



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 March 2, 2023

5:30 PM

Approved April 6, 2023

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://maineartsacademy-org.zoom.us/j/88227171898?pwd=enFmdWJpQ2JNU3RFbDRnUSsvV2dXdz09>

Meeting ID: 882 2717 1898

Passcode: 068942

Directors present: Sherry Gilbert, Andrew Carlton, Drew Landry, Tim Rector, Shelley Reed, Linda Warner, Heather King, Janna Townsend

Directors absent: None.

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

Public: Two public members present.

1. Call to Order / Declaration of a Quorum Sherry Gilbert declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. Public Comment Members of the public introduced themselves and shared their status as parents of current students.

3. Approval of Minutes from February 2, 2023

Motion by Linda Warner, seconded by Tim Rector to approve the Board of Directors meeting

minutes for February 2, 2023. Unanimous.

4. Administrative Report - Board members commented on the criteria for upcoming arts auditions.

5. Committee Reports

a. Finance Committee - Tim Rector sent out the January and February reports to Board members and stated MeAA remains solvent. Tim commented that Jill Alves has done well ensuring the school's bills are paid and accounts are balanced. Tim also shared that MeAA has been approved by USDA rural development for that portion of the financing. **b.**

Academic Excellence Committee - Heather King shared that more ensemble-based classes will be integrated into the music curriculum. Heather also shared that the committee reviewed the drop prevention program during its recent meeting.

c. Governance Committee - Drew Landry will be scheduling a meeting for the month of March.

d. Fundraising, Development/Marketing Committee - Linda Warner shared that two grants are being submitted and that the design is ready. Linda stated that the ribbon cutting ceremony will be moved to next fall due to construction and added that MeAA is currently expecting 232 students next year. Heather King shared that the initial proposal for the Congressionally Directed Spending grant has been sent to Angus King's office and that the school is pursuing a theater grant as well.

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

7. Old Business

a. MSBM Membership - Andrew Carlton stated that the Maine School Board Association falls under Maine School Management and provides valuable policy support. The policy support could potentially save costs otherwise spent on attorneys' fees. Sherry Gilbert shared that if MeAA joins the Maine School Superintendents Association, it would be as a non-voting member.

8. New Business -

a. Charter Commission meeting update - Sherry Gilbert shared her notes from the February 14th meeting. Tory reported that MEANS is improving but that they are still at the bottom of the portfolio. Candidates for the executive director of the charter commission should be considered by the April meeting. Unity's school was approved for a new school building. Cornville was approved for pre-k expansion of 16 students. Maine Connections Academy has a waiting list and was approved for an increase in enrollment. Heather King shared that the DOE has suppressed MeAA's test scores and that the charter commission is trying to obtain them from the DOE. Tim Rector suggested reaching out to Harpswell regarding items they are trying to sell.

b. Budget draft for Fy 24 - The draft has been sent to the finance committee. Sherry Gilbert suggested to send ideas or comments to her, Tim Rector, or Heather King.

c. Operations Director position for new building - Andrew Carlton recommended a facilities operations manager for MeAA's new campus. Potential candidates should understand the major operational systems of the building and be available to coordinate with contractors for system maintenance, diagnostics, and repairs.

d. 10 minute play festival/board meeting date - There are two nights of the 10 Minute Play Festival, so there should not be a scheduling conflict with April's board meeting.

9. Executive Session

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

Motion by Andrew Carlton, seconded by Tim Rector 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 6:03pm.

Executive session ended at 6:49pm.

10. Announcements & Upcoming Events / Meetings

a. Governance Meeting TBA , 5:00 pm

b. Development, March 27, 2023 4:00 pm

c. Academic Excellence TBA

d. Finance Committee Meeting

March 22, 2023 4:00 pm

E. Adhoc Building Committee TBA

F. Maine Alliance for Public Charter Schools March 11 10:00 am 310 Cony Road

11. Next Board Meeting Thursday April 6, 2023 5:30 pm

12. Adjournment

Motion by Tim Rector to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.