



## OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, October 23, 2024 New Century Academy

### Board Members:

- Present: Kelsey Dolge, Heather Finnell, Traci Schutz
- Present online: Kathy Prellwitz
- Absent: Tina Myllykangas

### Others Present:

Jason Becker, Aaron Liesen, Thu Nguyen (NEO Representative)

### Proceedings:

- Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Prellwitz
- Additions / Changes to consent agenda
  - No changes
- Recognize visitors
  - Aaron Liesen, budget manager
  - Two New Century Academy Students
  - Thu Nguyen, from NEO
- Approval of Agenda
  - A motion was made by Dolge, seconded by Finnell, to approve the agenda.
  - Motion carried via roll call.
- Public Input
  - None
- Consent Agenda
  - A motion was made by Schutz, seconded by Finnell, to approve the consent agenda
  - Motion carried via roll call.
- School Board Training –
  - Board Membership, Robert's Rules/Open Meeting Law

### Discussion Items:

- Finance Committee Report – Prellwitz for Aaron Liesen
  - Discussed the end of September financials.
  - The school's cash balance the end of September was \$621,577.
  - Year to date total revenue: \$438,917.
  - Year to date total expense: \$272,913.
  - The balance sheet presented is not final and will be adjusted the end of October when final numbers are in.
- Policy Committee – Schutz
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Read – 410 Family and Medical Leave Policy
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Read – 413 Harassment and Violence
  - Final Read – 528 High School Student Media/Journalism
  - Final Read – 219 Purchasing, Procurement and Contracting

- Marketing / PR – Dolge/Finnell
  - Students and staff getting ready to host a “Friendsgiving” event, where students are encouraged to invite friends from outside of New Century Academy. Other events for New Century Academy Students include spirit week during the last week of October, and a school lock in to take place in early December. Students will showcase the fun they are having with events and projects they are working on, and post on social media as a positive way to promote the school as a great place to learn.
- Strategic Planning – Entire board
  - Scheduled after the meeting.
- Director Report – Jason Becker
  - Fall NWA testing results are in. Minnesota Department of Education reports can be found online. There is new math curriculum to match graduation requirements: Integrated Math 1, 2 and 3, based on standards. Also implemented is title work for students not in special education but who need addition help. The “Read Act” all districts need to implement and we are finding a way to implement the reading standards into student projects.
- Chairperson Report - Prellwitz
  - Update on tuition reimbursement. Lawyers will be providing notice of lawsuit to the debtor.

#### **Action Items:**

- Approve September Financials.
  - A motion was made by Dolge, seconded by Finnell, to approve the September Financials.
  - Motion carried via roll call.
- Approve NCA Policy 528 High School Media/Journalism.
  - A motion was made by Finnell, seconded by Dolge to approve NCA Policy 528: High School Student Media/Journalism.
  - Motion carried via roll call.
- Approve NCA Policy 219 Purchasing, Procurement and Contracting
  - A motion was made by Schutz, seconded by Finnell, to approve NCA Policy 219: Purchasing, Procurement and Contracting.

#### **Adjourn Meeting**

- A motion was made by Schutz, seconded by Finnell, to adjourn the meeting.
- Motion carried via roll call.
- Time of adjournment 7:03 p.m.