

**High School for Recording Arts
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 8, 2008, 9:00 am**

Board Members in attendance: Wayne Jennings, Carei Thomas, Paula Anderson, and Darryl Young.

Absent: Layne Bellamy

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

1. Call to order – the meeting was called to order by the Chair, Jennings, at 9:10.
2. Approval of agenda – moved by Jennings; seconded by Thomas, and carried.
3. Minutes
 - Approve Minutes of June 11, 2008 Board meeting – two typo's were identified. Jennings moved approval of the Minutes as corrected; seconded by Anderson, and carried.
 - Approve Minutes of August 20, 2008 Annual Board meeting – Jennings moved approval of the Minutes; seconded by Anderson, and carried.
 - Approve Minutes of September 25, 2008 special Board meeting – it was noted that this meeting was announced Sept. 16 (called for purpose of discussing potential to purchase property for HSRA). Board discussed possibilities for developing new space for the school, after which Jennings moved approval of the Sept. 25 meeting Minutes; seconded by Anderson, and carried.
4. Financial updates
 - 2007-08 audit status update – no report (it was noted that Bonnie Hughes and Layne Bellamy are at a training for the school meal program audit).
 - 2008-09 financial status – Ellis reported, HSRA has a healthy bank status (a financial report was sent by email from Designs for Learning to Hughes the previous evening and was subsequently forwarded to the Board).
5. Director's Report
 - Enrollment update – Rossi reported, enrollment is now 209, with ADM to date at 218. There have been as many as 230 students enrolled. Budget is based on 200.
 - Staffing updates – there has been one new hire, of Darlene Leiding as a special education teacher (licensed in EBD). **Anderson moved to approve the hire; seconded by Young, and carried.** Also, Rossi reported there are four interns: Taz Tone, Telisa Powell, Tony Presley, and Tatiana Adams. The interns are working in special ed. Also, Leticia Brown, a graduate, is working as a volunteer with Kowanna Anderson and Joe Gwin.
 - Facility/property acquisition updates – addressed previously.
 - Grant update – Ellis reported, HSRA got a grant for \$38,000 from State Farm Ins. for continuation of the Click for Life program. There will be some additional funds from this source. This will support the Fo' Show and also sponsor events at other schools. Anderson reported, HSRA has received funds from the Coalition of Essential Schools to continue mentoring the HSRA-model school in Los Angeles. HSRA also continues to work with LubeTech, which sponsored the sweat-equity design program for students who want to learn about design. LubeTech continues to donate time and expertise, including supporting planning and promotion for HSRA's show at the Dakota in November.
 - Q Comp application update – Rossi reported, HSRA will submit an application for next year (did not do so this year due to lack of a nationally-normed test for grades 11-12 – MDE would not accept NWEA's Measures of Academic Progress). Rossi recommended having a committee work on this for the subsequent submission.

- HSRA – LA update – Ellis reported, they were able to get a new charter through a different school district, for a provisional two-year term. Are up and running with 160 students now.
6. Development update – no report (it was noted elsewhere that HSRA students will perform at the Dakota on Nov. 23 with Delfeayo Marsalis and others, in an event promoting the school).
 7. Board Committee reports
 - School Improvement Committee; consider 2008-09 Performance Targets – Rossi distributed an updated Accountability Grid for the 2007-08 Performance Targets and measures, reviewed final 2007-08 data for the Board. Draft 2008-09 Performance Targets and measures were distributed (also emailed to the Board in advance). **Board reviewed, after which Jennings moved approval of the 2008-09 Targets; seconded by Thomas, and carried.**
 - Parent Advisory Committee – Rossi reported, there will be 4 parent events this year. First one was last week though no parents attended. HSRA will send a newsletter out to invite parents and community members to the next three. These events will include student performances and food.
 - Technology updates – Kingsbury reported, there has been a big infusion of new technology, with 40 new computers and 8 more yet to be deployed; also new laptops for staff. He summarized infrastructure and software improvements. Upgrades to Internet access are also underway.
 8. CharterSafe Insurance instead of MSBA – Rossi reported, he hasn't heard from Hughes on this. Item will be retained on Agenda for next meeting.
 9. Other business – Carei Thomas thanked the school for students' participation at his birthday celebration.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Respectfully submitted by Andrew Adelman