

**North Lakes Academy**  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2007, 2:30 p.m.

**Present:** Dianne Abrams, Jim Carter, David Engen, Lisa Iverson, Jan Jensen, Michael Jensen, Caroline Little, Daniel Mendenhall, Paula Nystrom, Charlie Schumacher, and Jackie Saunders – ex-officio.

**Visitors:** Kerry Huset, Cheri Jensen, Angela Schumacher, Derek Iverson, Kristen Iverson, Lorrie Kuha, Jeff Rapp, Jennie Senapatiratne, Bonnie Tetrault, and Stephanie Olsen, MDE sponsor liaison

Meeting called to order by Caroline Little.

Motion: Made by Jim Carter to approve the agenda for meeting. Seconded by Dan Mendenhall. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Made by Charlie Schumacher to approve the minutes of the October 9th meeting as amended. Seconded by Jim Carter. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Made by David Engen to accept the financial report. Seconded by Jim Carter.  
Ayes: Dianne Abrams, Jim Carter, David Engen, Michael Jensen, Caroline Little, Daniel Mendenhall, Paula Nystrom, and Charlie Schumacher  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Lisa Iverson

Welcome to the new board members: Dianne Abrams, David Engen, Michael Jensen, Daniel Mendenhall, and Charlie Schumacher.

Thank you to the out-going board members: Sandy Englebert, Joel Ericson, Kerry Huset, Cheri Jensen, and Jeff Rapp.

**New Business:**

By-laws need to be written regarding ballot write-ins in school board elections.

By-laws were passed out to members.

**2007-2008 School Board Election Results:**

Parent/Community Member - 3 years – 2007-2010 – Charlie Schumacher  
Parent/Community Member - 1 year – 2007-2008 – Michael Jensen  
Teacher - 3 years – 2007-2010 – David Engen  
Teacher - 1 year – 2007-2008 – Dan Mendenhall  
Teacher - 1 year – 2007-2008 – Dianne Abrams

**Officer Election Results:**

Motion: Made by Jim Carter to approve Caroline Little as chairperson. Seconded by David Engen. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Made by Caroline Little to approve David Engen as treasurer. Seconded by Jim Carter. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Made by Lisa Iverson to approve Paula Nystrom as secretary. Seconded by Jim Carter. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Made by Paula Nystrom to approve Charlie Schumacher as vice-chairperson. Seconded by David Engen. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Made by Paula Nystrom to hold board meetings from 6:30 to 8:30 PM during the months of December 2007, January 2008, February 2008, and March 2008 for the purpose of attracting more parent attendees. Seconded by Lisa Iverson. Motion carried unanimously.

Welcome to Stephanie Olsen, Minnesota Department of Education sponsor liaison.

Spanish Teacher Update: Laura del Villar will be continuing her medical leave of absence until the end of first semester. Two options will be implemented in the Spanish program.

1. A non-licensed para along with the substitute teacher and/or Laura del Villar will staff the classes. 2. David Montes will teach Spanish as his Investigation.

Jim Carter left at 3:45 PM

High School Expansion:

Jackie Saunders recommends developing a grade 5-12 school expansion with 400-450 students. It would be academically rigorous, high-tech, college preparatory high school.

Motion: Made by Charlie Schumacher to accept Jackie Saunders' recommendation. Seconded by Michael Jensen.

Ayes: Dianne Abrams, David Engen, Michael Jensen, Caroline Little, Daniel Mendenhall, Paula Nystrom, and Charlie Schumacher

Nays: Lisa Iverson

Abstain: None

Stephanie Olsen left at 4:40 PM

A holding company will own the school and lease the building to NLA High School.

Two board members will be on the building committee. The board appoints David Engen, Charlie Schumacher, and Jackie Saunders to be on the NLA HS building committee. Volunteers are encouraged to be on the committee.

The Briggs Company will be hired to advise the building committee. They are knowledgeable consultants in this area.

Note that the North Lakes Academy 2006-2007 Audit report is available in the office for anyone who would like to review it. The audit will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Motion: Made by David Engen to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Michael Jensen. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 11, 2007 6:30 p.m. in Room 10.

Respectfully submitted by Paula Jane Nystrom.