

NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

National Dance Institute's Dance Barns
1140 Alto Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Meeting was called to order by Catherine Oppenheimer at 5:08 p.m.

In attendance were NMSA Board members:

Catherine Oppenheimer
JD Bullington
Sherry Thompson
Garrett Thornburg

In attendance were SA-NM Board members:

See list above
Lee Berk

Absent:

Cindy Montoya, NMSA Board member
Thomas O'Connor, SA-NM Board member

Consultants present:

Consulting Head of School Jim Ledyard
Consulting Director of Admissions Adelma Hnasko
Consulting Executive Assistant Christina Aranda Martinez
Consulting Business Manager Logan Martin

Members of the Public Present:

Executive Director of Thornburg Foundation, Suzanne Barker Kalangis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes of the March 16, 2010 Board minutes were approved after a motion by Sherry Thompson, seconded by Garrett Thornburg. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

NMSA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

- Catherine Oppenheimer requested Public Forum be added to the NMSA agenda.

HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

- Deliverables. Jim Ledyard updated the Board on his deliverables. Catherine Oppenheimer requested a sub-committee consisting of JD Bullington, Sherry Thompson and herself be created to approve Jim's deliverables as they are completed.
- 2010-11 School Calendar. Jim reported that the New Mexico School for the Deaf school calendar has not been approved by its Board. It will be voted on at their next Board meeting. When NMSD is not in session, NMSA students will not have access to the dormitories, therefore, the need to mirror the NMSD school calendar.
- **Garrett Thornburg moved to create a committee of JD Bullington, Sherry Thompson, and Catherine Oppenheimer for the purpose of approving Jim Ledyard's deliverables as they are completed. JD Bullington seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**
- Dance Chair and Faculty. Jim Ledyard reported that the finalists for the Dance Chair position had been identified, two were scheduled to visit and teach Master Classes, and a decision would be forthcoming in two weeks. Jim has had several interviews with prospective academic teachers and has visited several applicants' classes. He anticipates hiring several more academic teachers by the 16th of April.
- Faculty Salary Schedule and Contract for Employment. Jim Ledyard reported on the salary schedule and the standard employment contract. The contract has been reviewed by the School's attorney.
- **JD Bullington moved to approve the Faculty Salary Schedule presented. Sherry Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**
- **Garrett Thornburg moved to approve the Contract for Employment. JD Bullington seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

REVIEW OF OPEN MEETING ACTION ITEMS

- Board members recommended that NMSA notify the Legislature of the names of students attending the School from their districts. This would be coordinated with press releases.
- NMSA Policies Review. Catherine Oppenheimer reported on the NMSA policies reviewed. All policies in effect will be reviewed. The Board was informed which policies were reviewed and edited at the April 1, 2010 policy review meeting. Board members were invited to attend the policy review meetings. The next meeting is scheduled on April 22, 2010.

- Catherine Oppenheimer requested an Open Meeting Act policy be created so clarification of SA-NM items discussed is correctly reported in NMSA meeting. Attorney Patty Matthews will be consulted on this issue.
- Residential Application. The Residential Application was mailed on April 1, 2010 with the acceptance letters to potential students. Discussion was held in the SA-NM Board meeting regarding the Residential Application. Changes and additions were discussed and voted on in the SA-NM Board meeting.

COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Amend Charter re: School Calendar. Jim Ledyard reported to the Board that NMSA school calendar will need to mirror the New Mexico School for the Deaf school calendar rather than the Santa Fe Public School. NMSA residential students only have access to the dormitories and dining room when NMSD is in session. The Board reviewed and approved the Amendment presented.
- **Garrett Thornburg moved to approve the Amendment Request to the Charter regarding the NMSA School Calendar. JD Bullington seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

FINANCE REPORT

- 2010-11 Operating Budget. The 2010-11 Operating Budget for SA-NM was reported on by Logan Martin at the SA-NM Board Meeting. At the NMSA Board meeting, Logan reviewed the NMSA budget. He reported on the increase of the meals income and the rental reimbursement. The Board was advised that the budget will need to be approved at the next Board meeting. The PED Budget review is scheduled on May 13, 2010.
- Amendment to Application for State Stimulus Funds. Logan Martin reported that Karen Ehlert instructed him to amend the Application for Charter School State Stimulus Funds adding additional language to the Application for clarification of the proposed budget section, Supplies and Materials, page 5 of the original Application. Logan's letter to Ms. Ehlert requesting this amendment was reviewed and approved by the Board.
- **Garrett Thornburg moved to approve Logan Martin's letter requesting an amendment to the Application for Charter School State Stimulus Funds, page 5, § Supplies and Materials. Sherry Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**
- Catherine Oppenheimer requested the update on Facilities be moved to the end of the meeting, to be discussed in Executive Session.

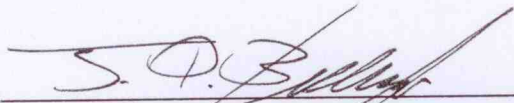
ADMISSIONS REPORT

- Adelma Hnasko reported that NMSA has offered admissions to 148 students. The responses received from the students accepting are on-going. The Department Chairs are contacting all accepted students to congratulate and encourage their attendance. The Board inquired if the Sliding Scale was posted on the NMSA website and was informed that it had been.
- Adelma reported on concerns regarding transportation for residential students. Discussion ensued and suggestions were made to help reduce the financial burden. Board members were clear that they want to offer solutions to help residential students. Catherine Oppenheimer suggested a meeting be scheduled to brainstorm and find solutions for the transportation concerns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM

Submitted By:



Christina Aranda Martinez, Administrative Assistant/JD Bullington, Board Member
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