



Heather King Head of School

Rachel Merrill Principal

Mission "Providing a rigorous college preparatory curriculum and well rounded arts education to enrich the lives of our students."

Vision "Nurturing the next generation of leaders to become invaluable citizens at the heart of Maine's cultural, economic and social well being."

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING January 5, 2023

5:30 PM

AGENDA

Join Meeting via Zoom at:

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Directors present: Sherry Gilbert, Dick Durost, Janna Townsend, Linda Warner, Andrew Landry, Tim Rector, Andrew Carlton, Shelley Reed

Directors absent: None.

Staff: Heather King, Jill Alves, Rachel Merrill, Jasen Richardson, Stacy Lockhart

Public: None.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order / Declaration of a Quorum Sherry Gilbert called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 5:39pm.

2. Public Comment None.

3. Approval of Minutes -

Motion by Janna Townsend, seconded by Dick Durost, to accept Board of Directors meeting minutes for December 7, 2022. Vote abstained by Andrew Carlton and Shelley Reed. Unanimous vote by all

other Board members.

Motion by Dick Durost, seconded by Janna Townsend to accept Board of Directors meeting minutes for December 27, 2022. Vote abstained by Andrew Carlton and Shelley Reed. Unanimous vote by all other Board members.

4. Administrative Report No additional comments.

5. Committee Reports

- a. Finance Committee - Tim Rector stated that the next meeting will take place at the end of January. Heather King congratulated Jill Alves on a flawless audit.
- b. Academic Excellence Committee - Dick Durost reported that the next AEC meeting will take place on February 14, 2023 at 4:00pm.
- c. Governance Committee - Drew Landry stated that the December 15th meeting's primary discussion revolved around financing for the new school building. There were also conversations regarding the Head of School annual review; Board members should have completed their reviews and an upcoming meeting with the Head of School will be scheduled soon.
- d. Fundraising, Development/Marketing Committee - Linda Warner shared that the committee's most recent minutes had been sent out last month. Fundraising efforts will continue to be a priority.

6. Additions/Adjustments by Chair/Directors - Heather King brought up the Charter Commission's performance framework and stated that Amy Allen corrected errors in MeAA's reporting. Andrew Carlton stated his professional opinion regarding the emphasis that should be placed on student growth in standardized testing and that MeAA's growth scores were impressive.

Shelley Reed discussed the Maine Network for Public Charter Schools and the advantages of MeAA's joining this organization. Each school received a \$5,000 donation from Judith Jones to help offset membership fees.

Janna Townsend shared her congratulations regarding the purchase of the new school building located at 310 Cony Road in Augusta.

Sherry Gilbert reminded Board members of the modules found in Epicenter that need to be completed by all Board members.

7. Old Business - No discussion.

8. New Business

- a. Charter Commission meeting update - On December 13, 2022 the Charter Commission met and discussed the Ecology Learning Center's request to add a facility, which is not yet handicap accessible. Dick Durost discussed the importance of electing a longstanding executive director for the Charter Commission.
- b. New building update - Heather King shared that the closing on the new building took place on January 4, 2023.

c. MSBM Membership - Sherry Gilbert discussed the letter from Steve Bailey offering the opportunity to join this organization.

9. Executive Session

Motion by Dick Durost, seconded by Linda Warner to enter executive session per Title 1, Chapter 13, Sub-chapter 1, Freedom of Access, 405, 6C. discussion of use of real property. Motion unanimously approved. Executive session entered at 6:29pm.

Executive session ended at 7:17pm.

9. Announcements & Upcoming Events / Meetings

a. Governance Meeting TBA , 5:00 pm

b. Fundraising/Marketing, January 23, 4:00 pm

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c. Academic Excellence Tuesday February 14 , 2022 4:00 pm

d. Finance Committee Meeting

January 25, 2022 4:00 pm

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8. Next Board Meeting Thursday February 1, 2023 5:30 pm

10. Adjournment

Motion by Linda Warner, seconded by Tim Rector to adjourn the meeting at 7:18. Unanimous vote.