

****Draft**** NPA Board Meeting Minutes 8/29/23

Location: NPA High School

Members present: Dr. Bob Ziemer, Jim Hilton, Becca Hall, Danise Tomlin

Secretary of the Board: Letty Podesta

The meeting was called to order at 4:01.

Public Comments

Jim Hilton commented on climate change training he may like to present to NPA students.

Becca Hall commented that one of her rentals is housing a group of fish biologists and how this association might bring an opportunity for a hands-on experience for NPA students. Michael commented that it may be a good opportunity for freshman biology students.

Reports and Discussions

Michael Bazemore reported that the high school had a smooth and successful start. The high school will host Back to School Night on August 31st at 6:00pm. The middle school held a Welcome Back Potluck dinner on Monday, August 28th. Parent attendance, involvement, and communication have been favorable.

Michael Bazemore gave a presentation on school safety and the school's Safe Return to In-Person Instruction, which the board discussed and reviewed. Michael Bazemore reported that NPA is successfully moving past Covid. Covid tests will still be provided for students and proper ventilation is still being used. The school's Covid management policy is still in place and being implemented, together with the other aspects of the school's Safe Return to In-Person Instruction.

The board discussed the fact that NPA's foreign exchange student program has low enrollment this year. This is due to not being able to find host families for students. However, NPA will be exchanging students from its sister-schools in India and Sweden.

Bob Ziemer inquired if there are any reports of discrimination against gender identity or sexual orientation. Michael Bazemore reported there are no issues with discrimination against gender identity or sexual orientation at NPA, and that the NPA student population is diverse with students coming from many different backgrounds.

The board reviewed NPA's Homeless Education Policy. Jean Heard is the homeless student coordinator and she goes above and beyond to make sure students are equipped with

everything they may need. NPA has never had a homeless student not graduate or go to college.

Michael Bazemore presented to the board on the Consolidated Application that NPA applies to every year.

Michael Bazemore reported on the sufficiency of instructional materials. Michael Bazemore explained to the board that the certification ensures that schools provide adequate instructional materials that meet California State requirements. The IB program pre-approves NPA for this because the IB materials universally exceed state requirements.

The board briefly discussed Michael Bazemore being reappointed as the HDLN/CIF voting representative.

Michael Bazemore reported that there are no new contractual employees this year and that all of the school's contractual employees are returning staff members.

The board reviewed the proposed board meeting dates and times for 2023-2024.

The board reviewed the transportation agreement with Northern Humboldt Union High School District.

Michael Bazemore informed the board of itemized classroom equipment purchases, such as computers and chairs.

Information/Action Item

Jim Hilton moved to approve the previous minutes with minor changes. Becca Hall seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Danise Tomlin moved to approve the Consolidated Application. Becca Hall seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Danise Tomlin moved to approve the Certification of Sufficiency of Instructional Materials. Jim Hilton seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Jim Hilton moved to approve the Homeless Education Policy. Danise Tomlin seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Danise Tomlin moved to approve Michael Bazemore as the HDN/CIF voting representative. Rebecca seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Jim Hilton moved to approve the 2023-2024 NPA employee contracts. Becca Hall seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Jim Hilton moved to approve the board meeting dates and times for 2023-2024, barring any future conflicts that are identified. Becca Hall seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Danise Tomlin moved to approve the Transportation Agreement with Northern Humboldt. Becca Hall seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Jim Hilton moved to approve the itemized classroom equipment purchases. Becca Hall seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24.