

**High School for Recording Arts  
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, August 28, 2007, 9:00 am**

Board Members in attendance: Paula Anderson, Wayne Jennings, Layne Bellamy, Carei Thomas, and Darryl Young (arrived toward the end of item #6).

Ex Officio and others: Education Director Bryan Rossi; David Ellis, Anthony Simmons, and Bonita Hughes of Studio 4; Andrew Adelman of Designs for Learning

Note: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise stated.

1. Call to order – the meeting was called to order by the Chair, Wayne Jennings, at 9:05.
2. Approval of agenda - approval of the Agenda as presented was moved by Jennings; seconded by Anderson, and carried.
3. Approve Minutes of June 5, 2007 Board meeting - approval of the Minutes as presented was moved by Bellamy; seconded by Anderson, and carried.
4. Financial updates - there was no financial update. Rossi noted, changes since previous meeting have been minimal.
5. Director's Report (Rossi / Ellis)
  - Enrollment update - Rossi reported, currently there are 151 students enrolled, about 20 students ahead of this time last year. Goal is 220 students enrolled.
  - Staffing updates - there were four new hires: Terry Gray, advisor; Bjorn Briel (Studio 4 ), advisor; Ashley Morgan, special ed. para; Dan Newirth, special education advisor (replaces Keith Wideman). A math teacher, Ryan Gottfried, was hired but then resigned. There were two terminations: Keith Wideman, special ed facilitator, and Anissa Thompson, special education para.
  - Facility/property acquisition updates - no updates to the acquisition of new property; Jennings noted, a meeting is being scheduled to continue to pursue a potential new facility. Anderson reported that improvements to the entrance to the facility are underway; also a number of smaller improvements including ventilation and bathrooms. There is a proposed new 3-year lease for the space at 550 Vandalia Street. Ellis reported the landlord has agreed to make \$100,000 worth of leasehold improvements; he recommended HSRA remain at the current facility and approve the lease. Board discussed, after which **Jennings moved approval of renewal of lease for 550 Vandalia for three years, per lease terms; seconded by Thomas, and carried.**
  - Grant update - Rossi reported, an after-school and summer arts programming grant proposal has been submitted, a collaboration with El Colegio charter school. Anderson reported, CES has a networking grant for HSRA for this year but is seeking a renewal of mentoring grant support for work with the new HSRA-model school in Los Angeles, the Media Arts Academy. **Jennings moved approval of submission of these grants, and to authorize carrying out grant activities if approved; seconded by Anderson, and carried.** Simmons reported, HSRA should be getting the second installment of New York Center for Charter School Center for Excellence grant, to support development of HSRA-model school in New York. After further discussion of HSRA's activities supporting the establishment of the Media Arts Academy in Los Angeles, **Anderson moved HSRA be involved in a mentoring relationship with the Media Arts Academy in Los Angeles; seconded by Bellamy, and carried.**
  - Summer planning updates - Anderson reported, four committees worked during the summer and presented to staff: reading, math, projects, and special education. There have also been a number of other training activities with staff this month (sexual harassment, Nonviolent Crisis Intervention, MAP testing).
6. Development update - Simmons noted, planning continues for HSRA's 10-year anniversary celebration; planning group have met with an event planner and will be consulting with her. Have received a \$7,000 donation from the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity to support this work. **Anderson moved acceptance of donations**

**from outside organizations to support 10th anniversary celebrations, and to establish a bank account for this and authorize expenditures for this purpose; seconded by Thomas, and carried.** Also, Ellis reported that he is negotiating with MTV for a fee for them to do filming at the HSRA site, and also working on a proposal for merchandizing in collaboration with Studio4. **Jennings moved to authorize Studio4 to explore a relationship with MTV; seconded by Anderson, and carried.**

7. Board Committee reports

- School Improvement Committee - Rossi reported, meetings should be established once the Board has established its calendar. School improvement activities will be informed by work carried out by the committees. Goals are to be presented at the next Board meeting.
- Parent Advisory Committee – no report.
- Technology updates - provided by David Kingsbury, via Video Chat from Los Angeles - is doing tech set-up for the Center for Media Arts, will be there all week; new server is being set up for HSRA and Mike Guill is setting up workstations for the new school year.

8. Board planning

- Meeting schedule for future Board meeting dates - meetings are to be held Wednesdays at the school, at 9:00 am. Meeting dates will be October 10; November 14; December 19; February 6; March 19; April 30; June 11 – **Approval of this schedule was moved by Jennings, seconded Anderson, and carried.**
- Fall 2007 elections planning – Board discussed staggered terms vs. all members elected every two years which has been the practice. **Jennings moved Amendment of Bylaws for three-year terms; and to move to staggered terms in which two or three members are elected; Anderson seconded, and the motion carried.** It was clarified that terms for members elected at this election will be either two or three years; who serves which terms will be decided after the election. Board agreed that all individuals present would act as a nominating committee. Anderson nominated Layne Bellamy to run for another term; Anderson nominated Darryl Young; Ellis nominated Carei Thomas; Simmons nominated Jennings; Young nominated Anderson. The community meeting Thursday also will be opened for nominations. Studio4 will facilitate the election process including collecting any further nominations, mailing out ballots, and counting ballots when they come in. Ballots are to be sent out by Friday Sept. 14; to be returned by Monday, Oct. 1.
- Board business for 2007-08 - addressed in the above.

9. Other business - Rossi reported, he is now a member of the MN Association of Charter Schools Board of Directors; also reported on a number of visits to the school, past and upcoming. Also attendees discussed desirability of closer coordination with the MN Association of Alternative Programs, especially to support the MAAP Stars program, and try to incorporate techniques from this at HSRA.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20.

Respectfully submitted by Andrew Adelman