

Sarasota Academy of the Arts Board Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2016

Location: Sarasota Academy of the Arts – Outside Administration Building

Board members present:

- Dan Kennedy
- Joe Solano
- Phil St. John
- Ed Whitehead
- Robert Mclain Jr. via telephone
- Kyle Turoff

Others present:

- Cecilia Blankenship
- Matt Mchugh
- Julie Mchugh
- Jodi Kopacz
- Kristen LaFrance
- Donna Scofield - Parent Liaison
- Kristie Bryan – Staff Liaison

- Call to order at 8:03am
- Board approved minutes for October 10th, 2016 meeting
- Auditor’s report - Approved
 - Presented by Harold McFarland from Pellegrino Honick McFarland & Miller, P.A.
 - Completed an “Unmodified Report”
 - Auditors report has been sent to the district
- Principal’s Report - Approved
 - Enrollment is 224, expect 1 additional next week
 - Received recognition from the governor for the schools improvement in math
 - Recognized Jodi Kopacz for her exceptional work in helping a specific student with resolving truancy issues
 - New middle school social studies teacher starts next week
 - Attendance continues to be an area we are working to improve

- Middle school students (All except 5) marched in the Veteran's Day parade and High Voltage, the advanced choir, sang for the special ceremony honoring veterans
- Financial Report - Approved
 - Will be able to submit reimbursement requests for capital money in the next couple months
 - Reviewed the profit and loss and balance sheet
- Land Acquisition
 - Preliminary closing date is the 18th of November
 - Waiting on insurance
 - Investigating costs / quotes for demolition – 3 weeks for permitting of demolition
 - Appraisal was \$480,000 now, \$500,000 without structures
- iReady expenditure – Approved
- Employee Benefits
 - Discussed change of medical insurance from Aetna to Blue Cross
 - Retirement plan changes in progress
- Strategic Planning – Postponed until next month
- Meeting adjourned at 8:32AM

Minutes submitted by Joe Solano