

MINNESOTA NORTH STAR ACADEMY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 20, 2009

Board Members Present: Allan Amis, Barb Boelter, Bobbi Cordano, Kristin Cuta, June Damrow, Matt Mikulski, Susan Outlaw, Mary Zweber

Director: Kim Kause

Interpreter: Gina Alvarado

Note taker: Barb Boelter, Secretary

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m. by Board President, Cordano. The meeting was convened after a joint meeting with the MDS Board.

Motion No. 143: Damrow moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of March 16, 2009. Mikulski seconded. Motion passed

Director's Report

The Director's Report was reviewed and discussed.

A discussion was held as to whether we should hold a Spring Open House? Susan and Kim will decide about whether this is necessary. We have 8 individual family visits set up in the next couple weeks.

The Board congratulated Dr. Susan Lane-Outlaw on the completion of her PhD program.

Kause reported that the trip to France was wonderful and all students and staff learned a great deal and had a great time.

The Annual Meeting will be held May 12th and will be combined with the PTG meeting. Board members were asked to attend, if possible.

Policies

Policy #414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse and Policy #415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults were reviewed and discussed.

Motion No. 144: Mikulski moved to approve Policy #414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse. Cuta seconded. Motion passed.

Motion No. 145: Mikulski moved to approve Policy #415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults. Cuta seconded. Motion passed

Merger

Motion No. 146: Outlaw moved to approve the By-Laws for District 4005, as amended at the joint meeting held today. Damrow seconded. Motion passed.

Motion No. 147: Amis moved to approve the Resolutions regarding the merger of MDS and MNSA. Boelter seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Mikulski mentioned that during Finance Committee meetings, members of the committee have been very impressed with Kause's grasp of the necessary financial information.

Mikiulski passed out a new Revenue budget. The cash position in the checking account shows a large balance. Therefore, we can move funds back into the Cash Assets fund.

Motion No. 148: Damrow moved to approve the updated Revenue budget as presented. Boelter seconded. Motion passed.

A meeting was held with among Kause, Martin and our Special Ed Director, Cori Wahl regarding whether the fixed assets and liquid assets will be transferring from MNSA to District 4005.

The hold back funds that we will be getting next year will need to be paid to the new, merged district. We will request a document that verifies that everything will transfer.

We will be buying some technology equipment before the end of the fiscal year. This will include new computer lab chairs, document readers, etc.

Normally we would pay summer pay over the summer, but we will cut the checks before July 1, 2009, and then they will be sent out over the summer.

Facilities Committee: We reached an agreement with the City of St. Paul to install another egress out of the gymnasium to accommodate the maximum number of people that could be accommodated in the space.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

The next meeting will Monday, May 18, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.