

# Sarasota Academy of the Arts

## Board Meeting Minutes

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Location: Sarasota Academy of the Arts

Board members present:

- Dan Kennedy
- Ed Whitehead
- Coy Carter
- Robert Mclain Jr.
- Joe Solano
- Kyle Turoff

Others present:

- Cecilia Blankenship
- Jodi Kopacz
- Brett Thomason – Staff Liaison
- Kristie Bryan
- Adam Swilley
- Donna Scofield - Parent Liaison
- Matt McHugh
- Julie McHugh
- Clare Farmer
- Kaisen Mitchell

- Call to order at 8:03AM
- Dan introduced Kaisen Mitchell as a prospective board member. Rob and Matt both mentioned people who were interested in being considered to join the board as well.
- Board approved the minutes from the 12/04/2017 and 12/12/2017 meetings
- Public Comment – None
- Charter Renewal
  - The board appreciates the work that the administration has put into the charter renewal
  - All board members signed the renewal application
- Principal's Report – Unanimously approved
  - K through 5 is at capacity, down 1 student in 6 through 8

- Financial Report - Unanimously approved
- Temple Beth Sholom
  - We were unsuccessful in the attempt to secure a lease, the community day school renewed a 3 year lease
  - There is availability of approximately 5,100 sf in one building for a middle school in 2019-20
- Portables
  - Matt has not discussed the outstanding issues with the county regarding permitting of the portables
  - Outstanding major issues include the widening of tree road and connection to county water
- Principal Search
  - About 20 applications so far, 10 of which are local applicants
  - Will need to revisit salary requirements
- Existing Lease Renewal
  - There has been no increase in the cost of the lease in the last 5 years
  - Preliminary proposal would be \$7,000 / month which works out to less than \$6/sf with a 1% increase per year
  - Including increase would be significantly less than fair market value
  - Matt McHugh and Julie McHugh left the room for the discussion
  - Motion was approved for Rob M. to negotiate with the landlord for renewal of the lease while maintaining SAA's flexibility and ability to move
- Kaisen Mitchell was unanimously approved as a new board member
- Meeting adjourned at 8:41 AM

*Minutes submitted by Joe Solano*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Solano". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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