

Board Members

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October 5, 2021

6:30 p.m. Board Meeting

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Minutes

1. Call to Order at 6:31pm. **Roll Call**-all present except for Craig Cerino, Shannon Hudson, Mary Ann Connors-Krikorian, Brenda Willis, and Paul Lutz (arr 6:35 pm)
2. Governance - Consent Agenda Items - **Action**
 - a. Approval of [08.24.2021 minutes](#)
 - b. [August Financial Statements](#)
 - c. [DOE25](#)

Motion made by Nichole Reimer to approve a. and b. Consent Agenda Items. Seconded by Beth Carrasquillo.

Motion approved unanimously with Adam Burch and Kirsten Kortz abstaining from vote.

Per Joe Crawford the DOE- 25 is an annual report required by the State of NH. It is prepared by Sheryl Rich, and was submitted in August for a September 1 submission date. Shannon Hudson has reviewed, has no concerns, and recommends that it be approved as is.

Motion made by Nichole Reimer to approve the DOE-25 as submitted. Seconded by Kirsten Kortz. Motion approved unanimously.

Paul Lutz arrived after the vote. (6:35 pm)

3. Meet Our New Staff - **Discussion**
 - a. Cassie Bates - Capstone Coordinator
 - b. Alana Reiss - Americorps- unable to attend
 - c. Devony Whiting - Americorps
 - d. Dyllan King - Paraprofessional -unable to attend
 - e. Allison Wilkins - Paraprofessional

Joe Crawford introduced the new staff members at Next and each spoke a bit about themselves.

-Paraprofessional, Allie Wilkins, found Next to be similar to the school she attended, and was looking to have a career change.

-Americorps member, Devony Whiting, recently graduated from College and is a graduate of Next.

-Unable to attend tonight were Dyllan King, paraprofessional and graduate of Next, and Alana Reiss, Americorps member from California, this is her first visit to NH.

-Cassie Bates, Capstone Coordinator, attended virtually and gave a brief background of herself adding that one of the reasons she came to Next was her desire to be working with teens again.

Joe Crawford noted that Next is fortunate in that past Americorps members have stayed on longer than their term.

Both Scott Saucier and Zach Nunnink came to Next via Americorps.

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4. Director's Report - Discussion

a. Student Enrollment

Joe Crawford reported no change in enrollment, 73 Derry 8 non Derry. There may be a couple of transitions but nothing concrete as of now. The waitlist contains students from both Derry and non-Derry.

b. Staffing Updates

c. Director Q&A

Joe Crawford pointed out the new air filters that are installed, adding that the smaller office spaces have smaller units.

Kirsten Kortz asked how the transition back to in person was. Joe replied that there are some students hard to track down, and, due to quarantine, close contact etc. are always being monitored, but quiet for now.

5. Renovation Project - Action

Joe Crawford, Nichole Reimer, and Adam Burch met regarding the use of ESSR funds. Adam suggested looking at all options along with ESSR funds, which come with a lot of regulations. Another option is to use ESSR funds for educational costs which have less constraint, and use other monies for the renovation project. Per Joe, there are things that should be addressed now in preparation of a project:

1. Meet with the architect to revise plans for the renovation and how it relates to the current space.
2. Meet with engineers regarding structural items that will need a plan, for example, lifts and the concrete floors.

Joe has reached out to the engineer and Marinace Architects to move forward and hopes to meet next week. Tonight he is asking the board to authorize the spending of \$15k outside of the approved budget, for the engineer study and architect. Having plans ready allows Next to speed up the process for competitive bids.

Nicole Reimer asked if the district needed to be contacted before engineering plans were to be addressed. Joe will contact the DCSD facilities adding that the tests are somewhat non-invasive. Nicole and Adam both feel it is important to start this process sooner than later as it will have to be completed before any renovation.

Motion made by Adam Burch for the board to allow Joe Crawford to enter into an agreement with the engineer and architect, not to exceed \$15k. Additional funds would need to be approved by the board.

Seconded by Kirsten Kortz. Motion approved unanimously.

6. Curriculum Committee Report - Discussion/Action

a. [2021-2022 Curriculum Framework](#)

Joe Crawford reported only minor changes to curriculum and shared an overview, noting that the biggest changes are

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in English and Math pathways.

Math- Math 1,2,3 cover all competencies needed for Algebra 1 and 2, and Geometry. Math Foundations is offered to students before they enter Math 1. Once Math 1 is completed, students have the option of additional classes, Financial Algebra or Data/Statistics. Kirsten Kortz was concerned that students will take all math early in high school, and when entering college may need a refresher as fourth year. Joe will meet with the math team to discuss designing a process for math review.

English- The biggest changes are to revert to the original plan of English 1, 2, 3, 4 (32 Competencies) and the option for elective courses. Next does have a partnership with NH Community Colleges that will allow students to earn 3 college credits.

Art - The competencies changed a bit and music has been added to the curriculum.

Motion made by Nicole Reimer to approve the Curriculum Framework as amended. Seconded by Kirsten Kortz. Motion approved unanimously.

7. [Memorandum of Understanding](#) - Derry School District - **Action**

Per Joe Crawford, the DCSB has signed the MoU as it was presented. The MoU was previously approved by the Next board but does not hurt to approve again and have Nicole sign it.

Motion made by Adam Burch to accept the MoU. Seconded by Beth Carrasquillo. Motion approved unanimously.

8. Policy - **Discussion/Action**

- a. [JI - Student Rights and Responsibilities](#) (existing policy)
- b. [JICD - Student Conduct, Discipline and Due Process/Safe Schools](#) (existing policy)
- c. [JICI - Weapons on School Property](#) (existing policy)

Per Joe Crawford, there are no new changes to these policies.

Motion made by Adam Burch to approve all 3 policies as presented. Seconded by Kirsten Kortz. Motion approved unanimously.

9. Strategic Planning - **Discussion**

Based on the August board meeting decision to pursue outside help for planning meetings, Joe Crawford has reached out to the Upper Room for a recommendation. Joe Contacted the recommended person, had a productive phone meeting. Joe will ask this person to attend the November Board. Joe reminded the Board that this would be paid for with grant funds..

10. Community Input

- a. Next welcomes input from attending community members according to our policy found [here](#), and accessible from our website, www.nextcharterschool.org.



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11. Non-Public Session (if necessary)

12. Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Nichole Reimer to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Kirsten Kortz. Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Woodes