



## Meeting Minutes - 06 Sep 2023

6:00 PM, September 06, 2023 | Location: NSCA Main Conference Room

### Agenda

#### A. Call Meeting to Order (Chair, 6:00 pm)

##### 1. Attendance Roll Call

Chair	Vice Chair	Secretary	Treasurer	Director
Eric Davis	Jarvis Caldwell	Jessica Garcia	Ben Partridge	Michelle Ruehl
Present ▾	Present ▾	Present ▾	Present ▾	Present ▾

- Motion Action: Passed ▾

*Also present are parents Jamie Cooke & Courtney Salt.*

#### B. Pledge of Allegiance (Chair, 6:02 pm)

#### C. Approval of the Agenda (Chair, 6:03 pm)

I move that we Approve the Agenda for the Sep 6, 2023 NSCA Board Meeting.

1st Motion: Jarvis Caldwell ▾ 2nd Motion: Michelle Ruehl ▾

Discussion: None ▾

Discussion Comment:

- Roll Call:

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Eric Davis	Jarvis Caldwell	Jessica Garcia	Ben Partridge	Michelle Ruehl
Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾

- Motion Action: Passed ▾

## D. Comments:

### 1. Public Comments - None

- Each presenter is limited to 3 minutes

Members of the public shall be allowed to address the Board by sending written comments to the Board Secretary at Tara.Jennings@newsommitcharter.org, identifying the subject "PUBLIC COMMENT" in the subject line of the email. All comments must include the name of the person submitting the comment, as well as contact information. Comments sent in anonymously, or by someone who cannot be identified from his or her email address, will not be read at the Board meeting. Comments must be received by 12:00 noon on the day of the meeting. Written comments must be no more than 400 words (approximately 3 minutes), and must not contain profanity, must not reference student names, and must not defame any individual/s by name. Public comments that do not abide by these requirements will not be shared publicly.

### 2. Board Comments

Mr. Davis recounted his recent father/son trip to Yellowstone & visiting a local military museum.

Mr. Partridge commented on his daughters' happiness & excitement with her school experience so far.

Mrs. Ruehl reported that her move back to Colorado Springs has been very well received by her children.

### 3. Executive Director Comments

Mrs. McClelland reported:

Gym occupancy awaiting the final approval, no later than Monday.

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be Oct 2nd, during October Count.

Monument Academy has already signed on to rent the gym.

Sept 7th, MA Athletic Director will be doing a walk thru prior to our CHSAA gym inspection.

The CHSAA gym inspection will be Sept 18th.

Mrs. Reissig gave a quick run down on the new sports program. NSCA Volleyball tryouts will begin Sept 7th and held at the park.

Our sports program is in test mode with our Flurries Running Club and Girls Volleyball Club. We will also be creating a winter Basketball club.

More club sports are being planned for the spring and a cross country club for the fall.

Mrs. Garcia gave a quick run down regarding the new Flurries Running Club which begins this week. We have 90 kids signed up. Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Meets will be held on Sundays at the USAFA. They are currently in the process of creating TShirts.

Mrs. McClelland continued her updates:

Milling and paving of the parking lot is complete. During the process we were informed that the 2 inch milling depth would likely only provide the school with approximately 1.5 to 2 years before the need for services. While an extra 2 inches (4 total) would buy the school 3-5 years before any major servicing.

NSCA's External Review is scheduled for October 5. There is more information in the Information section of this board meeting. And a full review will be given at the next Board meeting.

Work on the Strategic Plan has recommenced with Mrs. McClelland working on a RACY model that will delegate who is responsible for what part of the plan. More to come.

Mr. Caldwell asked if there were any COVID updates. Mrs. McClelland made known that there will not be a mask mandate at the school and reporting would continue as before.

### E. Consent Agenda/Written Reports (Chair, 6:20 pm)

1. Minutes from the Aug 09 2023 Meetings (Tara Jennings)
2. Enrollment & Waitlist (Kelsey Jones)
3. Marketing (Nikki Reichart)
4. Personnel (Maureen Hilborn)
5. Construction & Facilities (John Coppin)
6. School Events & Board Participation Opportunities (Tara Jennings)
7. DAC Updates (James Ravetti)

I move that we approve the Consent Agenda for the Sep 6, 2023 NSCA Board Meeting.

1st Motion: Jarvis Caldwell ▾ 2nd Motion: Ben Partridge ▾

Discussion: None ▾

Discussion Comment:

- Roll Call:

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Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾

- Motion Action: Passed ▾

### F. Information (6:15 pm)

1. Mill Levy (Becky Allan)

Mrs. Allan presented a strictly informative review of the upcoming Mill Levy Override (MLO) that will be on the November Ballot. The MLO is a BOE approved, voter-approved measure to fund local schools. This MLO would use a three-year phased approach to fully fund and would raise up to \$35-million per year. Currently, regarding Per Pupil Revenue, D20 is THE lowest; 178th out of 178 districts. With D20's MLO amount being far less than comparable districts. Colorado ranks 50th out of 50 states for pay gap. There have only been 2 MLOs in the history of D20; 1999 and 2008. Uses for MLO monies are limited to:

Increase teacher & support staff salaries

Facility maintenance & improvements

Expand armed security officers to all elementary schools

Funding for D20 Charter Schools for educational purposes

If passed, collections would start in the spring, distribution in the next school year.

More information can be found on the D20 website.

## 2. School Performance Framework (Jennifer Strawbridge)

Mrs. McClelland and Mrs. Reissig both affirmed Erin Rivera for her hard work on implementation of this testing and diligence in minimizing opt outs.

Opt outs went from 81 students the previous year to 10 this year!

There was an 11.7 point drop from 2022 to 2023 in overall framework points earned.

In Elementary:

CMAS ELA performance continues to MEET state expectations

CMAS mathematics grade level performance overall rating is APPROACHING state expectations

CMAS ELA median growth percentile continues to MEET state expectations.

Additional data in the 2023 NSCA SPF reveals that minority students are EXCEEDING state growth expectations in ELA.

CMAS mathematics median growth percentile is now APPROACHING state expectations.

Additional data in the 2023 NSCA SPF reveals that minority students are MEETING state growth expectations in mathematics.

In Middle School:

CMAS ELA grade level performance improved from the 41<sup>st</sup> %ile to the 64<sup>th</sup> %ile rank improving their rating from APPROACHING to MEETING state expectations

CMAS mathematics grade level performance improved from the 19<sup>th</sup> %ile to the 30<sup>th</sup> %ile rank, however, the overall rating remains with a rating of APPROACHING state expectations

CMAS ELA median growth percentile remained the same from 2022 to 2023 and continues to be APPROACHING state expectations

CMAS mathematics median growth percentile did not have enough students to report data last year. With additional students added during the 2023 CMAS administration we are able to see that the median growth percentile for NSCA mathematics is at the 36<sup>th</sup> %ile, APPROACHING state expectations

## 3. Finance Update (Glenn Gustafson)

The 2023 Fiscal Year Audit is complete. Mr. Gustafson affirmed Maureen Hilborn for her hard work and dedication. Usually a charter school audit will have 100s of entry adjustments, we had only 3! There was a \$578,000 gain in revenues over expenditures.

Mr. Gustafson is in the process of closing out August.

## 4. D20 October External Review (Jenn Reissig)

The D20 External Review will be Oct 5. It consists of 6 to 8 external people eg. other charter principals, community members, panel of our staff, other content experts and is centered around Student Engagement.

There will be more updates to come.

### **G. Discussion (7:25 pm)**

1. None

### **H. Action**

1. None

## I. Other Items

### 1. Executive Session

I move that we enter into Executive Session, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(F), to discuss language around controversial issues and personnel matters and evaluation of the Executive Director. 1st

Motion: Ben Partridge ▾ 2nd Motion: Jarvis Caldwell ▾

Discussion: None ▾

Discussion Comment:

- Roll Call:

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Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾

- Motion Action: Passed ▾

I move that we end this Executive Session.

1st Motion: Michelle Ruehl ▾ 2nd Motion: Jarvis Caldwell ▾

Discussion: None ▾

Discussion Comment:

- Roll Call:

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Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾

- Motion Action: Passed ▾

## J. Adjourn (Chair, 8:00 pm)

I move that we adjourn the Sep 6, 2023 NSCA Board Meeting.

1st Motion: Jarvis Caldwell ▾ 2nd Motion: Michelle Ruehl ▾

Discussion: None ▾

Discussion Comment:

- Roll Call:

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Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾

- Motion Action: Passed ▾

# Scribe

Tara Jennings

## Action Items

- Email Board Brad Miller's speech video
- Get Becky Allan a Yeti shirt
- Set a before or after school presentation for staff by Becky Allan

## Next Meeting Agenda Items for October

- D20 External Review/Site Visit
- Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) review- if available
- Review Quarterly financial report July - September
- Arial