



NAPLES CLASSICAL ACADEMY

Minutes for Meeting of the Board of Directors Meeting

May 26, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

9015 Strada Stell Ct, Naples, FL 34109 - Also available via Communications Media Technology.

Members in Attendance

- Matthew Mathias
- Tim Hall
- Derrick Ayers
- Holly Miller
- Bill Truog
- Mark Russo

School Personnel in Attendance

- Erika Donalds (call-in)
- John Brunner
- Brian Hunter

Guests

- Charles Marshall
- Susan Turner
- Melissa McMurray
- David Bolduc
- Nick Lichter
- Kelly Lichter

1. Meeting Called to Order
 - a. Mr. Mathias called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.
2. Attendance taken.
3. Community Comments: none
4. Motion to approve board meeting minutes from 04/19/2021 made by Tim Hall, seconded by Holly Miller. Vote: unanimous. (Dr. Mark Russo absent.)
5. Chairman's Report: Mr. Mathias commented on the outcome of the recent gala fundraiser. It was a great event. Next time it would be nice to include more attendee interaction.
6. Principal's Report: Mr. Brunner updated the board on planned Family Fun Event. Hillsdale teacher training will occur in July, and a community information event is planned for June. Parents and students will have an opportunity to meet faculty prior to the start of school
7. School Operations Manager's Report: Mr. Hunter reported that construction continues to progress at a rapid rate, with many milestones already met. He is on site almost every day, and has witnessed a dedicated and professional crew working. The gala event netted approximately \$50,000 and several in-kind donations to the school. 353 applications for busing have been received. Routes are being mapped in coordination with the busing vendor. Carpooling software is also an option.
8. Executive Director's Report: Mrs. Donalds is at Hillsdale, and shared that the College's leadership is very impressed with the accomplishments of the NCA team. They noted that NCA has set records among BCSI schools with their applications, currently at over 2,000. Community information event will be a chance for Hillsdale supporters to hear about the school.

[Dr. Mark Russo arrived at meeting.]

9. New Business

- a. Mr. Charles Marshall from The Optima Foundation explained Optima's experience with outsourced technology service providers at other schools, and provided a recommendation that NCA utilize an alternative approach. Optima's IT Director will manage high-level technology needs at multiple schools, and on-site technology services, for day-today needs, will be provided by an IT manager. Optima's approach would ensure better school support and increased responsiveness for support tickets.
- b. A preview of the fiscal year 2022 budget was outlined by Susan Turner from The Optima Foundation. COVID-19 related expenditures were identified, ESSER II funds were noted, and enrollment projections were explained. The board requested certain expense accounts to be broken out and itemized. The board will need to meet again in June to approve a final version.
- c. Mr. Mathias introduced the recent amended complaint, Mason Classical Academy, Inc. vs. Joseph M. Baird, which now includes Naples Classical Academy, Optima, Mr. Mathias, Mrs. Donalds, as well as Hillsdale College. Mr. Mathias wanted all board members to be aware of the pending litigation, and discussion on it may be had in a future shade session, which will be noticed accordingly, once more information is available from NCA's insurance carrier.

10. Policy Updates

- a. Motion to approve 3400 Graduation and Promotional Requirements made by Tim Hall, seconded by Bill Truog. Vote: unanimous.

11. Board members commented on the tremendous success of the gala fundraiser, the inspiring message of the speaker, and the continued need for classical education options in Collier County.

12. Bill Truog made a motion to adjourn at 7:38 P.M. Seconded by Derrick Ayers. Vote: unanimous.