

Syracuse Arts Academy Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 11, 2024

Location: SAA North Campus, 357 S 1550 W, Syracuse, UT 84075



In Attendance: Mary Johnston [via Zoom], Nate Schow [via Zoom], Rene Dreiling, Neil Garner, Jerrad Pullum,

Others in Attendance: Dale Pfister, Dawn Kawaguchi, Brad Taylor, Brandon Fairbanks

The purpose of *Syracuse Arts Academy* is to develop respectful, confident citizens in a solid educational environment enriched by artistic expression.

Minutes

2023-2024 School Priorities

Schoolwide Unity, Cooperation & Collaboration

Expansion of Arts Integration

Maximize All Data Sources to Improve Student Instruction and Performance

5:30 PM – Call to Order

- Welcome by Mary Johnston
 - Board Mission – Neil Garner
 - School Vision – Neil Garner

There was no PUBLIC COMMENT.

CONSENT ITEMS

- December 7, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes – There was no further discussion. **Jerrad Pullum made a motion to approve the consent items. Rene Dreiling seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:**
 - Mary Johnston – Aye**
 - Nate Schow – Aye**
 - Rene Dreiling – Aye**
 - Neil Garner – Aye**
 - Jerrad Pullum – Aye****Motion passed unanimously.**

VOTING ITEMS

- School Safety Grant Purchases – Dale Pfister reviewed the process of the safety grant and SAA has received approximately \$416k. They will be upgrading their doors to card access, installing vape sensors in the restrooms, additional cameras, purchasing a new software for visitors/volunteers as well as finishing the security cameras out on the ring road which

would include running the electric out to the ring road which is why there are two parts to this purchase. There will be other smaller purchases for the safety grant that will not require board approval.

- *Band Locker Cabinets* – Dale Pfister gave an update on the new music/band addition. The band locker cabinets are a sole source provider by Wegner. They are ventilated cabinets that will go along the back wall of the band room to store all the instruments. The funding for this is coming out of the bond proceeds which is the same as the construction cost. Dale stated that estimated completion date should be about 45 days.

Jerrad Pullum made a motion to approve the following:

- **Approve the Safety Grant purchases which include the Geneva Communications purchase not to exceed \$220,000 and the Advance Electric ring road project not to exceed \$35,000 and**
- **Approve the Wegner Corporation purchase of band instrument storage cabinets not to exceed \$38,000**

Neil Garner seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:

**Mary Johnston – Aye
Nate Schow – Aye
Rene Dreiling – Aye
Neil Garner – Aye
Jerrad Pullum – Aye**

Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- *Prepare for Satellite Application* – Mary Johnston stated that they will be going before the SCSB on January 18th and we want to prepare for the presentation. They released the starting time prior to this meeting and SAA is scheduled to present at 1:15 p.m. The Board would like to meet at 12:30 p.m. at the SCSB. Mary asked Dawn to send out the address to the Board. Mary passed the time over to Brandon and Brad to review information for the satellite application presentation. Jerrad stated that he would like to have a discussion as a Board, other locations for the new campus (if approved) that may be available. Brandon reviewed the “Quick Facts” sheet for the Board to review with information that may arise. There was a discussion on conflicting information on a new DSD elementary school in Syracuse. Brandon reviewed the demographics of each campus. He also recommended the board to review application’s market analysis and the reason why we are asking for a satellite. Brandon and the Board reviewed the process and how the board will begin and introduce themselves. Mary will take the lead and designate the person best suited to answer any questions from the SCSB.
- *Calendaring Items* – ALL
 - SCSB Satellite Application Presentation – January 18th @ 12:30 p.m.
 - Next Pre-Board Meeting – January 24th @ 12:30 p.m.
 - Next Board Meeting – Rescheduled February 1st to February 8th
 - Work Session – February 22nd
 - NCSC24 Boston, MA – June 30 – July 3

There was no CLOSED SESSION.

6:34 PM – Jerrad Pullum made a motion to ADJOURN. Rene Dreiling seconded the motion.

The votes were as follows:

Mary Johnston – Aye

Nate Schow – Aye

Rene Dreiling – Aye

Neil Garner – Aye

Jerrad Pullum – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.