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6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
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Minutes

1. Call to Order at 6:12 pm- Roll Call all present except for Joe Crawford, Tara Verrette, Nichole Reimer, Doug Rathburn.

Jen Lague announced that she had received notice from Doug Rathburn that he would no longer be serving on the Next Board as he is unable to attend meetings.

2. Student Representative(s): Hazel Graves, Sophia Smith

Hazel Graves was in attendance. She reported that right now it is mid Module 4 and it is going well. On Friday Mrs. Whalen is leading a Galentines snowshoe hike that wraps up at a donut shop. At the end of the Module, there is a field trip planned, with maybe a couple of destinations offered. The outing club has gone to five trails and Hazel has earned the fire tower patch. Also, Ms.Celli, a professional potter, has been teaching 2 Modules of pottery, it is great to learn techniques from a professional.

3. Approval of Minutes:
    - Consent Agenda Items:
        i. Meeting meeting minutes from January meeting
        ii. December 2025 Financial Statements

Motion made by Jenna Paradise to approve all Consent Agenda Items. Seconded by Milva Walsh . Motion approved unanimously. Beth Carrasquillo abstained from the Minutes vote.

4. Action Item FY2027 Budget: Discussion and Vote
    - Budget Presentation

Emily presented the budget for FY2027. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Jen Lague to approve the FY2027 budget as presented. Seconded by Jenna Paradise. Motion approved unanimously.

    - Q&A

5. Director's Report
    - Enrollment Update:

Applications are steadily increasing. Applicants are a good fit for Next with the expectation of 75-90 enrolled students.

    - Approved Special Education Setting

Next is now an approved Special Education Setting

    - Staffing Update:
        i. New Special Ed teacher

Emily reported that a new Special Education teacher has been hired. Laurie Falwell was unable to attend tonight. She has been at Next for about 2 weeks and has made great connections with students.

    - Recruitment

Staff visited grade eight classes and gave students a tour of Next. There are also two Information Nights planned,

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Wednesday, February 18 and Wednesday, March 18.
Also- after waiting for the Certificate of Occupancy for the new space, two things needed to be addressed- the lift and a hot water issue. The hot water now works and the lift should be ready soon.

6. Policy Review:
    - BGA Policy Development System
    - BBBC Board of Trustees Resignation
    - BBA Board Powers and Duties
    - BBAA Board Member Authority
    - BAAA Board of Trustees Policies and Administrative Procedures

Motion made by Jenna Paradise to approve all policies as presented or amended. Seconded by Milva Walsh. Motion approved unanimously.

7. Community Input
    - Next welcomes input from attending community members according to our policy found here, and accessible from our website, www.nextcharterschool.org.

8. Non-Public Session:

Motion made at 7:29 pm, by Ian Graves to enter into a public session. Seconded by Jenna Paradise. Motion approved unanimously.
Return from non public at 7:50 pm

9. Motion to Adjourn

Motion made at 7:52 pm by Ian Graves to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Beth Carrasquillo. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Woodes