

# MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

SVN Charter School  
January 22, 2024

Scott Heffner  
Ann Klockau  
Edgar Palacios  
Calvin Ricks  
Selena Smith

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Present – In person	Present - Virtually	Absent	Administration Present
	Edgar Palacios Selena Smith Scott Heffner Ann Klockau	Dana Cutler, Legal Counsel-Absent Calvin Ricks	Nicole Goodman, Superintendent Jene Counts, Admin Asst. Mary Pittala, Dir. Of Finance and Operations Kent Peterson, Guest Bruce Hemsel, Guest

## CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors at Scuola Vita Nuova convened for the regular board meeting on January 22, 2024 at 5:35 P.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 - Absent  
Selena Smith – Present

## 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

- December 2023 Minutes
- December 2023 Financials
- December 2023 Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 227,391.45

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

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Committee Reports
  - Finance
    - Ann Klockau shared that in December the reserves were at \$6 million, and \$2 million will come out for the SSA building. The year-to-date income \$4.1 million and the year-to-date expenses are \$5 million. The check register has been reviewed and approved, and the December credit card statement has been reviewed. Enrollment is currently at 393, and the WADA is at 557. The 990 Tax form and a detailed report of the ESSER funds is in Dropbox as well as a summary of expenses. JE Dunn is moving from demolition to construction on the SSA building and the first payment to JE Dunn came out this month. Ann Klockau moved to approve the 990 Tax form. Selena Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Board Member Update
  - Edgar Palacios asked the Board to table the approval of Amber Betts as a board member. Scott Hefner shared that Dierdre, another candidate, is interested in summer onboarding. There is another Blaque KC event coming up.

## **SCHOOL REPORT**

Presented by Nicole Goodman and Allyson Thurston

- Student Achievement: WIDA Testing has started and will be done in early February. The HOOT reading data has been received. The program was 10-weeks, and there were 68 students with an attendance rate of 90%. Allyson Thurston shared Skill Growth charts which showed the growth from pretest to post-test. Students made remarkable gains, and a lot of older students were working on fluency. Another cycle will start in February and the number of participating students will increase. Nicole Goodman shared the finance side of the HOOT program. The caseload amount for Reading Success Plans (RSPs). The total caseload amount is 92 students. Nicole Goodman shared the MSIP6/APR data with the Board, and she shared where SVN is in relation to other charter schools in the area. The Board was informed in the School's Report of the school's plan to use ESSER III funds to pay for the 2nd semester 2024 of HOOT Reading (on-line tutoring) at a cost \$60-120k.
- School Calendar: Nicole shared the 2024-2025 School Calendar and the reasoning behind it. The calendar meets the DESE requirements. Scott moved to approve the calendar for the 2024-2025 school year. Ann Klockau seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Parent Teacher Conferences will be February 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Parents have been encouraged to sign up for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, and information will be available at conferences.
- Charter Contract Goals: Bruce Hensel from Informed Improvement shared the Charter Contract Goals. He went over each of the goals and the reasoning for each goal. Nicole Goodman shared how these goals compare to goals in the past. These are the first goals being submitted to the MCPSC. Selena Smith moved to approve the Charter Contract Goals as presented. Scott Hefner seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- There are no updates on the SSA building. There is a report in Dropbox that is available to the Board.

## **OLD BUSINESS – no old business**

### **STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION**

Presented by Kent Peterson

- Kent shared a To-Do list that will drive the leadership direction and the leadership muscle forward. The list will also help with clarity about larger aspirations and having a clearly aligned plan. One of the main items on the list is having a larger board and having three robust committees. Scott Hefner shared that there has been some transition on the Board which is why the Board has been actively recruiting new members, and the committees have been better in the last few months. Kent shared five Board-held, non-negotiable goals that would be a push and elevate the leadership conversation. Each of the goals speaks to a different need/topic such as academics and instructional support spending. These goals would be in addition to the Board's performance contract. The Education and Development Committee would oversee monitoring these goals. There was discussion about the first three goals being more for the administration team than the Board. Kent Peterson shared that ongoing job of the Board is monitoring, and the job of the Superintendent is planning and development of executable plans. By the May or June meeting, the Education and Development Committee will present fully formed action plans. According to the by-laws, there are three committees: Governance, Finance, and Education and Development. There must be at least two people on each committee, and if the committee has more than two people, then two of the members must be on the Board. The Vice President heads the Governance Committee, and the Treasurer head the Finance Committee. Kent encouraged engaging faculty and parents on these committees. Kent Peterson shared the Board member terms which is monitored by the Governance Committee. Kent also shared the Leadership Evaluation and Growth process which falls within the prevue of the Governance Committee. There is a different process for the Board and the Superintendent. Edgar Palacios asked that the Board give Nicole Goodman more time to come up with an amount of money that would be appropriate to support action planning work., and she will present that at the next Board meeting. Selena Smith moved to approve the five Non-Negotiable Goals presented by Kent Peterson. Ann Klockau seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ann Klockau moved to adjourn the meeting. Selena Smith seconded. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next Board Meeting will be held at 5:30 P.M. on March 11, 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 March 11, 2024.

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Calvin Ricks, Board Secretary