

MINUTES
of the meeting of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS of SOMERSET ACADEMY OF LAS VEGAS
February 24, 2014

The Board of Directors of Somerset Academy of Las Vegas held a public meeting on February 24, 2014 at 6:00 pm at 7038 Sky Pointe Dr., Las Vegas, Nevada 89131.

1. Call to order, roll call

Board Chair Crystal Thiriot called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Board Members Will Harty, Eric Brady, Cody Noble, Scott Hammond and Crystal Thiriot.

Absent were Board Members Eric Elison and Amy Malone.

Also present were Principal Jefferson, Principal Barlow, Principal Kelley, Principal Lea, Principal Farmer and Academica Nevada Representatives Ryan Reeves, Robert Howell, Kristie Fleisher and Carlos Segrera.

2. Public Comment

Naomi Cordner addressed the Board. Ms. Cordner stated that she was a parent of a Somerset Academy student and a Somerset Academy teacher. Ms. Cordner stated that she would like to see a reduction in Kindergarten class sizes and expressed to the Board how kindergarten class size reduction could be attained.

Larry McKnight addressed the Board. Mr. McKnight stated that he was a teacher with Somerset Academy. Mr. McKnight stated that he was concerned that if class sizes were reduced in the lower grades the upper grades would see an increase in class sizes.

Kelsey Strickland addressed the Board. Mrs. Strickland stated that she was a physical education teacher with Somerset Academy. Mrs. Strickland expressed concern with the size of classes that she teaches.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the January 14, 2014 Meeting.

Mr. Hammond motioned to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2014 meeting. Mr. Noble seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved.

4. Principal's Report.

Principal Farmer addressed the Board. Principal Farmer stated that the Somerset Academy Emerson Campus was gearing up for an Accreditation review. Principal Farmer informed the Board that Somerset Academy Stephanie Campus had an upcoming informational meeting for new students.

Principal Kelley addressed the Board. Principal Kelley stated that Somerset Academy Oakey was preparing for an Accreditation review. Principal Kelley informed the Board that Somerset Academy Losee Campus had an upcoming informational meeting for new students.

Principal Jefferson addressed the Board. Principal Jefferson reported on the events that had recently taken place at her campus and upcoming events. Principal Jefferson stated that a library committee had been formed to better the library at the Sky Pointe Campus.

Principal Barlow addressed the Board. Principal Barlow reported that academic planning binders had been prepared for all middle and high school students. Principal Barlow reported on school events that had recently taken place at his campus and upcoming events. Assistant Principal Pendleton reported to the Board on the progress taking place with the Sky Pointe Campus' Junior Achievement Program.

Principal Lea addressed the Board. Principal Lea reported that a Somerset Academy parent had donated 27 used computers to the Somerset Academy North Las Vegas Campus for a new computer lab. Principal Lea reported on events that had recently taken place at her campus and upcoming events.

5. Status Report on Enrollment and New Facilities.

Mrs. Fleisher addressed the Board. Mrs. Fleisher reported that the Somerset Academy Sky Pointe Campus and the Somerset Academy North Las Vegas Campus were fully enrolled for the 2014-2015 school year. Mrs. Fleisher reported that the Somerset Academy Stephanie Campus was 90% full. Mrs. Fleisher stated that Somerset Academy Stephanie Campus was hosting an open house to help fill up the remaining seats in the middle school. Mrs. Fleisher reported that the Somerset Academy Losee Campus had available seats in 5th Grade-9th Grade. Mrs. Fleisher stated that Somerset Academy Losee Campus was hosting an open house to help fill up the remaining seats at their campus.

Mr. Noble asked Mrs. Fleisher how the registrars would address a situation in which a parent had enrolled their child at multiple Somerset Academy campuses. Mrs. Fleisher responded that a report was produced weekly by the registrars to identify students that are enrolled at more than one Somerset Academy campus and that once a student was identified as having enrolled in more than one Somerset Academy campus a phone call is made to their family to confirm which Somerset Academy campus their student will be attending.

Mr. Reeves gave a brief report to the Board on the status and progress of construction at the Somerset Academy Sky Pointe, Losee and Stephanie campuses.

Mr. Howell addressed the Board. Mr. Howell stated that he wanted to make the Board aware of two possible K-8th Grade sites that could serve as feeder schools into Somerset Academy Sky Pointe and Losee High Schools. Mr. Howell reported that the first site was near

Wheelbarrow Peak Drive and Craig Road. Mr. Hammond asked Mr. Howell how far the Wheelbarrow site was from the Somerset Academy Sky Pointe Campus. Mr. Howell responded that the Wheelbarrow site was approximately 2.5 miles away from the Somerset Academy Sky Pointe Campus.

Mr. Howell reported that the second site he wanted to present was at Durango Drive and Moccasin Road. Mr. Howell reported that the Moccasin site was approximately 12 acres. Mrs. Thiriot asked Mr. Howell which road would be used for access to the school. Mr. Howell responded that school traffic would be directed to Durango Road.

6. Discussion and Action regarding future Administrative Structure and, if necessary, Candidate search for Director of Education.

A lengthy discussion was held among Board Members and school administrators regarding the future administrative structure of Somerset Academy. It was the consensus of the Board for Academica Nevada to gather greater information regarding the job description of a Director of Education. Mr. Reeves confirmed that he would gather information regarding the duties of a Director of Education and disseminate that information to each individual Board Member.

7. Report on proposed Gasification Plant near the future Losee Campus.

Mr. Reeves addressed the Board. Mr. Reeves reported a gasification plant was being considered for approval by the city of North Las Vegas that was approximately 1000 ft. away from the Somerset Academy Losee Campus. Mr. Reeves stated that the City Council of North Las Vegas was having a meeting on March 9th and one of the agenda items of the City Council Meeting was regarding the approval of the proposed gasification plant near the Somerset Academy Losee Campus. Mr. Reeves stated that as a staff representative of the Board his counsel to the Board was for them to focus on factual information that directed towards the safety of Somerset Academy students.

Board Member Eric Elison phoned into the meeting during agenda item #7.

Jenny Moss a representative of the parent group Citizens of North Las Vegas United gave a presentation to the Board regarding potential safety concerns of the proposed gasification plant near the Somerset Academy Losee Campus. Mrs. Moss stated that Citizens of North Las Vegas United was asking for Somerset Academy to publicly oppose the approval of the proposed gasification plant. Mrs. Moss stated that Citizen of North Las Vegas United was also asking that Somerset Academy disseminate information to all Somerset Academy North Las Vegas Campus and Losee Campus parents regarding the dates and times of town hall meetings addressing the proposed gasification plant.

A lengthy discussion was held among Board Members and staff regarding the stance that Somerset Academy should take on the proposed gasification plant. Mr. Hammond motioned for staff to draft a message encouraging and advising Somerset Academy North Las Vegas and

Somerset Academy Losee parents to attend city meetings regarding the proposed gasification plant and that the letter be approved by Board Members Will Harty and Cody Noble before it is disseminated.

8. Review of School Financial Performance.

Mr. Segrera addressed the Board. Mr. Segrera gave a report to the Board on the school's financial standing by presenting and reviewing the school's balance sheet and profit/loss statements.

9. Approval of 2014-2015 Annual Budget.

Mr. Segrera presented a tentative 2014-2015 annual budget. Upon motion and second, the Board unanimously voted to approve the tentative 2014-2015 annual budget.

10. Discussion and Action regarding Procedures and Standards for Curriculum changes.

A discussion was held among the Board regarding procedures and standards for curriculum changes. It was the consensus of the Board for a committee to be formed at a following Board Meeting to address curriculum and procedure changes to the Somerset Academy Charter.

11. Discussion and Action regarding Class Sizes.

Mrs. Thiriot stated that she would like the class size of K-5th grade classes to have a maximum of 25 students with the exception of Board action being taken to increase the size of a class due to special circumstances. Mr. Howell addressed the Board. Mr. Howell agreed with Mrs. Thiriot that K-5th grade class sizes should not exceed 25 students. Mr. Howell stated that he felt it was in the best interest of Somerset Academy not to amend the charter to implement hard caps on class sizes and explained why. Mr. Hammond stated that he would like a mechanism put into place where if a special circumstance is to arise with enrollment that Board Members and school administration are notified of any need to increase above the targeted class size. Mr. Reeves stated that he would present to the Board at a following Board Meeting an amendment to the school's current enrollment policy for approval that addresses a special circumstance in which there would be a need for an increase in class size above the school's targeted class size.

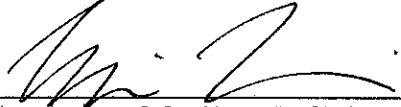
12. Public comments and discussion.

There was no request for public comment.

13. Adjournment.

Upon motion and second, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

Approved on: 04/22/14

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**Secretary of the Board of Directors
Somerset Academy of Las Vegas**

Somerset Academy

Financial Summary as of 3-31-14

Financial News, Notes, and Updates

1. State Reduced their Sponsor Fee from 1.5% to 1%. This Increase of Revenues by \$83,954 for 13-14.
 2. State Reduced their Per Pupil Funding from \$6,406 to \$6,395. This decreases Revenue by \$31,519 for 13-14.
- * Per Pupil Funding was reduced based on Taxes and Outside Revenue Adjustments after the 1st Qtr. Year end adjustments are usually made increasing funding closer to originally anticipated numbers.
3. SPED Part B Funding Receivable for \$137,481.45 was entered dated 12-31-13.

	3rd Qtr	Budgeted P/L for 3rd Qtr	Variance
Sky Pointe	\$ 74,609.35	\$ (65,658.05)	\$ 140,267.40
North Las Vegas	\$ 181,010.73	\$ 17,003.61	\$ 164,007.12
Oakey	\$ (28,308.42)	\$ (38,310.25)	\$ 10,001.83
Emerson	\$ (1,676.78)	\$ (21,970.13)	\$ 20,293.35
All Campuses	\$ 225,634.88	\$ (108,934.82)	\$ 334,569.70

	July - March	Budgeted P/L for July - March	Variance
Sky Pointe	\$ 685,596.26	\$ 259,037.25	\$ 426,559.01
North Las Vegas	\$ 385,099.54	\$ 52,323.87	\$ 332,775.67
Oakey	\$ (108,615.08)	\$ (105,429.20)	\$ (3,185.88)
Emerson	\$ 14,503.65	\$ (32,975.25)	\$ 47,478.90
All Campuses	\$ 976,584.37	\$ 172,956.67	\$ 803,627.70

Unbudgeted Expenditures

Sky Pointe	\$ 84,683.49	* Curriculum
North Las Vegas	\$ 48,984.80	* Curriculum
	\$ 19,494.95	* Surveillance System
Oakey	\$ 6,712.81	* Curriculum
Emerson	\$ 23,665.25	* Curriculum
	\$ 23,430.04	* Legal Fees
Total	\$ 206,971.34	