

APPROVED MINUTES
NEW HAMPSHIRE EQUESTRIAN ACADEMY
CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Saturday, November 4, 2006

60 Farmington Road
Rochester, New Hampshire

Present: Chair Brian, Bernard, Campbell, Guadagno, Myhre, Sellinger. Also present: Susan Hollins.

- I. Call to Order: Chairman Brian called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. noting the full board was present.
- II. Reports: Susan reviewed the academic program, how it was progressing, and how the school was approaching teaching for mastery. Overall, given the timeline for opening the school and all of its challenges, the program is progressing well. The school has not yet defined grading standards and guidelines for mastery-oriented teaching. The board discussed mastery being 80% or B level, if it must be quantified by a grade. There was consensus for grades to be narrative, when possible, so students and parents know what is being learned and how the student is progressing in the school.

Regarding students, Susan reported that since the beginning of school, one student moved out of state, one student moved and then withdrew to attend the resident school, and one student has been accepted as a replacement student. Three other families and students are seeking information and possibly admission. Current enrollment is 24 students, including 3 students from Maine.
- III. Transportation: Paul Bernard reported on his efforts to work out a lease arrangement with the Laurent Clerc Academy for use of a new van that is temporarily available. He reviewed the terms of the lease agreement.
Motion by Myhre; 2nd Guadagno: To approve the lease arrangement for a passenger van as described and reviewed by Paul Bernard at today's meeting. Passed. Unanimous. The van will stay parked until insurance is obtained and it is ready for use.
- IV. Space for 2006-2007: a. Lease with RSA Realty, b. Lease with Myhre Real Estate

The lease with RSA Realty was discussed and reviewed. The arrangement is \$1,000/month including utilities for the 2006-2007 school year. The school seems to be working well in this space. **Motion** by Guadagno; 2nd Sellinger: To approve the lease at RSA Realty pending review by member Paul Bernard. Passed. Unanimous.

It was noted for the record that Packy Campbell was out of the room during the final discussion and vote.

Discussion of the lease with Myhre Real Estate was begun. Several different issues are intermingled—the gift of land for a future school site, the 5-year lease of the house at 100 Ten Rod Road as a student center for equine studies, the conversion of the barn property into an equestrian center and how this integrates with the school's plans and needs, and various businesses and entities involved and their interrelationship.

The lease agreement involves \$1100/month and included land. This represents \$850/month for the house and \$250/month for 5 stalls. The discussion of 15 acres of land and the lease arrangement needs dedicated time.

Motion by Guadagno, 2nd Sellinger: To review the lease as drafted, and for Paul Bernard to suggest revisions. Passed. Unanimous.

The current plan is to move into the house at the Myhre property in December at which time the van issues should also be resolved.

- V. Next meeting: It was determined to meet again at noon on Saturday, November 25th.
- VI. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Hollins

Approved November 25, 2006