

### **Board Members**

Kirsten Kortz (Board Chair)	Beth Carrasquillo (Treasurer)
Jen Lague (Vice Chair)	Kerry Matheson
Jonathan Dugan (DCSD)	Paul Lutz (DCSD)
Isobel Graves	Owen Provencher
Joe Crawford (Assistant Superintendent, DCSD)	

**March 9, 2023**

**6:00 p.m. Board Meeting**

**Location: Next Charter School w/ virtual option:**

Meeting ID

[meet.google.com/ftp-igpx-wrs](https://meet.google.com/ftp-igpx-wrs)

Phone Numbers

(US)+1 225-629-3172

PIN: 876 581 380#

### **Minutes**

1. Call to Order at 6:06 pm - **Roll Call** all present except for Isobel Graves, Kerry Matheson, Jonathan Dugan, Owen Provencher

2. Student Representative: Hailey Grenier

Hailey Grenier shared updates with the Board.

-She had written a letter to Governor Sununu advocating for free lunch for her class on Advocacy Action. Joe Crawford shared that the DCSB has also been advocating for this, adding that many states approve free/reduced based on other programs that individuals may be involved with. NH requires a separate application making it more difficult to receive the benefit.

-The breakfast cart has begun and is available to all students.

-ILP days and Showcase were this week, including a debate. Other rooms had presentations, both the scrambler car demonstrations and picture poems were a bit hit.

-Hailey followed up on the last meeting regarding student behavior ramifications. After research, she discovered that of the options, some would be hard to achieve at Next. Emily responded that she has been utilizing restorative practices, a form of restitution to the person or community that may have been harmed. Some schools use it, but there needs to be a strong student group to help enforce it. Emily noted that she is currently using an online training or course assigned to the offending student with a quiz to be taken at the end. Hailey left at 6:34

3. Approval of consent agenda items:

- o [Meeting minutes from February 9, 2023](#)
- o [January Financial Statement](#)

**Motion made by Jen Lague to approve Consent Agenda Items. Seconded by Beth Carrasquillo. Motion approved unanimously.**

4. Action Item: Vote to approve the 2022 Audit as presented at the February 9th meeting.

**Motion made by Jen Lague to approve the 2022 Audit as presented at the 2.9.23 Board meeting. Seconded by Beth Carrasquillo. Motion approved unanimously.**

5. Directors Report:

- o 2023-2024 Budget:
  - i. [Draft FY2024 Budget](#)

Emily presented the current budget through the first half of this year and it is under budget. The proposed 23/24 budget is based on those numbers and does not include the proposed increase in aid for charter schools.

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(Joe Crawford departed at 6:44pm)

Changes include the hiring of a full-time assistant director. Jen Lague suggested that, if funds are available, the person start before the school year ends if possible.

**Motion made by Jen Lague to approve budget as presented. Seconded by Beth Carrasquillo. Motion approved unanimously.**

- Enrollment Update

An Information Night Was held last night with many attendees, mostly from out of town. Application submissions are picking up. Next is fully enrolled and will fill no spots vacated for the remainder of the school year..

- Staffing Update

Emily reported that one paraprofessional had resigned and, coincidentally, a former Next paraprofessional applied for the position that same day.

- Technology policy

No update as two members of the committee are not attending the meeting tonight.

**6. Policy Committee Update--Kirsten**

Kirsten Kortz is trying to set up a committee meeting and may be able to do so over or before summer. The Technology Policy will be reviewed in April.

Kirsten also asked the board, as the attendance is low tonight, should there be required attendance in order to have a quorum. Board members discussed the possibility of adding two additional board members.

**7. Community Input**

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

Kaen Woodes shared information about the Next Choice PTSA raffle calendar for the month of April. Sales will begin next week.

**8. Non-Public Session**

Not needed

**9. Motion to Adjourn**

**Motion made by Kirsten Kortz to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jen Lague. Motion approved unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Karen Woodes