

OFFICIAL MINUTES, Voted 4.18.06

NEW HAMPSHIRE EQUESTRIAN ACADEMY  
CHARTER SCHOOL

April 8, 2006  
1:00 p.m.  
60 Farmington Road, Rochester

[Next meeting schedule for Tuesday evening, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.]

Present: Leslie Brian, chair; Board members: W. Packy Campbell, Grant Myhre, Georgene Sellinger. Absent. M. Duclos. Also present, Susan Hollins, Edythe Grant, Anne Riorden.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian at 1:32 p.m. Secretary Sellinger confirmed that the meeting had been posted. Leslie will provide meeting reminders 3 days prior to meeting. Meeting notices will be added to website in addition to physical locations. There's agreement to start meetings when a quorum is present. Future meetings will be held at the 60 Farmington Road location, 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room, Rochester.

II. Approval of Minutes of March 25, 2006. Following review, motion by Myhre, 2<sup>nd</sup> Campbell: To adopt the minutes as prepared. Passed. Unanimous.

III. Reports.

Susan reported on New Hampshire state-authorized charter school funding— 1) the original plan for state aid plus state grants, 2) amendments since 2003 where state aid changed from targeted aid to a fixed amount, 3) state grant funding being deleted from budget in 2005-2006, 4) the 2 types of state-authorized charter schools—statewide choice schools (9) and district choice schools (2), and 5) current need to fix legislation to achieve return to targeted aid or a percent, e.g. 60% of average funding, and reinstating state grants.

Board reference books are being coordinated to include charter, grant, meeting minutes, proposed and voted policies.

IV. Old Business:

- a. Board insurance: Waiting for quotes. Additional potential providers noted.
- b. Bank and Post Office. Bank account in process; P.O. box retained.
- c. Facilities:  
Equine Studies building & Academic Building: One vendor was located who can build an equine studies facility 48x52 and arrange financing, providing both equine studies and academic program space in the first year (25 students). Framing and foundation may be provided by other

sources, lowering construction costs. Cost approx. \$85 sq ft. This would be the eventual equine studies facility.

Indoor arena: There is consensus to pursue the indoor arena for use prior to cold weather. Various roofing options were discussed vis-à-vis cost, longevity, and benefit.

There was consensus to go forward with a temporary location for September. This allows the school to start on schedule and affords more time to develop plans for facilities that will be built. At this time the Board is focused on opening on schedule in September in Rochester. The temporary plan will involve two locations within 5 minutes of each other: 1) a 1<sup>st</sup> floor facility for the equine studies program at 100 10 Rod Road, and 2) a 1<sup>st</sup> floor facility on Farmington Road for the academic program. Packy and Grant, property owners, will clarify modifications needed for temporary facility use approval.

The long-term plan will include three structures—academic building, indoor arena, and equine studies center. Edythe Grant will work with the Board on raising funds for facility; September is the first target date for building the first facility. The Board goal for the indoor arena is November 2006. Anne Reardon discussed fundraising project planning and information needed. She has offered to coordinate an aspect of fundraising.

Motion by Sellinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Myhre: To start immediately to implement the plan for temporary facility arrangements for a fall school opening, to include:

- 1) clarification of needed repairs and renovations for temporary equine studies space at 100 10 Road Road,
- 2) lease proposal for facility use (classrooms and offices, bathroom and kitchen use) at 60 Farmington Road (month to month),
- 3) review of both locations by Larry Hammer, inspector, to identify any approval requirements,
- 4) investigate transportation options between locations (Leslie/Susan).

Passed. Unanimous.

There is consensus to promptly continue plans for building permanent school facilities, to include: 1) clarification of land gifting (Packy, Grant, attorney), 2) development of a flyer showing location and describing the facility plan (Grant/Susan), 3) immediate start of grant-writing and philanthropy outreach (Edythe/input from board members/Susan), 4) architect-type drawing of concept plan (Georgene/Packy/Susan).

IV. New Business  
None.

V. Next Meeting:  
Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.  
60 Farmington Road, Rochester

RSA Business Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

Agenda Items to Include: Facility Update, Funding Update;  
Other: Financial Policies, Review of Charter & Grant,  
Timeline & Process for Student Enrollment

VI. Adjournment:  
Motion by Brian, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sellinger: To adjourn. Passed. Unanimous. Meeting  
adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Hollins