North Carolina Association of Alternative Educators (NCAAE) Board of Directors’ Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2013

(11a.m. -2:30 p.m. at Monticello School, Statesville, NC (Iredell County)

Board Members Present:

Shannon Watkins, Susan Stelling, BethBradley, Richard Armstrong, Kenneth Gattis, Donna Wilde, Callie Hammond, Clifford Owens, Gwen Johnson Green, Julia McCombs, Luther Thomas

Absent: Rev. Willard Bass, James Hargett, Judy Leahy, Mitchell Rapp, Paige Marsh, Valoria Burch, Preston Waddell, Sonia Jordan- English, Robbie Gupton, Kate Faw, Diane Heath,

Others Present: Shelia Austin, Charity Mbuthia: Director of Day Treatment in Barium Springs, Kristina Johns Regional Director - Barium Springs, Chris Carney: NC Senate District 41, Scott Southard: Action Specialties, LLC, Mark Vaughn: ISS coordinator for Monticello School.

• Meeting called to order at 11 a.m. by President, Dr. Gwen Johnson Green

•Vice President, Callie Hammond, moved to approve the minutes from the June 21st meeting with the edits discussed below\*, Clifford Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

\*Diana Wilde asked Ken Gattis for clarification of how the registration letter was circulated. Ken informed us that he uses the names and email addresses from his database out of DPI. Ken also explained that he sends out NCAAE information from our list. Ken agreed that we can send any data or information that we want submitted to alternative educators at large and potential members to him. He will send it out from his office. Ken will only contact principals and registered educators.(LEA) He is not responsible for contacting NCAAE members. That is the responsibility of Sonia English. President Johnson-Green thinks that this might be one way to get LEAs to update with Ken Gattis periodically.

The President’s Welcome:

•Dr. Johnson Green welcomed all guests and thanked Iredell County staff for hosting.

•Carney and Southard introduced themselves and expressed their desire to work with NCAAE in whatever capacity they could. Mark Vaughn thanked the special guests for taking time out to attend our meeting.

•Kristina Johns introduced herself and explained their program. She expressed an interest in finding ways to continue a partnership with Iredell/Statesville schools. Barium Springs advocates and works on behalf of youth so that therapeutic needs are met. They also serve 41 other districts. She continued to explain all of the services that are provided through this program throughout NC. Services can be paid through Medicaid . It is not just the school. They have offices in 17 counties.

Finance Committee Report

• Provided by Treasurer Richard Armstrong.

The treasurer passed out current bank account info for NCAAE. The current balance in the account was $1,832.44. Armstrong also listed additional checks that he has yet to deposit. VP and Tres. will go to state employees credit union today and get the names and signatures on the account changed. President Johnson-Green moved to accept the treasurer’s report. Callie Hammond seconded the motion. The report was received.

• Meeting expense: Beth, Callie, and Gwen Johnson-Green all need reimbursements from previous meetings costs.

1. Callie Hammond would like to make corrections to the ALPs standards for correct grammatical use and clarity of meaning. There are no updates from the Standards Committee because they are waiting for the Gen. Assembly and SBE to sign off on any changes we recommend. Donna Wilde is going to organize the standards committee .

2. After lunch, President Johnson-Green thanked Beth Bradley for a delicious meal. Mark Vaughn presented President Johnson-Green a check for membership dues for all of the alternative educators at the Monticello School Registration fees to attend the conference Oct. 28th are covered for the Monticello School educators.

Conference Committee Report

1. Julia McCombs presented the Conference Report that was passed out to all members.

2. The Conference will be held at the Center for the Environment in Salisbury, NC. We will all be in one room throughout most of the conference.

3. The Conference will start at 9:00 am end at 3:00 pm.

4. Vendors will participate.

5. Julia McCombs made arrangements for space accommodations and lunch. All committee members helped.

Publicity

Webpage - Beth Bradley is going to ask her blended learning teacher to create a webpage for us. If that doesn’t work we are going to call Mitchell Rapp.

The next NCAAE Board Meeting was scheduled for January 31, 2014, Raleigh, NC the same location as the first NCAAE meeting last March from 11 am – 2 pm.

National Connection Report:

* National Website

• National Conference to be held in Atlanta, GA March 12-14, 2014 with school visits and early sessions available

for an additional fee. (This is already noted in previous minutes.) Conference registration is $325 per person

after Oct. 1; early registration by Oct. 1 is $290 per person. After Feb. 1st, no refunds for registration fees, however the registration can be transferred to another person. Registration form is available on-line (no on-line registration

set up to date).

• NAEA website - www.the-naea.org/NAEA

• NCAAE is not currently linked to the national

website and should be.

• The call for proposals for the national conference is listed and seeking applicants to present at the conference. The deadline is Oct. 1

• Links to legislative advocacy are available

Julia McCombs moved to adjourn meeting at 2:30pm. Clifford Owens seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.