



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2021

APPROVED: June 2, 2021

Directors present: Janna Townsend, Sherry Gilbert, Linda Warner, Maggie Allen, Dick Durost, Andrew Landry, Tim Rector

Directors absent: none

Staff: Heather King, Rachel Roberge, Diane Manter, Linda Belanger, Tina Spencer

Public: Fern DesJardins, Charter Commission Liaison to MeAA

Call to Order – Janna Townsend at 5:00pm

1. Adjustments to Agenda
Draft 5-yr Charter Renewal agreement 4b - attorney comments
2. Public Comment - Sherry Gilbert told a funny story about yard signs in her yard and across the street from her house.
3. Approval of Minutes:

April 7, 2021 Minutes* approved as submitted

motion	Dick
second	Drew
yes	5
no	0
abstain	0

4. New Business:
 - a. Janna Townsend officially welcomed Maggie Allen to the board.
 - b. 5-yr Charter Renewal agreement has been reviewed by our attorney and revision suggestions sent to the Charter Commission who have responded. The 5-year charter renewal agreement has been approved and accepted.

motion	Dick
second	Tim
yes	6
no	0
abstain	0

5. Old Business: none

6. Review/Approve Financial Reports and Finance Committee Updates:

- a. Share information from the finance Committee Meeting - the full minutes are in the Board packet. Discussion about a state payment to teachers for next year to bring teacher salaries up to \$37,500 but won't be paid until February. Covid money is also a possibility. The CSP grant has funds that need to be used for textbooks, technology and a van or minibus. There will be a discussion of the new budget at the May 26th Finance meeting.
- b. Approval of financial report

motion	Tim
second	Linda
yes	6
no	0
abstain	0

7. Approval of IMGA: Service Animals Policy - 2nd reading

motion	Sherry
second	Linda
yes	6
no	0
abstain	0

8. Committee Reports:

- a. Academic Excellence Committee* - Minutes in board packet. Sherry Gilbert reported that the committee met on 4/27/2021. Great School Partnerships are nearly done with consulting. School Safety is good. NWEA will be administered again this spring. Two students are participating in an entirely virtual All State Music Festival this year. Discussion around politics in the classroom.
- b. Governance Committee* - did not meet
- c. Fundraising, Development/Marketing Committee* - Minutes in board packet. Linda Warner reported that the majority of the discussion centered around creating a marketing plan. Enrollment was up to 206. Acadia Charter is managing our instagram and facebook pages and our following is growing. The posts are wonderful.

9. Report from Administration:

Assistant Head of School Report* - in the board packet. Rachel Roberge reported that theater students presented their fifth annual Ten Minute Play Festival. Students wrote, directed, and played in three short performances. SATs were administered to Juniors on 4/13. Seniors presented their capstone projects on Friday, April 30th. Maine Arts Academy's creative media students will be displaying their work at Slates Restaurant and Bakery in Hallowell this month.

10. Announcements & Upcoming Events / Meetings:

- a. Recital May 14 9:30 or 10:30 slots available
- b. Music Night May 19 5:00 pm
- c. Graduation June 4 5:00 pm
- d. Board Meeting - June 2, 2021 at 5:00 pm in person at school

11. Executive Session:

Title 1, Chapter 13, Freedom of Access, 6C - Discussion/consideration of the condition, acquisition or use of real or personal property permanently attached to real property or interests therein or disposition of publicly held property or economic development only if premature disclosures of the information would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the body or agency.

- a. Motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter executive session 5:43pm

motion	Drew
second	Tim
yes	6
no	0

abstain	0
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Motion to close the executive session was made at 6:38pm. No action was taken.

motion	Drew
second	Sherry
yes	0
no	0
abstain	0

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda R. Warner, Secretary