

NEW HAMPSHIRE EQUESTRIAN ACADEMY
CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Present: Joseph Gaudagno, Chairperson; Meredith Wiles -Haffner, Grant Myhre, Georgene Sellinger, and Leslie Brian (telecom)

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

II. Reports: The chairman discussed issues he considered pertinent to the school — facility and budget. Hollins provided a comprehensive report of financial standing, and gave members a printout of each grant program and revenue source, explaining how available funding combined to support the charter school's operation.

III. Old Business:

- A. Clarifying Fundraising Details of the Derby Party: Grant explained the program, and how the fee for attending was \$10.00. For this year there will be clinics, a dinner and band, a wide screen for watching the race, etc.
- B. Academic Facility Options: Hollins reported on current status of negotiations for lease space in Rochester for 2007-2008. The Board agreed to proceed with the lease option discussed.
- C. Budget Needs for Facility: Discussed. The Board re-affirmed its commitment to work for a funding solution related to space costs, given there is no public space option for this school and that the \$3700/student will not cover space costs. The Board reviewed a one-page document to submit to districts of residence, discussed this, and endorsed giving districts the opportunity to consider its own funding policy regarding students seeking career education.
- D. Legislation and Charter School Funding: After discussion, Motion by Myhre, 2nd Wiles Haffner—to petition the state for a line item, \$30,000 for a program coordinator, as discussed. The reason related to the current shortage of large animal veterinarians receiving publicity in New Hampshire news, the school's unique program in this area, and the future options possible through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Passed. Unanimous.

IV. New Business

- A. School Recruitment. The dates proposed for continued recruitment in April and May were endorsed.
- B. Transportation. The Board endorsed locating a small vehicle for the types of incidental transport needed, using a contracting services for trips.

- C. House Refurbishing, 2nd Floor. Susan explained a proposal to paint, pull old rugs, and bring in better furniture in preparation for next year and the house being self-supporting. The Board supported this idea.
- D. Treasurer/Treasurer Pro-Tem. Meredith Wiles-Haffner agreed to function as Board Treasurer and this decision of the chairman was endorsed. Motion by Myhre; 2nd Guadagno: That Meredith Wiles -Haffner be board treasurer.
- E. Summer Session: Hollins reviewed considerations and options for this summer's session, included 1 or 2 days/week offering additional courses, offering online courses, and possibly bringing in additional students. The Board concurred with faculty that this summer may be too soon to open a summer program due to relocating space; however, the option was left open.
- F. Physical Education. Hollins explained that most students spend many hours weekly working with horses and horseback riding. She proposed that student be able to submit for alternative physical education credit. Motion Wiles - Haffner, 2nd Myhre: to approve alternative physical education credit for horseback riding and related activities.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.