

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

SVN Charter School
April 17, 2023

Scott Heffner
Greg Jones
Ann Klockau
Edgar Palacios
Calvin Ricks
Selena Smith
Kanyetta Wansley

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Present – In person	Present - Virtually	Absent	Administration Present
Scott Heffner Greg Jones Ann Klockau Edgar Palacios Selena Smith		Calvin Ricks Kanyetta Wansley	Nicole Goodman, Superintendent Jene Counts, Admin Asst. Mary Pittala, Dir. Of Finance and Operations Dana Cutler, Legal Counsel- arrived at 5:44 PM Allyson Thurston, Guest Jessica DiGiovanni, Guest Daniel Umscheid, Guest

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors at Scuola Vita Nuova convened for the regular board meeting on April 17, 2023 at 5:35 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
Greg Jones – Present
Ann Klockau – Present
Edgar Palacios – Present
Calvin Ricks - Absent
Selena Smith – Present
Kanyetta Wansley – Absent

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. March 2023 Minutes
- b. March 2023 Financials
- c. March 2023 Accounts Payable in the amount of \$155,896.17

Ann Klockau shared that the Treasurer's Report in the March 2023 minutes needed to be amended. The amount of Year-to-Date Expenses should be amended from 4.4 Million to 4.8 Million. Ann Klockau moved to adopt the agenda with the amendment to the March 2023 Minutes. Greg Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- d. Approval of 990FY22

Ann Klockau moved to accept the 990FY22. Selena Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Committee Reports
 - Finance
 - Ann Klockau shared that the reserves are at \$5.9 million with a forecasted 329 days of cash by the end of the school year. \$1 million will come out of the reserves in August 2023 to pay for the SSA building. The year-to-date income is 6,414,387.40 and the year-to-date expenses are \$5,393,635.18. The net income is \$1,020,752.22. The check register has been reviewed and approved. Enrollment is at 396 and WADA is at 543. A draft of the '23-'24 budget will be ready for approval at the May meeting.
 - New Board Members
 - There will be one seat available for next school year, and two seats will be open in 2024. Possible candidate information should be sent to Edgar Palacios. The Board Secretary position will be open next school year as well.
 - July Board Retreat
 - Edgar Palacios will work with Nicole Goodman and Jene Counts to find a time and date for the July Board retreat.

SCHOOL REPORT

Presented by Nicole Goodman, Daniel Umscheid, and staff

- Building Project: Daniel Umscheid gave a brief overview of the SSA Building Project. He shared the building design, and how the design helps to stay within the budget. The budget for the project is \$1.5-\$2 million. JE Dunn will get the preliminary budget. There was discussion about the "all-in" budget as it relates to the \$1.5-\$2 million. The "all-in" budget includes professional services/fees, construction cost, and other fee costs. The SSA won't be out of the building until October 31, 2023 which will push the timeline back. Although the building design includes Pre-kindergarten, the building may house Kindergarten, the movement space, and community/family needs. Pre-kindergarten may be added in the future. Scott Hefner moved to approve the preliminary budget of \$1.5-2 Million for the SSA Building renovations. Greg Jones seconded. The motion carried.

- Student Achievement & MAP Testing: Jessica DiGiovanni shared ELA and Math MAP Performance Indexes. Jessica DiGiovanni shared information about Kindergarten and Fourth Grade Literacy. Both grade levels have differentiated small reading groups and intervention groups for those who are below grade level. They also have Kindergarten Family Workshops where families come into the school, receive free books and materials, and learn ways to help your child with literacy. Fourth grade has a dedicated paraprofessional, and they use Hoot Tutoring three time per week for twenty minutes each time. Map testing will start the last week of April. Fifth and eighth grade will test on Science the first week, and everyone will test on ELA and Math the last two weeks.
- Special Education: Jessica DiGiovanni shared the Special Education Process with the Board. All students have a right to a free appropriate public education. The Special Education program is growing; there are now thirty students and three teachers. Special Education expenditures have gone up as well. Collaboration between the SVN teachers and the service providers helps the whole child.
- Discipline: Jessica DiGiovanni shared that there have been eight incidents this quarter which is significantly lower than the previous quarter. Social, emotional, and behavior supports that are in place are Think Spots, Buddy Rooms, SEL groups, triage with Dean, small group and individual instruction, increased friendship groups, and behavioral plans. The behavioral plans are for the highest needs.
- Attendance: Allyson Thurston shared that the SVN overall student attendance since August is 91.6%. Attendance letters have been sent out to parents. The letter lets parents know if their child is chronically absent. If at student's attendance falls below 90%, they can be put on an attendance plan.
- MSIP6: The MSIP6 is mainly focused on school improvement and is another level of accountability. If SVN decides not to participate, then the school could lose points on the APR. There was discussion about participation. Scott Hefner moved to have SVN participate in the MSIP6. Selena Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Grants: Nicole Goodman shared that SVN will be working with Flourishing Partners from Saint Louis University. This a part of the Hall Family Foundation Grant. The Flourishing framework has three tiers. Flourishing will be working with staff on areas such as mental and physical health, burnout, happiness and life satisfaction, and others. The outcomes/goals are increased flourishing, decreased burnout, and retention.
- There will be some upcoming events at the school. On April 25th and 27th, There will be band and spring concerts. On May 22nd and 23rd, there will be Kindergarten graduation and Eighth grade graduation.
- Hop/Skip/Drive: Hop/Skip/Drive is a ride services that is new to the Metro area. SVN would use this for families who are struggling, homeless students, and McKinney Vento students. Nicole Goodman shared that there has to be something in place for those students. Scott Hefner moved to accept the Hop/Skip/Drive Agreement. Greg Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS – no old business

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Scott Hefner 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....

Selena Smith seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was taken.

Scott Heffner – yes
Greg Jones – yes
Ann Klockau – yes
Edgar Palacios – yes
Selena Smith – yes
Calvin Ricks – absent
Kanyetta Wansley – absent

The motion carried.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

The regular meeting resumed at 7:48P.M.

The approved a pay increase for Nicole Goodman effective July 1, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Edgar Palacios moved to adjourn the meeting. Selena Smith seconded. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Board Meeting will be held at 5:30 P.M. on May 15, 2023 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 May 15, 2023.



GREG JONES, Board Secretary