

**Minutes of the Meeting of
The Davidson Academy of Nevada
Governing Board**

November 27, 2006

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Governing Board was called to order at 2:00pm at The Davidson Academy of Nevada, 1670 N. Virginia Street 2nd Floor, Reno, Nevada.

Roll Call

Chairman Bob Davidson, President Jan Davidson, Members Milton Glick, Annette Whittemore, Brian Krolicki, Keith Rheault, Mark Herron and Hon. Bruce R. James were present at roll call. Sen. Richard H. Bryan was present via telephonic conferencing. Clerk of the Board, Stacy Colwell, was also present.

Welcome and Introductions were completed by Chairman Bob Davidson and President Jan Davidson

Approval of Minutes from meeting of August 21, 2006

Motion was made by Hon. Bruce R. James for approval of the August 21, 2006, meeting minutes. It was seconded by Senator Richard H. Bryan. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Member Annette Whittemore for approval of the Agenda. It was seconded by Member Brian Krolicki. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Stacy Colwell, Director of The Davidson Academy of Nevada, introduced Academy students Jessica Kim and Kestrel Schmidt who presented the proposed school mascot, a phoenix, and the school colors of red and gold. They reported that the student body had voted by majority for these choices. Motion to adopt the mascot and school colors was made by Member Brian Krolicki and seconded by Senator Richard H. Bryan. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Colwell provided a general program update to the Board, advising teacher conferences were scheduled to be completed the following week. She advised that Academy Dialogue meetings have proven to be a successful vehicle for communication and assessment, and will continue. Curriculum Specialist, Bob Schultz, visited the Academy, completed a program evaluation as well as met with parents and instructors. He will continue to assist the Academy with future

curriculum assessment and planning. With continued program assessment many changes have already been implemented within the semester.

During Ms. Colwell's report, Hon. Bruce R. James suggested that as the program developed he encouraged the Academy to invite public speakers to present to the students. Resources include the Nevada Humanities Counsel, Desert Research Institute, UNR on campus seminars by department, Nevada's State Industry/Resources (gaming, mining & ranching) and the Rotary Clubs. He additionally suggested that the students give presentations to the many Rotary Clubs in the State of Nevada.

Ms. Colwell informed the Board that all Academy students are required to participate in Nevada State Standardized Testing. Students will be assessed and assigned a grade level and will then be administered the appropriate test for that grade level. Member Keith Rheault advised that this is required for future Reporting and Funding on a State and National level.

Ms. Colwell reported on the Academy's plan for Accreditation. The application is a long involved process which has just begun. Once the Academy begins the application it will obtain Provisional Accreditation. Hon. Bruce R. James questioned whether the Academy could obtain joint accreditation through the University of Nevada, Reno.

Ms. Colwell presented the Academy UNR Course Guidelines and discussed the schedule for the Spring 2007 Semester. Member Annette Whittemore asked whether team athletics, marching band or other organized extracurricular activities were available to Academy students at other area public schools. Ms. Colwell confirmed that this was an option for Academy students and in fact one student was already a member of the marching band at a local school.

Ms. Colwell then introduced Katie Graham, Director of Outreach.

Hon. Bruce R. James requested that at future board meetings that the Governing Board is able to visit with students. Ms. Colwell stated that she would set this up for the next meeting.

Katie Graham, Director of Outreach reported that community outreach efforts continued including, passing of brochures on the University campus, E-lists, national media coverage through CNN, as well as upcoming media events through Time Magazine and ABC Nightline.

Mark Herron, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer provided the Board with the Legislative update. He advised that there were some things that needed to be addressed concerning Senate Bill 461, including Distributed Student Account funding, further definition of the term "Profoundly Gifted", and student qualification for the Davidson Academy. He also advised that the Regulations written by Superintendent of Education, Keith Rheault, on behalf of the Academy were deemed as inappropriate by the Legislative Counsel Bureau Legal staff. Meeting guest Alfredo Alonzo, addressed the Board on this subject and advised that because the Academy is a public school, regulations were desirable.

Senator Richard H. Bryan suggested to the Board that the issue of the regulations be further considered by Mr. Alonzo and asked that he report back to the Board.

Member Annette Whittemore questioned whether the Millennium Scholarship will be available to graduates of the Davidson Academy. Member Brian Krolicki confirmed that currently the Millennium Scholarship is only available to graduates of the Washoe County School District. Chairman Bob Davidson suggested that the Board needs further clarification on the availability of the Millennium Scholarship for Davidson Academy graduates.

Colleen Harsin, Director of Admissions, reported that some changes have been implemented to the admissions process. Applications are still being reviewed on a monthly basis however the time to submit a completed application for the Fall 2007 Term has been shortened and they are due no later than January 16, 2007. The application submission time was shortened in order to complete assessments of incoming students prior to the beginning of the term. Outside committee member application review, Davidson Institute staff interviews and interviews with applicants and parents at the Academy will all be completed prior to acceptance.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

Public Comments

There was no public comment at this time.

Review of Meeting Schedule for 2006/2007

The Governing Board agreed upon the following meeting schedule:

Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at 2:00pm

Monday, June 11, 2007 at 2:00pm

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the members of the Governing Board in public meeting, Chairman Bob Davidson declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Stacy Colwell, Clerk