

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

SVN Charter School
January 23, 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 Calvin Ricks Selena Smith Kanyetta Wansley		Nicole Goodman, Superintendent Jene Counts, Admin Asst. Dana Cutler, Legal Counsel-arrived at 7:04 PM Mary Pittala, Director of Finance and Operations

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors at Scuola Vita Nuova convened for the regular board meeting on January 23, 2023 at 5:36 P.M. via Zoom. Edgar Palacios, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called. The response was by voice:

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

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. December 2022 Minutes

b. December 2023 Financials

c. December 2023 Accounts Payable in the amount of \$461,650.47

Calvin Ricks moved to adopt the agenda. Selena Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

➤ Committee Reports

○ Finance

- SVN \$4.7M in its reserves; \$1M of that will be pulled for the closing and renovation cost of the SSA building. Year-to-date income is \$3.7M and year-to-date expenses are \$3.6M. Net income is \$500,365
- Enrollment is at 401. WADA is still \$543 due to ELL increase
- SVN received \$200,000 in stock from the Sherman Family Foundation; it is their third and final payment. The check register for December has been reviewed and approved.
- The audit report for year end, June 2022, has been published. Mary Pittala and Nicole Goodman are working on the budget for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Teacher salaries will be ready for approval the February Board meeting; salaries include a 4% increase. Returning teachers will be offered a \$1000 incentive from the Teacher Retention Grant, and newly-certified ELL teachers will get a stipend from the Grow Your Own Grant.
- Finance Committee will be requesting board approval to change the pay schedule for 10-month and 11-month employees; final paycheck would be moved from August 15th to June 30th to have a clean end to the fiscal year. \$146,000 would need to be paid by June 30th. There was discussion about how the pay schedule change would affect staff and if this is a board level decision; waiting until 2024-2025 school year and getting feedback was suggested. The discussion was tabled until there was more information given to the board.

○ Strategic Planning

- There were no updates. A meeting with Kent Peterson will be scheduled. Kanyetta Wansley suggested the Board and the Strategic Planning Committee meet to discuss the outcomes, goals, and plans for the project overall. Edgar Palacios suggested inviting Kent to the next board meeting and set aside time to discuss the project timeline.
- Mary Pittala and Nicole Goodman will give monthly updates about the facility (SSA building)

○ Superintendent Evaluation

- There were no updates. Calvin Ricks, Edgar Palacios, and Nicole Goodman will get together to discuss.

○ Board Policy

- Nicole Goodman and Jene Counts went over updates to the Staff Expectations and Procedures. There were three additions to the document: Payroll Deductions, Child Abuse/Reporting, and RSMo.167.117. It was noted that the other submissions were either the wrong handbook or were missing required information.

- Kanyetta Wansley moved to accept the changes to the Staff Expectations and Procedures. Scott Hefner seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

SCHOOL REPORT

- SVN continues to follow health and safety protocols from the CDC and Health Department; masks are not currently required. SVN encourages frequent hand washing and sanitizing. Protocol as are communicated via email or morning note, and there haven't been any outbreaks.
- Open enrollment began January 1st and will continue until March 1st. Student must be 5 years of age and live within the Kansas City Public School District. There will be more information given at the next board meeting regarding the lottery which will take place on-site.
- School tour dates have been scheduled. Prospective families and students can come tour the school during the school day and on some Saturdays.
- Student Achievement: Fourth grade students participated in HOOT Reading. They received twenty minutes of one-on-one tutoring. There was 80% attendance and 98% of the students improved their reading skills. The school will be looking at all data points to see how this new data aligns. There is a plan to offer ten more weeks of HOOT before MAP testing.
- WIDA testing for English Language Learners started on January 9th and will finish next week. MAP testing will start the week of May 1st.
- Eighth grade students will be traveling to Washington D.C. May 16th-19th. There is a \$50 non-refundable deposit for each student; school will work with families on paying the \$50. Educational Travel Adventures is doing all of the booking for the trip instead of the school staff. There are 36 students, and the ratio will be 1:6 or 1:8. The school pays for the trip, but there may be fundraising in the future.
- Kindergarten workshops are still going on monthly, and are parent-led. On average, 13-20 families attend. Childcare and a light meal are provided. The workshops are from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM. The workshop for this month was the week of January 16th.
- Nicole Goodman shared the school calendar for 2023-2024. There are 171 school days: 37 early release and 134 full days. Staff will have 20 professional development days. 10-month employees have 192 working days, and 11-month employees have 210 working days. Nicole let the board know that there will still be summer camp in June even though it isn't on the calendar, and there was discussion about staff working those three weeks. Ann Klockau moved to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar presented by Nicole Goodman. Calvin Ricks seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.
- Parent-teacher conferences will be February 14th-16th, and the goal is complete 100% in person, face-to-face.
- Nicole would like to offer teacher agreements early to ready for next school year. There was discussion about how the pay schedule change would affect the teacher agreements. Nicole Goodman let the board know that if changing the pay schedule would affect the agreements, then she would like to wait to change the pay schedule.
- There will be a site review from MCPSA February 23rd-24th. They have contracted out to Insignia Partners. The site visit will be similar to the ones in the past. They

would like to set a meeting with the board via Zoom, and more information will be forthcoming.

- MSIP 6 is not required for charter schools. Nicole Goodman will be speaking with the school's sponsor about this, and will continue to have conversations around MSIP 6. This will be a board decision whether we participate in it. Nicole will invite Robin Wilson to speak more about MSIP 6.

OLD BUSINESS-none

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Edgar Palacios 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....

Kanyetta Wansley seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

The motion carried.

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

The regular meeting resumed at 7:17 P.M.

The Board took no action during closed session

ADJOURNMENT

Kanyetta Wansley moved to adjourn the meeting. Selena Smith seconded. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Board Meeting will be held at 5:30 P.M. on February 27, 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 February 27, 2023.



GREG JONES, Board Secretary