

**New Mexico School for the Arts and School for the Arts – NM**

**MINUTES  
Joint Board Meeting  
Monday, August 12, 2009**

Meeting was called to order by Sherry Thompson. In attendance by phone were board members Catherine Oppenheimer, Garrett Thornburg, Julia Barnes, and J.D. Bullington. Present were board members Tom O'Connor and Sherry Thompson and Consulting Head of School, James Ledyard and Administrator Janey Potts.

Sherry Thompson called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM. J.D. Bullington was unable to connect by phone, but joined later.

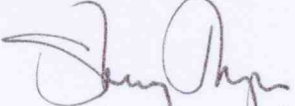
The agenda was approved after Catherine Oppenheimer's additions. Tom O'Connor moved and Catherine Oppenheimer seconded; there were no objections.

James Ledyard was warmly welcomed by the board.

Discussed in open session were:

- Items for the Board retreat, scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup>. It was decided not to hire a facilitator.
- Janey Potts gave an update on the State planning year funds. It was noted that Wilma still had the draft of the budget. Acknowledging that the budget will likely need revision, we discussed finding out if making revisions to the first draft would delay it. If so, none would be made and revisions would be addressed once the budget was analyzed by the new consulting Head of School and presented to the board.
- The board approved giving Jim Ledyard and Julia Barnes authority to enter into a services agreement contract for an attorney as long as it didn't exceed \$39,000 and as long as the school was not committed to spending the full amount and could cancel without penalty.
- Julia Barnes informed the Board that the Charter School Coalition was preparing to offer a new service to provide financial oversight services to new Charter Schools for their planning year needs. The board agreed, after discussion the pros and cons, that Julia Barnes and Jim Ledyard should explore that option.
- The board reiterated its authorization for the Head of School to enter into a contract with Canton Becker for I.T. services at his discretion and based upon the proposal the Board had reviewed.
- The status of the curriculum and audition planning was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM.

  
Board Chair