



NFCS Board Meeting

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 4:30pm

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors

New Frontiers Charter School, Inc.

Meeting called to order at 4:37pm by Mario Mendiola – Board President

In attendance from the board – Joe Jesse Sanchez, Angela Grace Etter, Tom Brady, Fernando Cruz, Jeff Sprink, Alfredo Segura Jr., and Mario Mendiola

NFCS Student Choir directed by Ms. Colleen Dunn started the meeting with 10 of their 16 members present to perform

Review of Minutes was offered by Mr. Mendiola

Some confusion with previous approval of the February 25<sup>th</sup> minutes however were presented as needing approval – correction needed for date]

April 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes were the ones which needed approval tonight

They were approved and accepted by the board – T Brady made the motion and JJ Sanchez second it

Reports were delayed to discuss the following –

District presented a picture power point presentation of the Charter School Rally held in Austin the previous day – 5-6-09 where some of our staff, parents, district and one board member attended as had been done in previous year. Mr. Moreno – explained the day to the board – This was the Texas Charter School Parent Day and happened to be Government Day as well. Representative Joe Fadiuos spoke with the group as he was caught in the hallway and listened to their concerns. Representative Roland Gutierrez was the representative they wished to speak to but he was not available for and audience.

Education and Business Reports – Mr. Segura asked if there were any questions from the board on reports sent earlier to members.

Informative session took place presented by Mr. Segura on the following –

Swine Flu procedures at campus – no reports from parents on student ill with flu

Notes were sent home to be proactive in the protection against the flu, no illnesses there for the school will remain open, however if a case is reported the entire district would be closed due to all campuses on one location.

Attendance checks were done to monitor absenteeism with little change in average daily attendance rates

April 7 = 24 absences and May 5 = 36 absences no specific pattern resulted in the checking

TAKS 1<sup>st</sup> administration scores were good but not as high as district had wished

TEA news – states that the Elementary Campus 101 grades 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> will fall under the regular accountability status for the 09-10 school year. Therefore this will allow another campus to reach the Exemplary status in the future, like the 102 Early Childhood Academy Campus.

Science TAKS scores in 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades are the biggest concerns at this time.

Board Workshop day held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 – Thanks to all for attending

Variance of budget for 09-10 explained –

In 08-09 74.5 FTE (Full Time Employees) at 3.1 million

For 09-10 wish is to increase to 77.0 FTE at 3.2 million

Difference of approximately \$151,000.00

#4 Adjourned to Executive Session at 5:02pm

Re-adjourned at 6:26pm

Executive Sessions Action Items Voted on are as follows:

1. Budget Salary Agreement for 09-10 – Salary Budget ACCEPTED by Board Approval
2. Policies and Procedures – ACCEPTED by Board Approval  
Mr. Segura requested that Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Cruz be part of the Policies and Procedures Committee and Grace Etter to act as alternate in the case of one of the other board members is unable to attend a meeting, etc...
3. Expansion Plan – ACCEPTED by Board Approval

Mr. Cruz requested that Mr. Brady and Mr. Mendiola join the expansion committee to provide the boards point of view and for Ms. Etter to act as alternate in case of absence from one of the other board members.

4. National Charter School Conference in Washington DC in June 21-24, 2009 – ACCEPTED by Board Approval and then RE-APPROVED/ACCEPTED after number of individuals to attend had increased.

Discussion took place: Mr. Segura along with 3 staff members he will select will attend and two board members making a total of 6 individuals representing NFCS.

Arrangements will be made by Mr. Segura.

Final Comments:

Mr. Segura reminded the board that June's yearly board meeting revolves around the election of officers to board positions. The bi-laws will need to be checked soon.

He reminded the board that the agenda's for the meetings are not just for his and campus purposes to be discussed but for the board to also bring up items they feel need to be discussed in this form of setting. He concluded with encouraging the board to bring forth their items to be placed on the agenda through emails so they can be added as the meetings come up.

Session adjourned at 6:52pm.