

Sarasota Academy of the Arts Governing Board Minutes

May 22nd, 2020

Location: Google Hangout Meeting with telephone call-in

Board members present:

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

Others present:

- See attached List

Board members absent

- None

- Meeting Called to Order 9:00 AM
- Rob M. began the meeting describing the guidelines for the meeting structure and public comment, the history of the school and the boards inability to reply directly to public comments because of the sunshine laws. He described the approval of the budget being the responsibility of the board.
- Carol T. asked that we mute everyone and that Brett monitor public comments and that we move the hearing of public comments prior to any votes for the board.
- Consent Agenda – Unanimously approved
 - Minutes 3/4/20, 4/16/20, 4/23/20 – Unanimously approved
 - Financial Report – see document
 - Principals Report – 221 enrollment next year, see document, schedule done for next year, waiting on guidelines from CDC, capital funds same as the last 2 years, staff has done great job with online learning. Cheryl would like to recognize the dedication that our teachers have had in getting our students what they need and our staff has done a phenomenal job, I am confident in our staff in providing the best education they can and it has allowed our staff to do some different and fun things. Phenomenal work of our staff.
- Carol T. expressed concerns on physical distancing and CDC guidelines with our physical plant constraints. Rob suggested that we wait for another month for the guidelines to get better defined. Carol wants to make sure that we are following the state and district decisions closely so that we can make strategic decisions and not be rushed.

Cheryl K. said that she will ensure that the board is made aware of any guidance she receives.

- Public Comment – Leila Newcomb, Austin Sherman, Robert Duffy, Austin Nichols, and Donna Scofield
- Old Business
 - Budget Discussion – Any staffing votes would be made as part of the overall budget vote. Building hope is working on the budgets normally charter school salaries are 45% to 50% of the budget, SAA is 67% to 69%. 15% to 20% of normal charter school budgets are reserved for facilities, SAA is currently 5%. Additionally the county requires that we put 3% into savings for future catastrophic use.
 - Carol expression concern to get the budget discussions decided as soon as possible, Cheryl will determine the timeline with building hope and will have building hope attend the next meeting.
- New Business
 - New property – John Caragiulo described the new land property. Jennifer Barbeau described the financial implications for the new property to the school.
 - Motion to move forward with John’s recommendation to make a counter offer less than their counter offer at \$995,000, and SAA agrees to cover the brokerage fees, asking that they take care of the open space requirements and includes an extended due diligence period and that Highmark does not spend any hard costs until SAA approves. – Carol declined, everyone else approved.
 - Changes in the district contract - Rob spoke with Katrina Ward. Shortening the school day is not a change we can make for this coming school year but can for the year after. The other changes need to be outlined with how they support our charter mission. For next meeting can we know what impact shorting the day would have on the bottom line. Teachers salary would not be affected, only electricity/utilities and some hours in the front office. Aftercare would be a little bit longer and parent cost would increase. Cheryl will work with Building Hope to get these numbers.
 - Garrett brought up the e-mail received from Julie McHugh about 42nd street, Rob M. suggested that we move any discussions to the next meeting and include the financial implications associated with any options.
 - Carol T. expressed concerns about any insurance, employment, and FIRPA implications with it being outside of the normal school year. Cheryl is going to coordinate with the schools insurance agent and Rob was going to look into the employment issues.
 - The June meeting will include election of officers
- Meeting adjourned at 11:48 AM

Participant list

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Katherine Lynn

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Tamara Solum

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E Agosto

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Minutes submitted by Joe Solano



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