

Sarasota Academy of the Arts

Board Meeting Minutes

September 17th, 2019

Location: Sarasota Academy of the Arts

Board members present:

- Carol Todd
- Dan Dembicki
- Joe Solano
- Robert Mclain Jr.
- Garrett Byrd

Others present:

- Cheryl Korwin
- Jodi Kopacz
- Julie McHugh
- Brett Thomason
- Kristie Bryan
- Donna Scofield

Board members absent

- Stephanie Murphy
- Kyle Turoff

- Meeting Called to Order 8:16 AM
- Minutes from the 08/20/19 meeting were unanimously approved
- Principals Report
 - Current enrollment is 222, Day 5 count was 218
 - Lunch / PE Aid left and has been replaced
 - Elementary Spanish is going to be leaving for a full time position
 - Hiring of a counselor is in process
 - Facilities – electrical issues with current service continue
 - Mr. Pascuzzi was voted teacher of the year
- Financial Report
 - Reviewed the profit and loss statement from July through August 2019
- Motion to Change the Bank signers for Bank of the Ozarks – Unanimously approved
 - Remove Cecilia Blankenship, Dan Kennedy, and Matt McHugh
 - Add Cheryl Korwin, Dan Dembicki, and Rob Mclain Jr.
- Motion to allow a 1 month lag in reviewing the financials to provide time for the processing and reconciliation process to complete – Unanimously approved
- Reviewed the revised budget for 215 FTE
- Requested that Cheryl Korwin provide a financial report on the aftercare program

- Requested that Cheryl Korwin provide a budget proposal that includes the needed expenses or suggested cuts including unexpected facilities repairs, retaining employment lawyer, attending the charter school conference, facilities insurance coverage changes
- Motion to approve a 2% increase in base salaries across the board – Unanimously approved
- New facilities, reviewed the 8500 Fruitville Road facility.
- Motion to allow Garrett Byrd to act as the governing board representative in spearheading the move / facilities / real estate investigation – Unanimously approved
- Requested that Cheryl Korwin setup some workshop meetings to discuss moving / facilities / real estate with the help of Carol Todd
- The enrollment form has been updated
- Discussed retaining Kim Walker for employment legal issues. Motion to approve up to a \$5,000 retainer. – Unanimously approved
- Tree Road property - discussed lowering the price to stimulate any interest
- Garrett Byrd questions / comments
 - Discussed fundraising options and setting up some educational meetings to help train the board on the fundraising process
 - Dan Dembicki will outline a GSOT plan (Goal, Strategy, Objective, Tactics) with respect to fundraising
- Discussed school insurance coverage and requested detailed quotes for named storm coverage
- Meeting adjourned at 10:13 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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