

****Draft** NPA Board Meeting Minutes 7/31/24**

Location: NPA High School, Rm 2

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

HCOE Liaison: Ariel Aaron

NPA Board Resource: Dr. Michael Bazemore

Board Secretary: Letty Podesta

Guests: Amy Taylor, Lisa Tremain

The meeting was called to order at 4:12

Public Comments

Amy Taylor expressed concern regarding enrollment numbers and the decline of middle school students moving on to the high school freshman class. Michael Bazemore reiterated that enrollment is down across the county. He also states that the decline in enrollment is not the only factor for the decline in middle school to high school enrollment. 8th grade students who are influential can affect the class choices of the class as a whole.

Amy Taylor commented that the disconnect is probably due to Covid. She suggested that on minimum days the 8th graders could come to the high school campus and work alongside the high school students on yearbooks, newspapers, etc.

Amy Taylor inquired if there would be a French teacher for the middle school. Michael Bazemore replied that there has been some resistance from middle school students for a required French class. A French club was suggested as a possible way to meet students' needs.

Amy Taylor brought up that international trips are a huge interest to middle school students. The board discussed international trips and fundraising raising. Becca Hall mentioned that the annual French Dinner always brought in a lot of interest.

Lisa Tremian also had concerns regarding enrollment and student consequences. She was concerned that due to the decline of middle school students enrolling in the high school would cause the high school students to not feel as stimulated socially. The board and guest briefly discussed increasing parent and student involvement at board meetings and school.

Lisa Tremain stated her concerns on prior student behavior and that consequences should be clear to the students and their parents.

Reports and Discussions

The board reviewed the health and welfare cap for the 2024-2025 school year.

The board discussed the rates for hourly positions for the 2024-2025 school year.

Action Items

The board went into closed session for an administrative employee appointment.

The board came out of closed session at 5:20 pm.

Bob Ziemer reported that the board unanimously voted to approve Adam Hess for the position of Charter Director.

Bob Ziemer and Adam Hess signed the Charter Director's Employment Agreement. Jim Hilton moved to ratify the Charter Director's Employment Agreement. Becca Hall seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the ratification of Adam Hess as Charter Director.

Danise Tomlin moved to approve, effective today, the proposed health and welfare cap for 2024-2025. Becca Hall seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Becca Hall motioned to approve the rates for the hourly positions for the 2024-2025 school year. Danise Tomlin seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55