

**New Dimensions High School
Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES
October 31, 2018**

Members Present:

Keith Laytham
Christina Cafiero
Jacqueline Grimm
Theresa Barrett
Ryan Adams
Lynn Sparrock
Leroy Simms
Wendy Farrell
Guests: Carla Myrie, Mike Schafer (External Independent Auditor)

Absent: Clyde Wells

Called to Order: Mr. Adams called the meeting to order at 7:40 am

Public Comments: None

Approval of Prior Minutes: Motion made by L. Sparrock, Seconded by K. Laytham, motion carried, minutes approved.

Transportation Update: Dr. Grimm presented to the board an update on the school bus transportation for the 2018-19 school year. Since the School District of Osceola County informed NDHS that they would no longer provide transportation after 20 years of doing so, without rationale, NDHS has contracted with A&S Transportation to supplement the two NDHS owned buses with 2 additional Routes. The cost of the service is \$287/day, per bus. The District also informed the school in late October that they would no longer be conducting the maintenance or inspections on our buses as of January. Dr. Grimm informed the board that we were looking into other agencies that would be able to provide this service. She also informed the Board that it was our plan to purchase two more bussed for 2019-20 and not have to contract with a costly outside company.

SRO Update: The administration reported that the SRO assigned to the school is fitting in very well and making a distinct presence on campus. Deputy David Crawford has arranged for assemblies for the students and has been in classrooms presenting to students. He also serves on the school Safety Committee and assists administration in conducting the monthly safety and severe weather drills. The school is financially set to cover the cost for the current school year as per their

Open Issues: Mike Schafer of the external auditing company presented telephonically to the Board the findings of the 2017-18 Independent Financial Audit. He began with the Auditor Opinion paragraph on page 2 of the audit stating that they gave the highest level of opinion able to give for the financial position of NDHS. He also provided an overall summary of the audit, highlighting a few areas, including the overall assets of the organization increasing from 6.2 million to 7.1 million compared to 2017. The liability has increased some however due to the mortgage of the 500 bldg. Overall the auditor stated that the organization is in strong financial position.

Motion made to accept audit be K. Laytham, 2nd by L. Sparrock. Motion carried. 2018 Financial Audit accepted.

Staff Changes: Dr. Cafiero provided an update on changes in the staff and referenced curriculum changes that were being contemplated for the 2019-18 school year.

Teacher of the Year: The 2019 Teacher of the year is Mr. Alan Farms and the School Related Employee of the year is Wanda Sanchez. The Board was informed that the School District notified us that charter schools would no longer be able to participate in the Education Foundation Teacher of the Year program unless we paid \$600. NDHS declines to pay for the opportunity to go to the dinner. However, we will acknowledge and celebrate our winners and split the \$600 between them.

Board Training: Dr. Grimm stated that she will be contracting with a company to provide the required board for new members and for those who need the update.

Adjourned: 8:45 am Motion to adjourn, T. Cafiero, 2nd by T. Barrett. Motion carried