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

Location: SAA Antelope Elementary Campus, 2893 W 1700 S, Syracuse, UT 84075

In Attendance: Neil Garner, Mary Johnston, Nate Schow, Jerrad Pullum, Rene Dreiling,

Others in Attendance: Reid Newey, Stacee Phillips, Nicole Jones, Dale Pfister, Jon McQueary, Dawn Kawaguchi, Brad Taylor (6:06 p.m.)

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 – INTRODUCTORY ITEMS
- ➢ Welcome & Roll Call – Mary Johnston
  - Board Mission – Neil Garner
  - School Vision – Nate Schow

There was no PUBLIC COMMENT.

REPORTS
- ➢ **Administration**
  - *State of the School* – Dale Pfister reported on the state of school. He reviewed the current enrollment which is 1697 and next year's enrollment is currently 1756. They are still registering students for next year. Dale also stated that he and Reid are doing interviews tomorrow for the Jr. high principal. They have some great candidates. Reid reiterated that the candidates are excellent. They haven't set up interviews for the assistant principal yet. Dale also reported that they have had their first two ballgames on the new field. They have some great players and things are going well. Mary gave a brief history of how the sports program came to SAA. Dale also thanked the board for supporting the purchase of the field.
    - ✓ *Amended Equipment and Other Capital Assets Acquired with Federal Funds Administrative Procedures* – Jon McQueary reviewed the amended Equipment and Other Capital Assets Acquired with Federal Administrative Procedures. This update was necessary due to several State audits and the State wanting a more detailed procedure.

- *Update on Administration* – Reid Newey wanted to thank AW for the two day orientation that he had with them. He also reported that he has been working with Dale and has met with every staff member from both campuses. He has gained an appreciation of what Dale has done. The staff is very appreciated of Mr. Pfister and his work done during his tenure. There was a discussion on the recruitment and the pool of applicants.

➢ **Board of Directors**
  - *Financial Review* – Rene Dreiling reviewed the financials as of March 31st. We are about 75% through the year. There was a discussion on the ADM, attrition, and backfilling as students leave. Rene highlighted the supplies and materials that are high due to the safety grant money which has to be purchased and then reimbursed. Also the utilities except for the water have been reclassified and will true up with our end of the year amendment. Property is also high due to some of the purchases for the bleachers and band cabinets. For the S&P bond rating, we have 155 days cash on hand as of April 1st. We are down $2.2 million from last year this down. Jon added that we are through with the field and the jr. high addition. We only have the storage for the amphitheater.
  - Jerrad shared a story about his son who started an accelerated math program here at SAA and has just excelled at math. He is now taking college level classes. Jerrad stopped by and thanked his teacher for his son's success. Rene added that his granddaughter hated math before coming to SAA. Dale shared that because of DSD doing accelerated math, SAA ramped up their program.

BOARD TRAINING

➢ *Open and Public Meetings Act Training* – Jon McQueary asked all board members to scan a QR code that linked to an 11-question quiz on the Open and Public Meetings Act. Jon read each question and possible answer. After every question, there was discussion on the answers. Jon passed around an affirmation of training for all board members to sign.

CONSENT ITEMS

➢ *March 14, 2024 Electronic Board Meeting Minutes* – There was no further discussion. **Neil Garner made a motion to approve the consent items. Jerrad Pullum seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:**
  Neil Garner – Aye
  Mary Johnston – Aye
  Nate Schow – Aye
  Jerrad Pullum – Aye
  Rene Dreiling – Aye
Motion passed unanimously.

VOTING ITEMS

➢ *Rescind Religion and Education Policy* – Dale Pfister stated that the school is no longer required to have the Religion and Education Policy. We will still have to notify parents about their rights. Dale and Platte will work together on administrative procedures. **Jerrad Pullum made a motion to rescind the Religion and Education Policy. Rene Dreiling seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:**

Neil Garner – Aye
Mary Johnston – Aye
Nate Schow – Aye
Jerrad Pullum – Aye
Rene Dreiling – Aye Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

➢ *Calendaring Items* – Mary asked the members to look over the dates and declare any conflicts.
  - Next Preboard Meeting – April 25th
  - Electronic Board Meeting – May 9th (if needed)
  - PreBoard Meeting – May 30th
  - Annual Board Meeting – June 14th
  - Electronic Board Meeting – June 27th (if needed)
  - NCSC24 Boston, MA – June 30 – July 3

Stacee Phillips, Nicole Jones, and Jon McQueary were excused at 6:33 p.m.

6:33 PM – Nate Schow made a motion to enter a CLOSED SESSION to discuss strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(d) Antelope Elementary Library. Neil Garner seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows:
Neil Garner – Aye
Mary Johnston – Aye
Nate Schow – Aye
Jerrad Pullum – Aye
Rene Dreiling – Aye
Motion passed unanimously.

7:28 PM – Neil Garner made a motion to exit the CLOSED SESSION and ADJOURN. Nate Schow seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:
Neil Garner – Aye
Mary Johnston – Aye
Nate Schow – Aye
Jerrad Pullum – Aye
Rene Dreiling – Aye
Motion passed unanimously.

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Board Approval Date: