

**NORTH COUNTRY UNION JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
NCUJHS Library**

**May 26, 2015 at 6:15 P.M.**

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 by chair Richard Cartee, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and called for additions or adjustments to the agenda. There were none.

II. **Motion to approve the minutes of April 28, 2015** (*Attachment A*) THERRIEN/BOSKIND **APPROVED**, NELSON Abstained

III. **Public Comments, Communication with Parents/Staff/Citizens:** Ed Barber spoke concerning his reporting in the Newport Daily Express of Roger Chaput's resignation. Ed stated that he wishes he had had an opportunity to respond when Roger went to his publisher, before Nicole's letter was sent to the Editor. Ed stated that he regrets how Roger felt about the article, but also feels that he reported accurately what was said at the meeting. Nicole shared that she was not contradicting what Ed wrote, but just trying to make clear that no disrespect was meant to Roger. Scott Boskind lauded Ed for his reporting and fact checking, stating that it is unfortunate that Roger felt badly, and that it can be hard to relay context. Ed stated that, "If there is something we can do, let us know." Richard Cartee told Ed, "I respect you as a reporter, you can only report what you hear or think you hear. Lay it to rest." Ed ended by stating, "I respect Roger so much."

Steven Farrow was in attendance to invite the Board to the Step-Up Ceremony on Friday June 12 at 6:00 pm., stating that it is, "One of our best presentations, and mercifully short."

**IV. Financial Report**

Action:

A. **Motion** to approve the Warrants. Richard would like this worded differently on future agendas, and amended his motion to state: **Motion** to approve the warrants as recommended by Richard Cartee. NELSON/MASON **APPROVED**.

B. Approve the Financial Report of April 2015 (*Attachment B*) Glenn Hankinson: As of today the Fund Balance is projected for year-end to be \$162,000.00. Ed Barber asked if there are plans for spending the surplus. Richard Cartee said that if it appears next month that there will be a surplus, the board can then commit to some projects, and that Nicole has a list of prioritized needs. Tech wiring is #1 on the list, at a \$32,000.00 rough estimate. NELSON/TETRAULT **APPROVED**

**V. Committee Reports**

**A. Building Committee**

Richard Nelson expressed to the Building Committee (Scott Boskind, Richard Cartee and Kristin Mason), "The work you have done is to be highly commended: on time, on budget, and you have saved incredible amounts of money."

Information:

A. Building Committee Minutes of April 29, 2015 (*Attachment C*)

B. Building Committee Minutes of May 22, 2015 (*Handout*)

C. Building Committee Update: Scott Boskind reviewed minutes of the 5/22 Building Committee meeting. The roof project is next, and the proposed schedule is in the Committee minutes. The project is expected to be completed by August 14<sup>th</sup>. Scott Boskind will check into changing the Anticipated Award date to July 23 (from

the 26<sup>th</sup>), so it can be done at the next Board meeting. The pipes will be cast iron, which is more expensive, but considerably less noisy than PVC.

Final Air Test: Richard Cartee stated that this should be done after the roof project, to show that there is no problem with air quality. The Board agreed.

Kincaid Refrigeration; Scott reported that it has been discovered that Kincaid is owed \$4,444.95. This has been clarified by the Building committee, who thought it had been billed and paid for. DEW subcontracted with Kincaid, but Kincaid did not have the required insurance policy that covered the crane, so DEW had them contract through Ouellette, because they do have the appropriate insurance. Kincaid is not charging any interest. DEW may be paying \$1,200.00 to cover the cost of the crane having to wait for a certified signaler to arrive.

TRANE: services our control systems, at \$16,000.00 less than the previous service, and provides a lot more.

Fund Surplus: **Motion** to solicit bids for sealing and line striping of the paved area.

NELSON/GRIFFITH **APPROVED**

Bond Tally: Glenn reported that approximately \$1,400,000.00 has been spent to date, and the final tally will be in neighborhood of \$1,500,000.00 after the roof project is completed.

Summer Soccer: The question was raised as to whether the roof project and/or the potential pavement sealing and striping will affect the summer soccer program, and whether or not they had requested use of the fields for this summer. Nicole clarified that they are a private organization, so if there is no deviation from Policy, they would just go through Annette. If there is a change from the Policy, they must come to the Board. It was agreed that it would be a good idea this year, in light of the roof and sealing/striping projects.

Ed Barber said that he will be requesting permission from the Board next month to use water for the Community Garden, if necessary.

**VI. Principal's Report** (*Attachment D*) Nicole reviewed her report. Kristin Mason asked about the Talent Show, which Nicole and Colleen reported was fantastic, with a great turn-out.

## **VII. Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Castle reported on the 2-day seminar at King Middle School in Maine. Approximately 25 NCSU teachers and administrators attended, from 6 or 7 of our schools. Over 130 people from all over the US attended, and NCSU had the largest contingent, including six Junior High staff members. King Middle School is an Expeditionary School associated with Outward Bound, and one of the strongest models anywhere in the country. John reported that KMS has high poverty and ESL student numbers. The first day of the seminar was student centered and led, while on the second day the attendees witnessed classrooms in action. John stated that it was a very enriching experience for all involved, saying our people are charged up. This type of teaching and learning involves high order thinking, is complex, and teachers put in a lot of preparation. Nicole reported that her staff will be working on incorporating this type of learning even more, starting with the June 15<sup>th</sup> in-service. She shared that this initiative can't be in pockets, it must be school-wide, and must have consistency of language.

Ed Barber asked about the ramifications of H361. John said the discussion will begin at the NCSU Board meeting on Thursday.

## VIII. New/Unfinished Business

### Information/Discussion:

A. **1:1 Computing Proposal:** Nicole reported that she has priced Google Chrome Books, with safety features. Derby just paid \$275.00 each, and we can get them for \$210.00. The Junior High would need 300 Chrome Books, at a total cost of \$63,000.00. John recommends that the Board “Take the jump if at all possible,” especially for the Middle School, but feels it would be best to do it for all – to transform the learning environment for the entire school. Glenn mentioned that a Municipal Lease might be a possibility, and he will check on it for next month. The board will look at the possibility next month, once we know if there will be a surplus. Nicole responded to an inquiry from John that the Junior High currently has three traveling labs of 15 PCs each, Language Arts have 5 or 6 PCs in their rooms, and other rooms have 1.

B. **Community Eligibility:** On its own, the Junior High will not qualify for this program, which allows all students to get free meals. If the Junior High can join with other schools, Glenn says that we might qualify. He will have more information for the next Board meeting.

### Action:

A. **Motion** to approve the FY16 IDEA-B budget (*Attachment E*) BOSKIND/THERRIEN **APPROVED**

B. **Motion** to approve awarding the copy paper bid to W.B. Mason (*Attachment F*)  
BOSKIND/MASON **APPROVED**

C. **Motion** to approve a 3% increase for Principal Nicole Corbett for the 2015-16 school year.  
GRIFFITH/BOSKIND **APPROVED**, Nelson Abstained

D. **Motion** to offer Assistant Principal Colleen Storrings a three year contract, with a 3% increase the first year, with subsequent increases to be determined. BOSKIND/MASON **APPROVED**, NELSON Abstained.

Maggie Griffith asked Nicole and Colleen about “Tier 2” infractions – what are they, what are the consequences? They explained the designation and stated that there are currently about 5 students in Tier 2. Maggie also asked if there is a particular reason why there aren’t as many problems on the busses this year. Colleen and Nicole cited PBIS, making clear that rules extend to outside of school, and fostering respect and responsibility as influences. Colleen asks for video if a bus is having a problem, and communicates with Wendy ahead of time if she hears that something may be going on. “Interventions are working.”

## IX. Other Business:

### Action:

A. **Motion** to Rescind Policy NCSU B.1 Board Member Orientation and Education\* (*Attachment P-B.1*) and to Rescind Policy NCSU B.2 Board Goal-Setting & Evaluation\* (*Attachment P-B.2*)  
NELSON/BOSKIND **APPROVED**

b. New Hires: **Motion** to ratify hiring Monique Hilliker as a Guidance Counselor and Bridget Horan Carbonetti as a Language Arts teacher. GRIFFITH/BOSKIND **APPROVED**

X. **Agenda Items/Date for Next Board Meeting:** June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Colleen and Nicole will be at the BEST Institute, but will communicate with John and Richard before the meeting.

XI. **Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:50 p.m.** to discuss Negotiations and Exempt Staff contracts, because to do so in open session would put the Board at a significant disadvantage.  
NELSON/MASON **APPROVED**

**Motion to exit Executive Session at 8:04 p.m.** NELSON/CARTEE **APPROVED**

**Action: Motion** to issue a letter of intent for employment to NCUJHS exempt staff, with salary to be contingent on the SS negotiated agreement. NELSON/MASON **APPROVED**

8:05 p.m. XII **Motion to Adjourn at 8:05 p.m.** MASON/CARTEE **APPROVED**

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<b><u>Meetings:</u></b>	<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
NCSU Policy Committee	Thursday	May 28	5:30 p.m.	NCSU A213
NCSU Executive Committee	Thursday	May 28	6:30 p.m.	NCSU A209
NCUHS Graduation	Saturday	June 6	7:00 p.m.	NCUHS Gymnasium
NCUHS Board Meeting	Tuesday	June 16	6:30 p.m.	NCCC Room 380
NCUJHS HR Committee	As needed			
NCUJHS Board Meeting	Tuesday	June 23	6:15 p.m.	NCUJHS Library