

**ACADEMY FOR SCIENCE AND DESIGN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**APPROVED MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2007 MEETING
at New Hampshire Center for School Reform, Concord NH**

In attendance: Trustees Michael Fishbein , Joseph Klewicki, Susan Hollins, Karen Graham, and Tom Popik. Carla Proulx and Ken Maser also attending.

1. Call to Order: Acknowledging a quorum of the Board, Michael Fishbein called the meeting to order at 5:50 PM.
2. Discussion of Essays for Student Applications . Sue Hollins presented quotes from several essays by students for their applications to ASD .
3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting. Michael Fishbein moved to approve minutes from the February 16, 2007 meeting. Graham seconded. Unanimously approved.

Lucille Jordan, Trustee, joined the meeting.

4. Negotiation of Lease for Space. Two locations are under consideration, both in Merrimack. Motion by Klewicki to make offers on the space. Seconded by Jordan. Unanimously approved. Motion by Klewicki to empower Michael Fishbein and Sue Hollins to enter negotiations and sign a lease. Seconded by Graham. Unanimously approved.
5. School Calendar. Sue Hollins presented a proposed 180 day school calendar. School would open on September 17, 2007 , with the possibility of an earlier opening, to be later decided. Motion by Klewicki to approve the calendar. Seconded by Graham. Unanimously approved.
6. Employment Agreement. Sue Hollins presented a draft employment agreement prepared by the school attorney. The agreement has the following benefit features for full-time employees; part-time employees will be addressed at a later time.

1. 15 days maximum paid leave per year, including 5 days available sick leave per year that may be used for sickness in the Employee's immediate family.
2. \$3,000 per year health insurance for the individual employee only or optional other benefit up to \$3,000 with provisos:
 - a. Proof of health insurance is required for all employees
 - b. Up to \$5,000 can be granted for health insurance benefit if proof is presented that health insurance cannot be obtained for \$3,000.

Board will adopt this employment agreement as amended subject to final changes by our attorney. Klewicki moved to approve this agreement. Seconded by Graham. Unanimously approved.

7. Encumbrance of Start-Up Grant. Motion by Klewicki to encumber start-up grant in accordance with start-up grant guidelines. Seconded by Graham. Unanimously approved.

8. Discussion of State Funding. The school currently expects to receive \$180,000 in state aid and a \$66,000 state grant.

9. Request to State for Extra Funding. There was a discussion about approaching the State of New Hampshire for extra funding. The outlines of a motion were discussed, including:

1. ASD would be a critical part of science education in our state.
2. ASD has a funding problem.
3. Specifics of what we ask for.

It was decided that the clerk would draft the details of a letter /motion to be sent to the Finance Committee of the New Hampshire Senate, with the final draft to be circulated by email. Trustees provided their signatures to be affixed to the letter. The associated motion is attached to these minutes. So moved by Graham. Seconded by Klewicki. Unanimously approved.

10. Motion to Adjourn. Jordan moved to adjourn. Seconded by Graham. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm .

Next meeting date and time is to be determined by the Chairman.

Respectfully submitted:

Tom Popik,
Board Secretary

Resolution to Petition for a Science Lab at the Academy for Science and Design, a publicly supported charter school:

At a duly warned meeting held on April 26, 2007, the Board of Trustees of the Academy for Science and Design made the following resolution:

Whereas, the Academy for Science and Design is the first statewide science-specialized and research-based public school in the State of New Hampshire;

Whereas, almost all other states, particularly states that compete for high technology jobs, have statewide science-specialized high schools and, further, that other state legislatures appropriate specific funds for their statewide science-specialized high school, e.g. for research labs or operational costs;

Resolved by the Academy for Science and Design Board of Trustees:

To respectfully petition Governor Lynch and the Finance Committee of the New Hampshire Senate to recognize the importance of The Academy for Science and Design to New Hampshire colleges, corporations, and students, and to provide a \$50,000 line item in the FY 2008 & 2009 state budget to equip the Academy for Science and Design physical science and engineering research lab.

Signed by the Board of Trustees this 26th day of April 2007.