

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NOVATO CHARTER SCHOOL
(A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation)
940 C Street, Community Room, Novato, CA
August 16, 2017 - 6:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD BY PARENTS AND CITIZENS

The Novato Charter School welcomes your participation at the School's Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Board of Directors ("Board") is to conduct the affairs of the School in public. We are pleased that you are in attendance and hope that you will visit these meetings often. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our School. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided:

1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting.
2. Blue "Request to Speak" forms are available to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda items or under the general category of "Public Comment."
3. "Public Comment" is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The Board may (a) give direction to staff to respond to a concern, (b) direct that the item be referred to the Director for action or (c) schedule the item on a subsequent agenda.
4. With regard to items that are on the agenda, you may specify that agenda item on your blue request form and you will be given an opportunity to speak for up to five (5) minutes when the Board discusses that item.
5. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and adhere to the time limits set forth.

NCS CORE VALUES

Respect~ Collaboration ~ Creativity/Art of Teaching ~ Holistic/Developmental ~ Accountability

BOARD MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT

- We will demonstrate **respect** for each other and all school constituents through open communication and by practicing gratitude and appreciation.
- We will **collaborate** by honoring each member's unique point of view when working on the common goal of supporting the mission and vision of NCS.
- We will align our actions to support the faculty and staff in their endeavor to provide a **holistic/developmentally** appropriate education through **creativity and the art of teaching**.
- We will hold ourselves and each other **accountable** to arrive at Board meetings prepared and in follow through of additional responsibilities including committee work outside of meetings.

BOARD MEETING CODE OF CONDUCT

We welcome the public to our Board Meetings! We request that each visitor honor the following agreements in support of our school core values:

- Maintain open, respectful body language and tone of voice when sharing view points.
- Respect the Direct Communication model by bringing any concern first to the person(s) most directly connected or responsible to the topic.
- Offer full listening and attention and lend a benefit of doubt to each member.
- Honor established agreements and limitations of the board meeting format including:
 - Time limits
 - Discussion limited only to agenda items (no discussion of non-agendized topics)
 - Avoid interrupting others
 - Stay focused on speaker and topic (do not engaging in distracting behavior/side conversations)
- Express gratitude and appreciation whenever/wherever possible!

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OPEN SESSION – 6:00pm

1. OPENING

1.1 Call Meeting to Order

1.2 Swearing in of new Board Member

1.3 Roll Call of Board Members

John Abele	(JA)
Amy Galusha	(AG)
Nicol Brescia	(NB)
Erik Berkowitz	(EB)
Alexandria Quam	(AQ)

Present	Absent

1.4 Agenda Modification

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the opportunity for members of the community to speak on topics that are not agendized on tonight's board meeting. Because these are not agendized items the board and staff may not dialog back and forth with you. If you have a specific question that staff may be able to answer, staff may contact you. Should a board member chose to have this placed on a future meeting they may contact staff to do that.

3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion. Unless specifically requested by a Board member for further discussion or removed from the agenda, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the Board voting on them. The Director recommends approval of all consent items.

3.1 Approve minutes: May 31, 2017 and June 15, 2017

4. ADMINISTRATION

4.1 Hamilton Community Liaison Committee

4.2 Emergency Preparation Update

- 4.3 Organizational Structure Review Update
- 4.4 Professional development, Start of year
- 4.5 CAASPP preliminary data review

5. GOVERNANCE

- 5.1 Board Election of Officers: Chair, CFO and Secretary
- 5.2 Suicide Prevention Policy – First review
- 5.3 Review Financial Reports through June 30th, 2017 –
Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement, Budget Performance, P&L Prev Year Comparison
- 5.4 Budget information update

6. BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- 6.1 Topic discussion

7. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

- 7.1 See schedule of 2017-18 Meetings

8. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS – Agenda items for future meeting

9. ADJOURNMENT