

# Sarasota Academy of the Arts

## Board Meeting Minutes

November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Location: Sarasota Academy of the Arts

Board members present:

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

Others present:

- Tom Pellegrino
- Donna Scofield - Parent Liaison
- Brett Thomason – Staff Liaison
- Adam Swilley
- Jodi Kopacz
- Cecilia Blankenship
- Julie McHugh
- Clare Farmer
- Kristie Bryan
- Jerome Pascuzzi
- Matt McHugh
- Meg Curulla

- Call to order at 8:00 AM
- Board approved the minutes from the October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting
- Results of the audit were presented by Tom Pellegrino
- Public comment by Meg Curulla, 4<sup>th</sup> grade parent and Kindergarten teacher
  - Ms. Curulla expressed concerns over the shared space usages including the sound issues having the music class adjacent to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade during math and ELA and the distractions it presents to the students.
  - Cecilia is looking to alternative options to alleviate the issues
- Cecilia Blankenship presented her letter of resignation at the conclusion of the 2017/2018 school year

- Principals Report – Approved
  - On target for enrollment numbers
  - Ms. North and Ms. Tirotta did a great job on the Spanish fair
  - Mr. Bryan has the Beta Club Honor Society is off to a great start
- Financial Report – Approved
  - Board appreciates the effort on the financial audit and overall fiscal management of the school
- Portables – discussed and the effect of other space options, the board recommended that no additional expenses be funded on the development of the portables until the Temple Beth Sholom lease negotiations have concluded
- Temple Beth Sholom
  - They are interested in a 3 year fixed lease
  - Approximately 29,000 sf currently asking \$10/sf
  - Motion to move ahead with negotiating a lease of the Temple property and to investigate the separate Beneva road property was approved.
- Charter Renewal – progress continues to be made on the renewal
- New Principal Search
  - Hold off on use of a search company until all local options have been exhausted
  - Form a search committee with teachers and parents
  - Limit search to local candidates for now.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM

*Minutes submitted by Joe Solano*

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joe Solano". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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