

**North Lakes Academy  
School Board Meeting  
May 12, 2009**

**Present:** Charlie Schumacher, Tim Hassler, Jackie Saunders (ex-officio), David Montes, Joe Hale, Katy Schwirtz, Caroline Little, Tiffany Buske, Jan Jensen, Ben Saunders

**Absent:** Terry Darwin

**Visitor:** Jeff Beimert, Teresa Nelson, Angie Schumacher, Amanda Duncan, Andrea Yaeger, Mike Nosser

Caroline Little made a motion to accept the agenda. Tiffany Buske seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tim Hassler made a motion to accept the minutes from last meeting. Ben Saunders seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion about the proposed budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year:

- **Revenue-** We still do not have all of the information about our revenue because we are waiting for the government. There are additional funds tied to Special Ed (\$46,571), a possible \$22, 000 of that could be used for general ed. An additional \$12,000 for Title 1.

Enrollment for next year is at 265; maybe our projected is too low at 270. We are going to change the projected enrollment to 275 with the option to revisit at a later meeting.

- **Expenditures- *Teacher Pay:*** Should we cancel the 2% pay raise in order to save \$27,000? Should we freeze steps? Perhaps we should just do 2% and not do the steps, which are a 5% range. If we eliminate the steps, should we add a 2% raise to the people at the top who have no more steps? No final decision will be made before we explore other options.

*Staffing Issues:* Are there any new positions that we could do without? Possibly 5/6 art; maybe we could have a parent volunteer to do art. An art teacher in 5/6 is a good selling point. We could save potentially \$20,000 by not having 5/6 Art. Should we have a tech/computer science position? The general consensus is that it is necessary for us to keep running and stay competitive. Jackie Saunders recommended eliminating the AR program for this year to save money and because of the logistics of two campuses.

*Supplies:* Textbooks, supplies, furniture, technology; what should come first? We need a computer lab, we need textbooks for the 11<sup>th</sup> grade, and the math program needs revamping (i.e. new textbooks).

We will revisit the budget, with recommended amendments, at a special meeting.

Jan Jensen presented the auditor options for next year. Joe Hale made a motion to hire Larsenallen to be our auditor. Caroline Little seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Charlie Schumacher gave an update about the new construction. Wyoming has put off the building of a road to our site one month, which puts off construction of the building to August. In the meantime, we are weighing our financing options. The option to purchase the alternative site behind Target was explained. Feelings were mixed over which is a better choice. As of right now, we are still going for Wyoming.

Andrea Yaeger brought up the idea of beginning a K-4 section of the school at our current location in the next 2 years. People are very interested in this proposal and it will be on the board agenda in an upcoming meeting.

David Montes left at 8:25pm.

We do not need liability coverage for extra curriculums.

Jackie Saunders recommended starting Q-comp in 2011.

Tim Hassler made a motion to officially congratulate Haley Gulden on her winning essay for the Center for School Change Charter School Essay Writing Contest. Joe Hale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

We will hold a special meeting to work on the budget on Thursday, May 28, at 3:30pm.

Caroline Little made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Katy Schwirtz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Katy Schwirtz

Secretary, North Lakes Academy School Board