

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

SVN Charter School September 25, 2023

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Present – In person	Present - Virtually	Absent	Administration Present
	Scott Heffner Ann Klockau Edgar Palacios Calvin Ricks Selena Smith – left at 6:34 PM	Kanyetta Wansley	Nicole Goodman, Superintendent Dana Cutler, Legal Counsel-left at 6:07 PM Mary Pittala, Dir. of Finance and Operations Jene Counts, Admin Asst. Jessica DiGiovanni, Dir. of Student and Family Support – left at 7:01 PM Dr. Tamara Burns, K-8 Principal Mark Pulliam, Bukaty – Guest – left at 6:14 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors at Scuola Vita Nuova convened for the regular board meeting on September 25, 2023 at 6:02P.M. via Zoom. 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
Calvin Ricks – present
Selena Smith – present
Kanyetta Wansley – absent

QUORUM 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. August 2023 Minutes

b. August 2023 Financials

c. August 2023 Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,236,571.87

Selena Smith moved to adopt the agenda. Ann Klockau seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

➤ Committee Reports

○ Bukaty Insurance Presentation,

- Mark Pulliam gave a presentation on the Insurance Renewal. Mark went over the differences between the new policy and the expiring policy. The new insurance policy is \$2,500 less than the expiring policy. The premium will be \$112,000 which is also lower than the expiring policy. There is coverage for Directors and Officers if they were to be sued by an outside party while on the board, and there are exclusions such as a board member cannot sue another board member. There was discussion about whether the Superintendent would be covered, and Mark shared that they would be other lines of coverage to protect the Superintendent. Calvin Ricks moved to approve the Insurance Renewal. Selena Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried. Scott abstained to vote.
- Marks shared information about the insurance for the SSA Building. The SSA Building will be added onto the Philadelphia Insurance policy for thirty days, and then come off of the policy on October 30th. US Assure will be sending a 12-month quote for the building while it is unoccupied and under renovation. All quotes will be sent within the next week to two weeks. The SSA Building will go back on the Philadelphia policy once the building becomes occupied.

○ Board Bylaws

- There is a recommendation to lower the number of Board members from seven to five in order to stay in compliance. There was discussion about the ideal number of Board members, and what is the lowest or highest amount of members the Board can have. Lowering the number will help the Board stay in compliance but will not be guidance for the Board going forward. Calvin Ricks moved to lower the minimum amount of Board members from seven to five. Ann Klockau seconded the motion. The motion passed. There was more discussion about recruiting more Board members, and about term lengths.

SCHOOL REPORT

▪ Dr. Burns presented her Principal Report.

- Dr. Burns share the goals of her 90-Day plan: build positive relationships, learn more about the SVN procedures, policies, and programs. Dr. Burns shared that she will be presenting on academics, behaviors, and social emotional supports.
- Dr. Burns shared that she went over the Instructional Framework with teachers. She also shared the NEE (Network for Educator Effectiveness) standards that were chosen, and how she does the classroom observations.
- Dr. Burns is in the process of creating a Principal Dashboard, and would like input from the Student Achievement Committee.
- Dr. Burns went on a Listening Tour and received feedback from the

teachers about discipline. She also shared the Discipline Philosophy that was co-created with teachers. Dr. Burns shared that there is a professional development opportunity on Restorative Practices.

- Dr. Burns shared the Progressive Disciplinary measures, and she also shared the discipline data for the school year up to now. She shared the breakdown of offenses and how many students were suspended. Dr. Burns compared the discipline data from the 2022-2023 school year to the data from this year. There was discussion about when some of the behaviors and discipline tend to rise.
- Dr. Burns went over partnerships that support SEL such as Seton Center, Harmony Project, Score 1, and Care to Learn. She also went over supports that are used in the school such as OpenSeat, Leader in Me, and Dean of Student Culture.
- Edgar Palacios asked what has made it easy or difficult to implement the 90-day Plan. Dr. Burns shared that the support of the administration team has made it easy to implement her 90-day Plan
- Jessica DiGiovanni gave her presentation on Special Education and Family Engagement
 - Jessica DiGiovanni shared information about the Local Compliance Plan; she shared what it is, what the new changes are, and how those changes effect SVN. Some of the changes are things that SVN has done for years, and other do not apply. Calvin Ricks asked if some of our students have 504 plans. DiGiovanni shared the difference between the 504 Plan and IEP, and she shared that the 504 plans are not under the special education umbrella. Calvin moved to accept the Local Compliance Plan as presented. Ann Klockau seconded the motion. The motion passed. DiGiovanni shared that more students have been added to the Special Education program, and there are two more referrals.
 - Jessica DiGiovanni shared information about the Family Engagement events that have happened already this school year such as Back to School Night and Family Learning Night; Title I information was shared with families at Family Learning Night. There was a parent focus group earlier in September. Parents got to speak with people from Johns Hopkins and local funders about their experience in Kansas City public schools. DiGiovanni also shared events that are upcoming. Kindergarten and first grade Family workshops will start this week. The workshops are led by a SVN parent, and food is provided. High School Transition workshops will be starting next month, and they will be led by and 8th grade parent. Instead of high school night, there will be a High School Transition Workshop series.
 - DiGiovanni shared that information about community events is sent out every week on the Reachwell app. SVN updates also go out every Friday.
- Nicole Goodman asked the Board for an action item for the Campfire after school program to cover the costs of the program not exceed \$80,000. She gave the rationale for why this program/partnership is needed. Calvin moved to approve the Campfire program not to exceed \$80,000. Ann Klockau seconded. The motion passed.
- Nicole Goodman gave us an update on the School Improvement Plan (CSIP). Goodman and the admin team are continuing to work on the plan. The final plan is

due October 1st, and the Board will get to see the final product.

OLD BUSINESS-none

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.... Ann Klockau seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Scott Heffner – yes

Ann Klockau – yes

Edgar Palacios – yes

Calvin Ricks – yes

Selena Smith – absent

Kanyetta Wansley – absent

The motion carried.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

The regular meeting resumed at 7:32 PM

The Board took no action during closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Calvin Ricks moved to adjourn the meeting. Ann Klockau seconded. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Board Meeting will be held at 5:30 P.M. on October 16, 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

KANYETTA WANSLEY, Board Secretary

