



NCVA is a community of students, families and educators dedicated to expanding educational choice through innovative and technology-rich instructional practices, and accountable for developing each student's full potential for academic and post-secondary success.

March 06, 2017, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present		Board Members Absent	Others in Attendance
Dr. Steve Moody	Sara Struhs	Cathy Zambrano	Chris Withrow, Executive Director
Brenda Robertson	Richard Thomas	Dr. Mural Lanier	Dr. Joel Medley, Head of School
			John Kramer, K12
			Dan Jetta, K12
			Marcia Simmons, K12
			Kristin Contreras – K12 Travis Mitchel – CIS Wake County Jason Deans

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Steve Moody called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm. Before conducting business, a roll call was taken by the Executive Director to ensure that a quorum of the board existed. The meeting began at 5:02 PM.

Before moving through the meeting's agenda items, the board's mission was read to help drive the actions and deliberations.

ACTION: Mrs. Brenda Robertson made a motion to amend the agenda to add audit contract, adopt the amended agenda and approve the meeting minutes; it was seconded by Sara Struhs. The motion passed unanimously and the agenda was adopted.

II. COMMUNICATIONS:

No requests for a public comment were received.

III. CONSENT ITEMS:

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Legislative Update – Mr. Jason Deans
Mr. Deans in collaboration with McGuire Woods met with members of the General Assembly to inform them of the progress of NCVA and address any questions that may have arisen. Discussions were held to clarify the term “Discretion” as it refers to “the State Board of Education, at its discretion, may take up hearings regarding our charter renewal.”
- b. Mr. Travis Mitchel shared that Communities in Schools [CIS] will host an introductory meeting for the parents of NCVA to inform them of educational opportunities they may opt into. The opportunities include academic enrichment in math and ELA during after-school, weekends and summer engagements, End of Grade Camp beginning in two weeks designed to boost EOG scores in grades 3 through 8, and after school phone support for homework and remediation. The board expressed appreciation for Mr. Mitchel’s efforts.
- c. Mrs. Contreras provided the board an overview of our Family Academic Support Team [FAST]. This team works with students and parents to conduct instruction in regards to onboarding, login help, online class orientation, and assist in alleviating other barriers to academic success. The primary reasons families are referred to FAST by teachers and academic administrator is truancy and family crises. Fast communicates with families weekly to resolve issues. Approximately 10% of our population is receiving services by our FAST team.
- d. HOS Update – Dr. Joel Medley discussed re-registration and the progress made in less than two weeks (2/3 of families have already indicated their intent and only 40 families have said they are not planning to return). The 6th, and next to last, Pulse Check was reviewed with the school getting the highest satisfaction scores thus far in the school’s history. The board chair asked a question regarding grade band distribution and the head of school explained that no new 11th or 12th graders will be taken in the lottery. Other topics included the ACT assessment, marketing/enrollment strategies utilized, and an overview of the presentation to the Charter School Advisory Board.
- e. Mascot and Colors – Dr. Medley shared with the board the students and faculty of NCVA decided to adopt a mascot and colors ahead of our first graduating class. The school voted to adopt “The Beacons” for the mascot and the colors as Navy and White.
- f. Dr. Moody shared with the board that our expenditures are on par with our budget, our IRS Forms 990 and 5500 were sent in on time, the committee reviewed the January and February invoices and are requesting the board approve them.
- g. Dr. Moody shared that Mrs. Brenda Robertson would be willing to assume the role of Board Secretary if the board approved.

V. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Invoices

<p>ACTION: Dr. Steve Moody moved the board approve invoices; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Sara Struhs. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

b. Audit Contract

~~ACTION: Dr. Steve Moody moved the board approve the audit contract; the motion~~
ACTION: Dr. Steve Moody moved the board approve Mrs. Brenda Robertson as board secretary; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Sara Struhs. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Board Secretary

VI. CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS

Dr. Moody expressed appreciation for the efforts of the board at the in-person meeting. He announced that Mr. Richard Thomas will be joining the finance committee as a member. The April board meeting will be conducted via video conference.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Brenda Robertson and properly seconded by Sara Struhs. The motion passed unanimously. With the completion of all agenda items and no new business items, the meeting was adjourned.