

**New Mexico School for the Arts
MINUTES MEETING**

**Thursday, July 14, 2011
New Mexico School for the Arts
275 E. Alameda
Santa Fe, NM 87501**

Special Note: This meeting was a combined meeting with NMSA and SA-NM.

Meeting was called to order by Catherine Oppenheimer at 1:04 p.m.

In attendance were NMSA Council Members:

Catherine Oppenheimer (via telephone)
Sherry Thompson
Garrett Thornburg (via telephone)
JD Bullington (via telephone)

In attendance were SA-NM Board members:

See list above
Lee Berk
Thomas O'Connor
Tom Ageson

NMSA Staff present:

Principal, Cindy Montoya
Business Manager, Charles Galbraith
Office Manager, Christina Aranda Martinez

SA-NM Staff present:

Executive Director, Adelma Hnasko (via telephone)
Development Director, Julie Gomez

Absent:

Greg Hunt, NMSA Council Member
Edwina Milner, SA-NM Board Member

Members of the Public Present:

Executive Director of Thornburg Foundation, Suzanne Barker Kalangis

PUBLIC FORUM

- Catherine Oppenheimer asked if there was any individual requesting a Public Forum. No one signed in for a Public Forum

APPROVAL OF NMSA MINUTES

- **Sherry Thompson made a motion to approve the June 30, 2011 Annual Minutes. Garrett Thornburg seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

PRINCIPAL REPORT

- Health Education Approval. Cindy Montoya presented her report on the NMSA Health Education Curriculum, informing that resources and materials for the course have been identified; and, the teaching staff has also been identified. Cindy proposes the Health classes begin SY 2011-2012. Documentation was presented for the Members review and action.
- **Sherry Thompson made a motion to approve the NMSA Health Education Policy as presented. Garrett Thornburg seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.**
- **JD Bullington made a motion to approve the NMSA Health Education Opt Out Policy as presented. Garrett Thornburg seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.**
- NMSA new employees. Three highly qualified teachers have been hired-- math teacher, English teacher and Special Education teacher. The interview process continues for a Counselor and Spanish teacher.
- Cindy Montoya presented the revised Charter amendment to the fund raising portion of the Charter. Catherine Oppenheimer advised the Members that the Charter was approved before the School opened and there were things not known at that time. The presented amendment will address that and the Charter will be in compliance.
- **Sherry Thompson made a motion to approve the Charter amendment as presented. JD Bullington seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

ADMISSIONS REPORT

- Adelma Hnasko presented to the Board an admissions report. Discussion ensued and the Members were updated on students not returning and reasons why.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- SA-NM Voluntary Art Fee. Adelma Hnasko presented the revised Voluntary Art Fee letter to the Members. Discussion ensued regarding the language of tax deductibility. It was requested that this language be excluded from the document.
- **SA-NM Board took action on the Voluntary Art Fee**
- SA-NM new employees. The following SA-NM faculty have been hired: an Advanced Music Theory instructor, an Intermediate Music Theory instructor, and Instrumental Ensemble Instructor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **A Motion to move into Executive Session to discuss facilities was made. Sherry Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

Roll call was taken at 1:14 p.m. to move into Executive Session.

Catherine Oppenheimer

Sherry Thompson

Garrett Thornburg

JD Bullington

Executive Session ended at 2:05 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

There being no further business of the Council Members, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Submitted and Approved By:



[Electronic Approval Received from NMSA Council Members]

Christina Aranda Martinez, Office Manager/Sherry Thompson, Secretary, New Mexico School for the Arts