



OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

New Century Academy

Board Member Names		Present	Absent
Traci Schutz		X	
Kelsey Dolge		X	
Scott Palesotti		X	
Bess Bauman		X	
Others Present			
Jason Becker- absent			
1. Call to Order			
By Schutz		Time 5:31	
a. Pledge of Allegiance			
b. Register Roll Call			
c. Read Mission and Vision			
Our Mission			
To engage students in critical thinking and teamwork that empowers them toward life-long learning and global citizenship.			
Our Vision			
To provide a school that creates an inclusive community working together to support student achievement and builds a strong sense of self-worth.			
d. Make additions/changes to the agenda			
Add—ACTION ITEMS: b. committee assignments			
e. Recognize visitors and review protocol for public input			
None			
f. Declaration of Conflict of Interest if any			
Board members read the agenda and disclose if they have any real or perceived conflict of interest with any agenda item.			
None			
g. Approval of the Agenda			
Motion- to approve agenda as amended			
Made by: Dolge		Seconded by: Schutz	
Discussion			
None			
Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Schutz	X		
Dolge	X		
Palesotti	X		

Bauman	X		
2. Public Input			
Public Input is an open forum portion of the meeting and is an opportunity to present an issue, concern, or other statement to the Board of Directors.			
None			
3. Approval of Consent Agenda			
a. Approve July Board Meeting Minutes			
b. Approve Resignations (if any)			
c. Approve New Hires (if any)			
d. Approve Licensing Monitoring			
Motion- to approve the consent agenda			
Made by: Dolge		Seconded by: Palesotti	
Discussion			
All new hires are doing great. Rooms are really coming along.			
Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Schutz	X		
Dolge	X		
Palesotti	X		
Bauman	X		
4. School Board Training			
None			

5. Discussion Items			
a. Finance Committee Report- Dustin Reeves from Creative Planning			
Play financial report video			
Original Budget ADM: 105.00 Original Budget Pupil Units: 125.20			
Revised budget ADM: 105.00 Revised Budget WADM: 125.20			
Actual ADM as of Period-End: 000.00			
Actual Pupil Units as of Period-End: 000.00			
Cash balance at the end of July was \$190,017, up from previous month of \$188,840 due to the transfer of \$200,000 of the line of credit balance			
Current year state receivable estimate is \$55,545 for the 10% holdback through the current reporting period.			
We did not receive a financial report for June. At July meeting, were told that both June and July would be available. Heard back from Jason and we will not have June due to audit.			
Motion- Approve July financials			
Made by: Dolge		Seconded by: Palesotti	
Discussion			
None			
Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Schutz	X		
Dolge	X		
Palesotti	X		

Bauman	X		
b. Policy Committee Report			
205 Open Meetings and Closed Meetings Policy – First Read 403 Discipline, suspension and dismissal of school district employees Policy – First Read 414 Time Sensitive Approval Procedure Policy – Second Read 513 Student Promotion and Retention Policy – Second Read 516 Student Medication Policy – Second Read 705 School Meals Policy – Second Read			
c. Marketing Committee Report			
Parades: Hutchinson, Litchfield, Cokato and will be going to Dassel in September Social media series introducing staff, getting good engagement with students, families and community members. There is a group of students that have expressed interest in working on social media as project. Youth leadership will be adding service projects New enrollments: 6 students, another tour given today Will be making the “how did you hear about us” question required so we can be tracking how many student enrollments from going to parades.			
d. Strategic Plan Update and Review of Progress Toward Contract Goals			
All Board- meeting after adjournment			
e. Director’s Report			
Dolge shared updates in Becker’s absence.			
All staff are back and busy preparing. New staff doing really well. Training on required topics this week. Gone from 4 advisories to 3 with some construction. Some students are behind in credits due to students not doing projects especially last year.			
f. Chairperson Report			
Nothing to report.			

6. Board Business (old and new)			
Approve committee assignments			
Motion- Schutz to continue with policy committee, held 1st Wednesday of the month at 5pm at Citizen’s Bank (Suite 202) in Hutchinson.			
Made by: Dolge		Seconded by: Palesotti	
Discussion Doors close at 5, don’t be late.			
Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Schutz	X		
Dolge	X		
Palesotti	X		
Bauman	X		
Motion- Dolge to continue with marketing committee with the addition of Bauman to help with social media, held 2nd Monday of the month at 1:30pm at NCA (Conference Room) in Hutchinson.			
Made by: Schutz		Seconded by: Bauman	
Discussion			

None			
Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Schutz	X		
Dolge	X		
Palesotti	X		
Bauman	X		
Motion- Palesotti to continue with finance committee, held 3rd Wednesday of the month immediately preceding the Board Meeting at NCA (conference room) in Hutchinson.			
Made by: Dolge		Seconded by: Schutz	
Discussion			
Becker will get Palesotti the phone details needed			
Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Schutz	X		
Dolge	X		
Palesotti	X		
Bauman	X		
7. Identify Items for Next Month’s Agenda (view past year’s minutes and board calendar)			
8. Adjournment			
Motion- to adjourn meeting		Time 6:31	
Made by: Palesotti		Seconded by: Bauman	
Discussion			
None			
Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Schutz	X		
Dolge	X		
Palesotti	X		
Bauman	X		