very well attended and there were many different vendors offering new and interesting services. He highly encouraged members to attend conferences to better network with other charter schools and learn more about how charter schools are growing and changing over the years. Brenda also encouraged board members to attend and reinforced that the board has the finances for them to do so and they should take advantage of the opportunity to better interact with the charter school communities at large.

Brenda then moved to the action items. She asked for a motion to approve the monthly bill from Stride/K12. Steve M. made the motion; Steve P. seconded it. Brenda called for the vote: it was unanimous.

Brenda asked for a motion to adjourn. Steve M. made the motion; Natalie seconded it. Brenda called for the vote: it was unanimous.

The meeting ended at 6:00pm