

DRAFT UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

NEW HAMPSHIRE EQUESTRIAN ACADEMY
CHARTER SCHOOL

January 24, 2007

6:30 p.m.

60 Farmington Road, Rochester

Present: Board members: Paul Bernard, Leslie Brian (by phone), Joseph Guadagno, Grant Myhre, Georgene Sellinger. Also present: Susan Hollins, Superintendent; Casey Heimlich, academic program coordinator; members of the staff, parents, and students.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Susan Hollins at 6:41 p.m. A quorum was present. Dr. Hollins explained that at annual organizational meetings, typically the superintendent opens the meeting until a new chairperson is voted so that the chairman vote is handled by someone other than a board member.

II. Election of Board Officers

Hollins called for nominations for Board chairman. **Nomination by Myhre; 2nd Bernard for Joseph Guadagno as Board c hairman. Passed.** 4 in favor. 1 abstention (Guadagno).

Chairman Guadagno then continued the meeting, calling for nominations of Vi ce Chairman. **Nomination by Bernard ; 2nd Sellinger for Grant Myhre to be Vice Chairman of the Board. Passed.** 4 in favor. 1 abstention (Myhre)

Nomination by Brian; 2nd Sellinger: For Paul Bernard to continue as treasurer. Mr. Bernard decline, citing concern about his term ending before the treasurer term would end. Nomination by Sellinger; 2nd Myhre: **for Packy Campbell to be board treasurer. Passed. Unanimous.** Mr. Campbell is not present tonight so his acceptance will have to be checked.

Georgene Sellinger told the board she would decline continuing as Board secretary. **Nomination by Sellinger, 2nd Myhre: For Leslie Brian to be the Board Secretary. Passed** Unanimous.

III..Facility Presentation

The Chair asked the Board for consensus to move to the presentation. All agreed. Gerard Pons presented information regarding building options, using modular construction. He presented several options for a modular building or buildings that could be set up at 100 Ten Rod Road prior to September 2007. He presented costs of set up and financing. He mentioned loan guarantees through rural development programs. Materials were provided.

The city of Rochester with population over 20,000 does not qualify for a rural development loan guarantee. Five (5) options were presented, including permanent modular buildings, an indoor arena for \$200,000, and conventional construction with lease/build financing. The Board discussed loan guarantees (finding). Follow-up needs relate to mortgage rates. No action was taken.

Regarding space for 2006-2007, Hollins discussed the need for a facility committee and an all-out effort to locate options in the next 2-3 weeks. A parent Wiles-Haffner offered to assist with this effort.

IV. Reports: Hollins provided a report which included status of asbestos plan completion, student enrollment, current financial management, grants, student population, and current initiatives with academic programming.

V..Relationship Between the Charter School & Alliance for Equestrian Studies

The board discussed various issues related to horses at 100 Ten Rod Road and the role of the Alliance—the charter school's founding entity which currently is planned to handle actual horses and their care and use. Insurance for students was discussed. Dr. Myhre said he was not requiring students to have special insurance.

VI..Fundraising

Dr. Myhre introduced who is working for him. He is planning a fundraiser for the school and XXX is handling it for 10% of the revenue. There is no commitment for the school to pay XXXX at this time. Chairman Guadagno asked Dr. Myhre if he would work on fundraising, e.g. the Kentucky Derby Party. Susan suggested that the board needs fundraising policies as it begins more active fundraising.

VII. Other.

The many items needing attention were discussed by the new chairman who said he would like to hold more frequent meetings and more focused discussion. The next meeting was set for Monday, February 12th, 2007.

VIII. Adjournment.

Motion by Brian; 2nd Myhre: To adjourn. Passed.Unanimous. Time: 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Hollins