

**Salt Lake Arts Academy
Governing Board Approved Minutes
May 15, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
Salt Lake Arts Academy, Room 201**

Board Members Present

Greg Ostrander, Jennie Stacey, John Bakken, Julie Bartel, Julie Livers, Kelly Goff, Leanne Hawken, Lon Huntsman, Rob Scott

Board Members Excused

Abby Rizk, Anneliese Booher, Meghann Orsini

Staff Present

Deborah Candler, Jen Guillory, Katy Andrews, Moni Schwaerzler

Others Present

Nicole Laird, former parent and Finance Committee's recommendation for new Business Manager and Jim Kreeck, former Board Member and member of Finance Committee.

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| 1. Welcome and Introductions | Julie Bartel | 5:30 |
| 2. Review and Approval of Minutes from March Board Meeting | All | 5:35 |

Add: motion to go into closed session - Kelly moved and Julie L seconded

MOTION: To approve the minutes from 3/20/23

John Bakken moved to approve

Leanne Hawken seconded

Motion approved unanimously, except for Lon who abstained because he was not at the meeting in March.

3. Principal's Report

Deborah Candler

5:40

Faculty Plans next year - Scope and Sequence (themes, month by month topics / integration)

"Exploring Different Perspectives" theme for next year

Accreditation needs to be renewed next year

Assessing incoming 5th graders again to identify kids needing support, balance classes.

Arts goal - track percentage of students advancing to Level 3 classes

Self-reflections in students' digital portfolios

"Visual Arts Dept" - Jiggs in Digital Arts and Elizabeth in Visual Arts (Elizabeth to mentor Jiggs and grow dept)

Humanities Dept - upgrading resources, adding supports for students (reading, writing, etc)

Math - CPM upgrading to include system developed by Ann Simms and Nate Rickett

School Climate - addressing concerns raised in School-wide Survey.

Bring back morning RIISE meetings and increase RIISE recognition - school values

Building strong relationships with our students! Continuing

Attendance issues

Attract and retain high-quality staff

Faculty/Staff support

New / renewed committees - incl school safety committee

We will be working to implement Positive Behavior Interventions and Support - three tiers; grateful for support from Leanne and Christina Hesley.

Deborah is working on a Three Year Plan, for review at Board Retreat in June.

4. Policy Updates and Action Items

Deborah Candler

5:50

Behavior Policy –

Developed by Admin/Faculty this summer (this June)

Presented for Board Adoption at August Board meeting,

Introduced to kids at beginning of school.
Presented to families at Back to School night.

Annual Adoption of Sex Ed Curriculum

Planned Parenthood program approved by state "Growing Up Comes First" - hasn't changed

MOTION: To approve "Growing Up Comes First" curriculum for Sex Ed presentations.

Julie Livers moved to approve

Greg Ostrander seconded

Motion approved unanimously

5. **Governance Committee**

Julie Bartel

4:25

New Board Member Nominations (resumes in Shared Drive):

Amy Yuda

Diane Cabreles

Nick Vienneau

Shantel Stoff

MOTION: To accept the above nominations

Julie Livers moved to approve

John Bakken seconded

Motion approved unanimously

Need to alert nominees, post for public comment, final vote in June, orient new members in August.

Board Retreat Date and Agenda Items

June 8 Governance Meeting 8:45 am

June 12, 2023; perhaps at Ron Zamir's office?

6. Finance Update **Moni Schwaerzler** **6:00**

Moni reviewed income and expenses information - see handout
All required reporting to bond holders has been done.
FY23 Budget will be finalized in June at retreat.
FY24 Budget will be reviewed and adopted at June retreat.

7. New Business Manager Selection **John Bakken /Jennie Stacey**

Discussed Business Manager search process.
Nicole Laird is present. The Finance Committee recommends her selection as Business Manager.

8. Public Requests to Speak* **4:25**

There were no requests to speak.

9. Upcoming Events and Meetings **4:40**

June Board Retreat, 6/12/23, Noon – 5 p.m.
Location TBD

August Board Business Meeting / UPDATE - Friday, August 18, 4 - 7 p.m., location TBD

10. Closed Session

The Governing Board may move into Closed Session to discuss topics allowed under the Utah Open Meetings Law.

MOTION: To move into a closed session, including Nicole Laird for part of it and Deborah, Moni and Jim Kreeck for entirety
Julie Livers moved to approve
Lon Huntsman seconded
Motion approved unanimously

MOTION: Greg Ostrander motioned to end the close session

Lon Huntsman seconded seconded

Motion approved unanimously

MOTION: Jon Bakken moved to open the session

Greg Ostrander seconded

Motion approved unanimously

MOTION: Lon motioned to extend an offer of employment to Nicole Laird for the role of Business Manager.

Greg Ostrander seconded

Motion approved unanimously.

MOTION: Greg Ostrander motioned to close the meeting

Lon Huntsman seconded

Motion approved unanimously.

*REQUEST TO SPEAK: Persons requesting to speak to the Governing Board in an open meeting need to sign up prior to the start of the open session of the board meeting, by contacting Julie Bartel, Julie.bartel@slarts.org. Resolution of questions or responses to proposals should not be expected at this meeting; staff or others may be asked to research and/or prepare materials and solutions for a later time. Up to fifteen minutes in total will be scheduled for persons requesting to speak. Three minutes will be allotted for individual requests and five minutes will be allotted for group requests. If we receive more requests than the allotted time permits, those requests may be scheduled for the next board meeting. Your concerns may be submitted in writing to the principal's office for distribution to the Governing Board at any time.