

# Sarasota Academy of the Arts Governing Board Minutes

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Location: Google Hangout Meeting with telephone call-in

## Board members present:

- Robert Melain Jr.
- Dan Dembicki
- Joe Solano
- Garrett Byrd

## Others present:

- See attached list

## Board members absent

- None

- Meeting Called to Order 9:00 AM
- Motion to elect Stephanie Murphy to the board - unanimously approved
- Carol Todd has resigned from the board
- Minutes from 06/16/20 unanimously approved
- Resignation of Principal Cheryl Korwin– Motion to appoint Vice Principal Jodi Kopacz as Principal for the 2020/2021 school year – unanimously approved
- Motion to eliminate the assistant principal position and approve the salary for Jodi as principal in line with what Cheryl Korwin was compensated – unanimously approved
- Reviewed the Financial Report
- Motion to discontinue any discussion of shutting down the middle school – unanimously approved
- Motion to adopt a policy for the Treasurer to meet with Building Hope 1 to 2 weeks in advance of the board meeting and identify any significant discrepancies with the budget and present the information to the board – unanimously approved
- Reviewed the Principals Report
  - Enrollment – currently 191, 98 elementary, 93 middle school, sixth grade only 1 class, seventh grade down 10, 8<sup>th</sup> grade down 1
  - Staffing – Kindergarten teacher has resigned and the position has been filled, 5<sup>th</sup> grade position has been offered to an outside person, discussions are ongoing with an independent counselor, ELA middle school teacher from SSIS is replacing Stephanie LaRose
- Reopening plan - Discussed Order 2020-EO-06 from the commissioner of education
- Notice a meeting for Friday 9 AM – Jodi and staff will put together a reopening plan that we will vote on at Friday.

- Public Comment – Tamara Solum (Drama), Leila Newcomb, Ms. Howard
- Motion to add Jodi Kopacz to all of our existing banking, debit and credit accounts and remove Cheryl Korwin – unanimously approved
- In a future meeting review the financial controls including use of debit cards and recommendation of Building Hope to not use debit cards
- Discussed the Tree Rd property
- Motion to allow Rob McClain to execute the agreements necessary to sell the Tree Rd property under the condition that we end up no worse than what we would make selling to the existing purchaser. – Unanimously approved
- Will discuss the 2020-2021 Budget including state mandates for pay and budgeting process moving forward once the school opening process is behind us
- Add an agenda item to discuss the process for board member criteria and approval and then a budget workshop on Tuesday 7/28 at 9 AM
- Officer Elections - unanimously approved
  - Rob – President
  - Garrett – Vice President
  - Joe – Secretary
  - Dan – Treasurer
- Adjourned 11:13 AM

*Minutes submitted by Joe Solano*

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

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## Participants

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