



**Sarasota Academy of the Arts  
April 15, 2025  
Monthly Meeting of the Governing Board of Directors  
582 McIntosh Rd- 9:00am  
Administration Office**

**Monthly Governing Board Meeting Agenda**

- I. Call to order:
- II. Determination of a Quorum:
- III. Approval of Minutes:
- IV. Finances-Financial Report:
  1. Review/Discuss reports for approval:
- V. Principal's Report:
  1. Transfer of funds to Synovus General Account from American Momentum is in process. Checks and debit card have arrived. Sarasota County Schools has received the Direct Deposit form signed by me for the District monthly disbursement to Synovus account. This is a "slow transfer" as to be fiscally responsible.
  2. State Complaint 2025 0163. The Florida Department of Education denied the parent's state complaint.
  3. 4th Grade attended a field trip to the Patriots Plaza. For many, this was the first time attending Patriots Plaza. Mr. Spaleta and 7th grade (some 8th graders) attended a Mote Marine field trip this past week.
  4. Odie Harris, former NFL player, gave a presentation to our middle schoolers in PE. He brought his book and even signed a few books for students.
  5. PM3 State Testing has begun and will continue until May
  6. Please check out the SAA Website calendar that has all end of year shows and graduation dates. All shows and graduation will be held in the multipurpose room. The graduation will be free this year.
  7. Leadership evaluation will be due in June to the District.
  8. SAA signed Parent contracts continue to come in for the 2025-2026 school year. All classes are filling nicely with the exception of low numbers in kindergarten and seventh. We have reached out to preschools, visited

preschools and emailed them to assist in bringing in more kindergarten students.

9. I have completed the Activated Background Screening Clearinghouse, as Pursuant to the memos sent February 12th, 2025, March 13th, 2025, and March 27th, 2025, to all school districts, private schools, charter schools the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) will transition all background screening activities to the Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse) on Monday, April 7th, 2025. Starting Monday, all educational entities must complete the registration process to gain access to the Clearinghouse.

VI. Old Business:

1. Phase 2 Buildout Status Update:
  - i. Board member Mizak has asked Tandem to update the construction estimate, and has solicited and received a proposal for required architectural services. Board to Review and Discuss/Vote
  - ii. Grant and loan applications status update?
2. JFED Lease renegotiation:
  - i. Board members Kennedy, Mizak, Dembicki & Brenneman attended mtg with JFed to discuss both Summer camp and SAA's proposed revision of SAA lease payment increases.
  - ii. After reviewing JFed's plans for use of SAA facilities for summer camp, we pointed out that JFed's increase in length of camp would require an increase in JFed's camp payment to SAA.
  - iii. Then segued into discussions about re-negotiating the schedule for SAA lease payment to JFed. No decision was reached, and JFed stressed that their operating budget for the year had already been approved by their board based upon our current lease obligations. However, they agreed to consider our proposal and brought up the idea of paying a fee to SAA for each SAA student who attends JFed's summer camp. They have since made a firm proposal to that end, which the SAA Board will consider.

VII. New Business:

1. Approve 2025-2026 Budget
2. Approve 2024-2025 Leadership Evaluation

VIII. Public comment period:

IX. Adjournment: