

North Side Community School
Board of Directors
Minutes of 6/7/11 Meeting

In Attendance: J. Grote, Woolsey, Novik, Bringham, Cejka, Miller, Thorpe, Shipley, T. Grote and Gibson via phone

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:50
2. May minutes were approved
3. School Operations:

Pre-K program—Board reviewed the plan for a pre-k starting next fall. It was generally agreed that it is a good idea and a logical extension of our current program. Budget for the program was also reviewed. Attention was on the need for external, non-NSCS general revenues, and need for fundraising. Miller, who is heading the program, assured the board that the fundraising target was reasonable. Woolsey discussed specifics of the budget. Board approved the program and the budget. It will begin in August with one class of 15-18 students, all of whom will be siblings of NSCS students.

Federal Program Review report-- NSCS passed the review. The school was cited for two omissions. First was the failure to hold an Annual Meeting with parents within the first 60 days of the start of the school year. The second was lack of documentation of teacher and parent input into the planning and review of the LEA Title plan. The remedy is to ensure that both are done next year with evidence showing compliance placed in NSCS federal program papers.

UMSL Review Report—There was a discussion of the findings of the biennial review. Generally, the board's response was positive. Novik suggested that some formal response from the school was needed. The board agreed. Grote agreed to write a response that can be used as a plan for improving areas identified as needing improvement by the Review. The response will be submitted by the August meeting.

Budget for 2011-12—Budget was discussed. Concern was expressed by Woolsey that numbers are too soft in some areas due to lack of firm enrollment figures. After discussion, Grote requested that the board approve this budget but agree to review it, and revise it if necessary, when all the critical information/numbers are available (August or September meeting). The board agreed and approved the budget with stipulation that it would revisit the budget at a later meeting. The issue of the accounting procedure for income from the pre-k program (space rental, utilities, etc) was discussed. The current budget does not clearly account for these revenues and must be changed. Woolsey said that the books were to be coded over the

summer so the pre-k accounting would be clear and separate. Novik suggested an alternative method. Woolsey agreed to try it and report back.

4. Building renovation: Grote reported that permits for renovation had been approved. The conditional use hearing went well and in our favor, with Alderman Troupe writing a letter of support. The permit process has delayed work and pushed the completion date back to August 1. The project will come in well below the \$50,000 budget, according to Grote. A concerted effort to use local tradesman has been successful. Due to circumstances, Grote has assumed the role of general contractor, a position for which he is, admittedly, eminently unqualified.
5. Lease: The NBA board met in early June. Mark Anderson, the chief operating officer for NBA, reported to Grote that the board made no decision but did provide "guidance" to the committee considering the matter. He said we should know more by August. Grote was guardedly optimistic, sensing some progress, but expressed concern about NBA's chronic indecision on the matter.