

Board Members

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Jen Lague (Vice Chair)	Kerry Matheson
Jonathan Dugan (DCSD)	David Clapp (DCSD)
Isobel Graves	Nichole Reimer
Tara Verrette	Doug Rathburn
Joe Crawford (Assistant Superintendent, DCSD)	

January 9, 2025

6:00 p.m. Board Meeting

Location: Next Charter School

Minutes

1. Call to Order at 6:04 pm **Roll Call** --all present except for Joe Crawford, Jonathan Dugan, David Clapp, Nichole Reimer, and Doug Rathburn. Isobel Grave arrived at 6:12, prior to any Board votes.

2. Student Representatives: Oliver Bride, Max Dow
 Not in attendance

3. Staff Presentation: Rachel Mirus
 Emily introduced Rachel, the art teacher at Next. Rachel shared a bit about herself and how she connected to Next. Currently the students are working on art through history. Before, it was Messy Making, foraging and finding things to use in making paper, and Imaginary Animals. She added that it is nice to see students evolve over the course of three modules.

4. Approval of Minutes:
 - o Consent Agenda Items:
 - i. [October Financial Statements](#)
 - ii. [December Meeting Minutes](#)

**Motion made by Beth Carrasquillo to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Seconded by Kerry Matheson.
 Motion approved unanimously with Jen Lague and Kerry Matheson abstaining from the Minutes vote.**

5. Directors Report:
 - o Enrollment & Recruiting Update: Social media campaigns
 Emily reported enrollment and recruiting updates, adding that January and February are recruiting season. Next is hoping to enroll 30 students. Cassie Bates-MacLeod has implemented a targeted social media campaign. Chris Miller has been visiting grade 8 lunches and will visit gr 8 teams. Information Night is January 15 with another in March. Jen Lague suggested contacting past grads and having them speak for Next.
 - o Alnoba Field Trip
 Located in Kensington NH. Emily and Amy are going there tomorrow to see about a possible school field trip.
 - o CPI Training for all staff
 Monday is a teacher workshop day and will be held at the Kintsugi Room at Grappone Mazda. It will be a staff training and retreat, with Rob Aquilina, now a certified CPI instructor, leading the program. A large portion of the CPI training will be reimbursed by our insurance carrier, Primex.
 - o Barr Foundation
 Emily led a discussion regarding this foundation. It is a philanthropic foundation that works with some schools in NH. After discussion it was decided to wait to see if this resource would be necessary in the future.

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- Legislative Involvement

Emily wanted to clarify some mis-information that she has heard. The EFA, education freedom account, allows parents, under guidelines, to use monies to pay for classes outside of school to gain credit. EFA money does not apply to charter schools.

- Construction Walkthrough

Will Gowen published the RFA and five contractors came for the walk-thru Bids are due on January 17. Once bids are in, there will be a 30 minute interview scheduled. Board members are welcome to attend.

6. Policy Review:

- [EGA-R Reasonable Technology Use Appendix](#)
- [EH Data Management](#) -- tabled for further review

Motion made by Kirsten Kortz to approve policy EGA-R as revised and presented. Seconded by Jen Lague, 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

Not needed

9. Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Jen Lague to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Beth Carrasquillo. Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Woodes