

# MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

SVN Charter School

June 10, 2024

Scott Hefner  
Ann Klockau  
Edgar Palacios  
Selena Smith  
Amber Betts

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Present – In person	Present - Virtually	Absent	Administration Present
Edgar Palacios Selena Smith Scott Heffner Ann Klockau Amber Betts Guests: Fahteema Parrish & Lesley Smith (at 5:51 PM)			Nicole Goodman, Superintendent Jene Counts, Admin Asst. Mary Pittala, Dir. Of Finance and Operations Allyson Thurston, Dir. Of Curriculum and Professional Development Jessica DiGiovanni, Dir. of Family and Student Support

## CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors at Scuola Vita Nuova convened for the regular board meeting on June 10, 2024 at 5:40 P.M. in the SVN Media Center. Edgar Palacios called the meeting to order.

## ROLL CALL

The roll was called. The response was by voice:

Scott Heffner – Present

Ann Klockau – Present

Edgar Palacios – Present

Selena Smith – Present

## QUOROM PRESENT

Edgar Palacios determined a quorum was present.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

The next order of business was the public comment session as provided by Board Policy 0412.

No one was present.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- a. May 2024 Minutes
- b. May 2024 Financials
- c. May 2024 Accounts payable in the amount \$616,030.80

Ann Klockau moved to adopt the consent agenda. Scott Hefner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **SCHOOL REPORT**

Presented by Nicole Goodman, Allyson Thurston, and Jessica DiGiovanni

- Staff Awards: Jessica DiGiovanni shared that Autumn Smith won the Teacher of the Year Award and that Yamilec Sosa won the Star Staff Award. They were nominated by their peers, and Jessica DiGiovanni read notes from staff members.
- Class of 2024: Jessica DiGiovanni shared photos of the graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders as well as information regarding their high school destinations and class trip to Worlds of Fun. There was discussion regarding high school enrollment and the support given to students.
- Enrollment: Jessica DiGiovanni shared the number of new students enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year. The incoming kindergarteners are coming into the school in groups for one week which helps the students get acclimated to the school and helps the teachers learn more about the students. Administration is also able to determine if they have all the paperwork they need for each kindergartner. Jessica DiGiovanni is working on orientation for the new 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Summer School: Summer School is a 3-week session with small class sizes, culinary arts, PE, and music. There was outreach to parents to get students signed up for summer school with a focus on the incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Reading intervention is taking place for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> students using Hoot Reading. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students complete Hoot twice per day.
- Curriculum: The MAP scores for 2023 were shared as well as the STAR data. Allyson Thurston shared that the teachers have been using Eureka Math<sup>2</sup> as math curriculum and Discovery Education (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) for science curriculum. Discovery Education will be implemented schoolwide next year, and pacing guides will be updated for both over the summer. Allyson shared that feedback was gathered from the curriculum teams. Next year, Fishtank and Reading Reconsidered will be used for ELA. TCI will be used for Social Studies next year. There was discussion on the determining factors for choosing the new curriculum. Staff members are working on pacing guides over the summer.
- Staffing Update: A new SPED staff member has been hired, and part-time positions were posted on the school website. There will be internal shifts for next school year. There was discussion about the factors in instruction, and staffing having the necessary training/content.
- School Wide Goals: The admin team is working on the action steps for the goals and making sure the goals are vertically aligned.
- Strategic Plan: Nicole Goodman shared the Strategic Plan Goals as well as the consultants that are working with the school. There was discussion about professional development to meet goals, job fairs, and curriculum.
- Innovation Center: The Innovation Center project is going well and is on schedule.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Committee Reports

- Finance: Ann Klockau share the Treasurer’s Report for May. Reserves are at \$5 million, which includes constructions costs. The year-to-date income is \$7.8 million, and expenses are \$10 income so there is a negative net income. The check register for May has been reviewed and approved. The current enrollment is 383. The WADA is 557.5 vs 547.7 budgeted; SVN is being paid on the 2022-2023 school year WADA which will fall off this coming school year.
- Education & Development: Selena Smith shared feedback on Strategic Plan goals. The plan for the committee is to present at the Board retreat in July and to send letters to parents that were selected to be on the committee. The theme for the committee is “Reflecting, Refining, and Rebooting.”
- Governance: Edgar Palacios discussed the need for new officers for the upcoming school year. There was discussion about positions and their duties. Amber Betts was nominated for the Vice President and Secretary positions, and Selena Smith was nominated for the Treasurer position. Edgar Palacios called for a motion to vote Amber Betts as Vice President/Secretary and Selena Smith as Treasurer for the 2024-2025 school year. Scott moved to approve Amber Betts as the Vice President/Secretary and Selena Smith as Treasurer for the 2024-2025 school year. Ann Klockau seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Board Member Recognition
  - Edgar Palacios read the resolution for Scott Hefner for his years of service to SVN. Ann Klockau moved to approve the resolution for Scott Hefner. Selena Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Scott Hefner and Ann Klockau were presented with gifts for their service to SVN.

**OLD BUSINESS** – no old business

**CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ann Klockau moved to adjourn the regular board meeting and enter into executive session pursuant to RSMo. 610.021. to discuss (1) Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys....(2) Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor....(3) Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded....(6) Scholastic probation, expulsion, or graduation of identifiable individuals, including records of individual test or examination scores...(7) Testing and examination materials, before the test or examination is given ...(9) Preparation, including any discussions or work product, on behalf of a public governmental body or its representatives for negotiations with employee groups...(13) Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment...(14) Records which are protected from disclosure by law....

Amber Betts seconded the motion.  
A roll call vote was taken.

Scott Heffner – yes  
Ann Klockau – yes  
Edgar Palacios – yes  
Selena Smith – yes  
Amber Betts – yes

The motion carried.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting resumed at 7:02 P.M.

*The Board voted to approve the hiring of a staff member.*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Scott Hefner moved to adjourn the meeting. Ann Klockau seconded. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 P.M.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next Board Meeting will be held at 5:30 P.M. on August 19, 2024 at Scuola Vita Nuova Charter School 535 Garfield Ave, Kansas City, Missouri or virtually, it will be provided in the Board's Meeting Notice.

Minutes prepared by Jene Counts, Administrative Assistant.

Minutes approved by the SVN Board of Directors on July 17, 2024.

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Board Secretary