

Syracuse Arts Academy Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 3, 2022

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



In Attendance: Jerrad Pullum, Mary Johnston, Bryan DeGrange, Rene Dreiling, Nate Schow

Others in Attendance: Leigh Schwartz, Dale Pfister, Rebecca Okey, Jane Ann Kammeyer, Dawn Kawaguchi, Judy Nixon, Kim Dohrer, Brad Taylor, Mike Geilmann, Jon McQueary (via Zoom)

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



Minutes

2021-2022 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 Bryan DeGrange
- **“Traditions”** – The SAA Way
 - School Vision – Rebecca Okey
 - Storytelling – Dale Pfister shared a story about a SAA teacher who was offered a job at a neighboring district. After being at the district for a while, this former teacher was not enjoying her experiences in the district such as students just not showing up to class. The teacher didn't have those kinds of experiences in at SAA. This teacher decided to terminate their job at the district and returned to SAA. Our teachers are spoiled at SAA and sometimes they have to venture out to find out how good they have it here at SAA.

There was no PUBLIC COMMENT. This was the second public comment period for the 2022-2023 School Fee Schedule and Fee Waiver Policy.

REPORTS

➤ Board of Directors

- Building Refinance Update – Brad Taylor updated the board on the building refinance and the direction that they are headed. The financing authority meeting is on Monday which Brad, Jon, Dale, and Rene will be attending via Zoom. There was a discussion on how to receive the cash on the refinancing. The financing committee is having a meeting tomorrow with David to prepare for the Finance Authority meeting on Monday. S&P has reaffirmed the school's rating which means that we can issue them as credit enhancement bonds.
- Financial Update – Rene Dreiling reviewed the statement of activities and the statement of financial position. He informed the board that they will be doing a budget adjustment (amendment) at the next meeting. We are currently 65 days cash on hand due to the cash payment for the current projects, but we will get that money back when the refinancing comes through. There was a discussion on the “extraordinary items” revenue line which is the “cost to cure” income.

➤ Administration

- State of the School – Dale Pfister
 - ✓ Leigh gave a recap of the Jr. High Disney World trip.
 - ✓ Dale gave an update on the UDOT construction and issues that it has caused with drop off and pick up. He also discussed some of the modifications that they are doing to help alleviate the traffic for SAA parents during drop off and pick up.
 - ✓ Update on enrollment. Current student numbers are 1720 which is a little down, but most schools are down. Dale is working on some ideas to work on their online presence.
 - ✓ The administration has scheduled a meeting with the POEC leadership to smooth out any ruffles and layout activities for the rest of the year.
 - ✓ 6th grade recruiting activity is tomorrow. The North campus 6th graders will be going over to the jr. high.
 - ✓ Dale reviewed the Equipment Acquired with Federal Funds Administrative Procedures which is a new procedure required by the state.

➤ Academica West

- AW Recap – Kim recapped some of the things that AW has been working with SAA on including the refinance, marketing meeting training, lottery, pre-legislature meeting, and legislative audit. Kim and Brad also gave a brief update on some of the legislative bills that are out there and may affect SAA.

CONSENT ITEMS

- New Hires – There was no further discussion.
 - Michelle Schmitt – Kitchen Assistant
- January 18, 2022 Electronic Board Meeting Minutes – There was no further discussion. **Nate Schow made a motion to approve the consent items. Mary Johnston seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:**
 - Bryan DeGrange – Aye**
 - Nate Schow – Aye**
 - Rene Dreiling – Aye**

Mary Johnston – Aye
Jerrad Pullum – Aye
Motion passed unanimously.

VOTING ITEMS

- 2022-2023 School Fee Schedule – Dale Pfister stated that this is the second public comment period and nothing has changed since the first public comment period. He reminded the board that fees collected follow are spent on what you say you're spending it on. There was a discussion on the changes and auditing the fees. There was a discussion on what the elective class supplies per grade are for.
- Re-Approve Fee Waiver Policy – Dale Pfister reviewed the Fee Waiver Policy. It must be reviewed and approved by the board annually.

Nate Schow made a motion to approve the following:

- **Approve the 2022-2023 School Fee Schedule; and**
- **Re-approve the Fee Waiver Policy**

Rene Dreiling seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:

Bryan DeGrange – Aye

Nate Schow – Aye

Rene Dreiling – Aye

Mary Johnston – Aye

Jerrad Pullum abstained from voting. The motion passed with a majority vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Calendar Items – ALL
 - Next Pre-Board Meeting – March 31st
 - Next Board Meeting – April 14th
 - NCSC22 Washington DC June 19-22 – There was a discussion on the possibility to have teacher attend.

6:25 PM – Nate Schow made a motion to enter into a CLOSED SESSION to discuss an individual's character, professional competence, or physical or mental health pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(a). We are located in the North Campus Library. Rene Dreiling seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:

Nate Schow – Aye

Rene Dreiling – Aye

Bryan DeGrange – Aye

Mary Johnston – Yes

Jerrad Pullum – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

6:54 PM – Nate Schow made a motion to exit the CLOSED SESSION and ADJOURN. Jerrad Pullum seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:

Bryan DeGrange – Aye

Nate Schow – Aye

Rene Dreiling – Aye

Mary Johnston – Aye
Jerrad Pullum – Aye
Motion passed unanimously.

**Syracuse Arts Academy
Board of Directors
Closed Session Statement
Thursday, February 3, 2022**

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CLOSED SESSION SWORN STATEMENT:

*At a duly noticed public meeting held on the date listed above, the board of directors for **SYRACUSE ARTS ACADEMY** entered into a closed session for the sole purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual in accordance with Utah Code Ann. 52-4-2(1)(a).*

I declare under criminal penalty under the law of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed on the 3 day of February, 2022, at Syracuse, Utah.



Bryan DeGrange
Board Chair