



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 6, 2023**

**5:30 PM**

**AGENDA / MINUTES**

**Approved May 4, 2023**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**Directors present: Tim Rector, Janna Townsend, Sherry Gilbert, Linda Warner, Drew Landry, Heather King**

**Directors absent: Shelley Reed, Andrew Carlton**

**Staff: Heather King, Jill Alves, Rachel Merrill**

**Public: MeAA Parent**

**1. Call to Order / Declaration of a Quorum** Sherry Gilbert declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:36pm.

**2. Public Comment** None.

### **3. Approval of Minutes** from March 2, 2023

**Motion** by Tim Rector seconded by Janna Townsend to approve the minutes from March 2, 2023. Unanimous.

**4. Administrative Report** Tim Rector was pleased with all of the college acceptances!

### **5. Committee Reports**

- a. Finance Committee - Tim Rector said that the committee discussed next year's budget and ideas about reducing spending overall. Tim asked Andrew Carlton to fill in for him in May and June if need be.
- b. Academic Excellence Committee - Janna Townsend summarized April's meeting, which focused on the food service program, the dance department, and standardized test results.
- c. Governance Committee - Drew Landry shared that the most recent meeting was on March 23 and that he sent the minutes to committee members.
- d. Fundraising, Development/Marketing Committee - Linda Warner shared that fundraising efforts are ongoing.

**6. Additions/Adjustments by Chair/Directors** - None.

### **7. Old Business**

- a. None.

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

- a. Charter Commission meeting update - Sherry Gilbert stated that Commissioner Makin spoke to the Charter Commission Board. Wilson Hess has left the commission and Nikki Farnham is going to be chair for approximately a month and then she is going to be leaving also. There is an individual named Rachel in Commissioner Makin's office who will distribute positive news from charter schools. Tory is the performance committee chair and the commission is doing an intervention with CRCS. Lana is the new chair of the Charter Commission. Janna LaPoint spoke about LD 1089 and requested that people expressed opposition to it. Sherry Gilbert also stated that the new building is looking more and more like a school!
- b. Budget Draft for Fy 24 vote Tim Rector stated there was discussion around lowering the salary for the facilities manager position.

**Motion** by Tim Rector seconded by Linda Warner to approve the proposed budget. Unanimous.

c. Moving Details - Heather King shared that she has hired piano movers and movers for some of the larger filing cabinets and desks.

d. 5 Day school week school calendar approval -

**Motion** by Tim Rector seconded by Janna Townsend to approve the school calendar for next year. Unanimous.

e. Emergency Plan - A safety assessment is required to apply for grants. The safety assessment representative will be visiting the new building next week.

**Motion** by Janna Townsend seconded by Tim Rector to approve the emergency plan. Unanimous.

f. President's Meeting - Last Friday, the presidents of all of the charter schools met. Moving forward, the board should be thinking about its renewal plan. There was a lot of discussion around student achievement. Chronic absenteeism is also a major concern for schools across the state. It was an excellent meeting.

**9. Executive Session** - Title 1, Chapter 13, Sub-chapter 1, Freedom of Access, 405, 6A.1: Individual's right to privacy

**Motion** by Janna Townsend seconded by Linda Warner to enter executive session per Title 1, Chapter 13, Sub-chapter 1, Freedom of Access, 405, 6A.1: Individual's right to privacy. Unanimous. Executive session entered at 6:20pm. Sherry Gilbert declared executive session over at 8:45pm.

**10. Announcements & Upcoming Events / Meetings**

- a. Governance Meeting TBA , 5:00 pm
- b. Development, TBA 4:00 pm
- c. Academic Excellence TBA, 2023 4:00 pm
- d. Finance Committee Meeting  
April 26 , 2023 4:00 pm
- E. Adhoc Building Committee TBA
- F. Maine Alliance for Public Charter Schools

**11. Next Board Meeting** Thursday May 4, 2023 5:30 pm

**12. Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.