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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, August 12, 2026
New Heights School Room 105
9am-10:30am

MINUTES

I. Opening of Meeting/Call to Order
Board Chair Stephanie Bagwell called the meeting to order at 9:06am.

A. Attendance

Board of Directors:		*Ex-Officio*
Stephanie Bagwell __X__	*Angie Bohnert __X__*	*Tom Kearney (Principal/Superintendent)*
Sofie Engebretson __X__	*Cressida (CJ) Silver __X__*	*Absent- Lindsay Berberich (Bookkeeper)*
Rikk Sorenson __A__		

Visitors:
None

B. Welcome Guests/Visitors
Board Chair Stephanie Bagwell welcomed those present.

II. Review of Agenda and Minutes (action)

A. Review Agenda and Conflict of Interest
The agenda was reviewed with no changes recommended. A roll call was completed to see if anyone had a conflict of interest with the Agenda items. Votes are as follows: Stephanie- No, Sofie- No, Rikk- Absent, Angie- No, CJ- No.

B. Approval of the July 15, 2026 Minutes
On a motion by Steph, seconded by CJ, with no discussion and all present voting yes, motion passed to approve the Board of Directors' minutes from July 15, 2026.

III. Financial Report (action)

A. Financial Review
CJ presented and answered questions on the July 2026 Check Register Report on behalf of Lindsay (available on the Board of Directors' shared drive). July begins with check number 20743, ends with check number 20766.
On a motion by Angie, seconded by Sofie, with no discussion and all present voting yes, motion passed to approve the July Check Register as presented.

IV. Old Business (action)

A. Authorizer Goal Review
Goal 1: FastBridge Reading
Goal 2: MCA Reading
Goal 3: MCA Math
Goal 4: MCA Science
Goal 5: Graduation

Will determine goals 1-4 once we have all results.
Goal 5: Looking forward to this upcoming year, it looks like all students will be on track.

B. Growing Edge Discussion
Going forward with using them to help with administration transition. Will be a 2 year process. They would like to meet with the Board members together to answer questions. Looking at the morning of October 20.

V. New Business (information/action)

A. Board Goals 2026-2027

Discussion on potential goals:
- Board Drive: Organizing, linking documents to website, etc.
- Recruitment: Carl from 10Square gave a list. Work on how to solidify efforts- social media, connections with local businesses and preschools, etc.
- Fundraising: Next steps from the list developed last year
- Curriculum Committee: How-to/outline details

Angie to work on putting into measurable goal format.

VI. Policy Review (action)

A. Policy Revisions for Approval

1. #208 - Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies - Angie
   Angie lead a discussion on this policy and recommended no changes.
   On a motion by Angie, seconded by CJ, with no discussion and all present voting yes, motion passed to approve Policy #208 - Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies as presented.
2. #212 - School Board Member Development- Rikk
   Postponed until next month.
3. #506 - Student Discipline - Sofie
   Sofie lead a discussion on this policy and recommended minimal changes to include discipline related to the Cell Phone Policy.
   On a motion by Sofie, seconded by Steph, with no discussion and all present voting yes, motion passed to approve Policy #506- Student Discipline as presented.
4. #533 - Wellness - Angie
   Angie lead a discussion on this policy and recommended no changes.
   Policy to be emailed to families, family info to be dispersed at open house.
   On a motion by Angie, seconded by CJ, with no discussion and all present voting yes, motion passed to approve Policy #533 - Wellness as presented.

B. Assign Policies for September:

1. #427 - Workload Limits for Certain Special Education Teachers - Angie
2. #524 - Internet Acceptable Use - Sofie
3. #903 - Visitors to School Building with Addendum - CJ
4. #212 - School Board Member Development- Rikk

VII. Administrator's Report

Tom Kearney, Principal, gave a report on the state of the school, including the following:

- *Enrollment: Approaching 100. Had one family of 3 leave. Discussed possibility of movement from the district due to district programming.*
- *Elementary staff is getting settled!*

VIII. Receive Donations

15-20 backpacks full of school supplies from United Way!
Thanks to them!

IX. Other

None

X. Set Agenda for Next Meeting (September)

- *Review Agenda and Minutes*
- *Financial Review*
- *Authorizer Goal Review*
- *Board Goals Approval*
- *Establish Administrative Review Committee*
- *Designate Identified Official with Authority*
- *Review Policies: #427, 524, 903, 212*

- *Assign Policies: #414, 806, 503, 612*
- *Administrator's Report*
- *Receive Donations*
- *Other*
- *Set Agenda for next meeting*

XI. Adjournment

On a motion by Angie, seconded by Steph, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43am.

Next Meeting:

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 9, at 3:30pm in Room 105.

Mission: To inspire and challenge each individual to reach his or her full potential.

If you cannot attend the meeting, please call Angie Bohnert, (651) 439-1962 abohnert@newheightsschool.org