



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

April 1, 2024 - 5:00 PM

Passed May 6, 2024

Google Link

<https://meet.google.com/yzt-konq-irh?authuser=0>

**Directors present:** Ms. Sherry Gilbert, Ms. Linda Warner, Mr. Drew Landry, Mr. Timothy Rector, Mr. Mitchell Thomas, Ms. Janna Townsend, Mrs. Heather King

**Directors absent:** None.

**Staff:** Jasen Richardson, Jenna Murray, Rachel Merrill

**Public:** Shana Page, Liza Conry

**Call to Order / Declaration of a Quorum** Sherry Gilbert called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 5:00pm. Sherry read the school's mission and vision statements.

### 1. Approval of Minutes

**Motion** by Drew Landry, seconded by Tim Rector to approve the minutes from March's Board of Directors meeting. Unanimous.

**2. Public Comment** Liza Conry shared details about the Clynk fundraiser that is being organized by the parent group. The group will also continue working on the spaghetti dinner and teacher appreciation week. Shana Page commented that having the spaghetti dinner during conferences will hopefully bring more parents on board.

**3. Administrative Report** - Janna Townsend shared that she emailed her comments about her

appreciation of the administrative report.

#### **4. Committee Reports**

- a. Tim Rector - Chair, Finance Committee - Tim Rector reported on work being done by the committee.
- b. Drew Landry - Chair, Governance - Drew Landry reported on work being done by the committee.
- c. Linda Warner - Chair, Development - Linda Warner reported on work being done by the committee.
- d. Janna Townsend - Chair Academic Excellence - Janna Townsend reported that the next meeting will be April 22, 2024.

#### **5. Additions/Adjustments by Chair/Directors**

Sherry Gilbert shared an addition to the agenda. Sherry reached out to Lana Ewing and Leza Packard regarding the newly acquired building. Sherry also shared that Lana took part in a wonderful 30 minute podcast about Maine charter schools and encouraged everyone to listen to the podcast.

#### **7. Old Business**

- a. Update on goals - Linda Warner provided an update on the progress toward meeting the strategic goals and spoke to the numerous grants already awarded to the school or in progress.

#### **8. New Business**

- a. Maine Alliance of Public Charter Schools update - Heather King shared that the alliance has completed their website. Each school has its own section. MeAA's visual arts students created the logo for the alliance.
- b. Charter Commission meeting update from 3/12/24 - Sherry shared that she attended the meeting along with Linda and Heather. Sherry shared that the charter commission did not waive the seat days from school closures in response to the Lewiston shootings. Heather stated that MeAA has added two makeup seat days to the school calendar.
- c. Donation received - Sherry shared that a board member, Tim Rector, has given a generous donation towards the new school library.
- d. Fy25 Proposed Budget - Vote

**Motion** by Mitchell Thomas, seconded by Drew Landry, to approve the budget as presented. Unanimous.

#### **9. Announcements & Upcoming Events / Meetings**

- a. Governance Meeting: TBA, 5:00 pm April 22
- b. Development Committee: TBD 4:00 may 22
- c. Academic Excellence: April 22, 2024 4:00 pm
- d. Finance Committee April 24, 5:00 pm
- e. Maine Alliance of Public Charter Schools: May 9, 2024 Time TBA
- f. Parent/Teacher conferences/Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Wednesday April 6, 11:00AM to 3:00 PM
- g. Art Walk to highlight Youth Mental Health, Saturday April 6 Downtown Augusta
- h. Theater Production: *The Servant of Two Masters*, May 3 at 7:00pm and May 4 and 5

2:00pm at the school

i. Music Performance May 8, and 9 UMA 6:00PM

j. Graduation Sunday June 2, Augusta Civic Center 12:00 pm

**10. Next Board Meeting:** Monday, May 6, 2024 - 5:00 pm

**12. Adjournment:**

**Motion** by Linda Warner to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:51.