



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  
May 4, 2023 - 5:30 PM  
AGENDA / MEETING MINUTES**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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

**Directors absent:** None

**Staff:** Heather King, Jasen Richardson, Tina Spencer, Diane Manter

**Public:** Carter Houle, Jessica Ramirez, Shana Page, Cindy Hines, Elizabeth Conry

- 1. Call to Order / Declaration of a Quorum** Sherry Gilbert declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
- 2. Approval of Minutes** from April 6, 2023 and Special Board Meeting on April 10, 2023
  - a. MOTION** to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2023 meeting by Drew Landry, seconded by Tim Rector. Unanimous.
  - b. MOTION** to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on April 10, 2023 by Linda Warner, seconded by Andrew Carlton. Unanimous.

**3. Public Comment:** A group of parents, Jessica Ramirez, Shana Page and Elizabeth Conry expressed concerns over the challenge for students regarding the turnover of staff, the "rumors" the students are coming home with and the academic rigor. They stated that they are strong supporters of MeAA and are pleased with the response of the Administration. The Board thanked them for coming and for their input.

**4. Danielle Marquis Insurance Questions** -Cancelled due to illness.

- a. Guest - Carter Houle. Carter was introduced to the Board and guests by Tina Spencer. Carter graduated in 2021 as an approved early graduate. Carter spoke of his trouble in traditional high schools and announced that he had just graduated from an accelerated program at Universal Technical in PA. He said that it would not have been possible if it wasn't for MeAA and the teachers and staff. He specifically credited Mrs. Spencer, Ms. Veillieux, Mr. Herman and Mrs. King.
- b. Diane Manter reported on MeAA's participation in the United Way's Day of Caring. All the students were at 310 Cony Road, from there a groups went to Viles Aboretum, the Little League field, Maine Veterans' Home .and worked at 310. Diane reported that all were very happy with the work of our students.

**5. Administrative Report**

**6. Committee Reports**

- a. Finance Committee - Tim Rector stated that MeAA is financially solvent and will have a little more comfort room after July 1st. Heather King reported that she and Wendy Betts are working on a large grand for safety and security.
- b. Academic Excellence Committee - The next meeting is June 14th. The committee is currently meeting every other month. They will put on the agenda for the next meeting a conversation regarding academic rigor.
- c. Governance Committee - Next meeting date/time to be determined
- d. Fundraising, Development/Marketing Committee - Linda Warner reported the objective is to now decide how to market our move.

**7. Additions/Adjustments by Chair/Directors** - Sherry Gilbert announced that the Board had narrowed down the Operations Manager's position down to 3 candidates and had completed the interview process. Corey King has been selected and accepted the position. He will be formally introduced to the Board at the next Board meeting.

**8. Old Business**

- a. Move reminder - We will be moving starting Friday, June 2nd. Poland Bus Company is renting 2 U-Hauls to assist in the move.

**9. New Business**

- a. Charter Commission meeting update - It was reported that the NWEA testing measurement that the Commission had been using was higher than that of traditional schools and the testing company. Norm Higgins has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Commission.

**10. Executive Session** Title 1, Chapter 13, Sub-chapter 1, Freedom of Access, 405, 6F:  
Discuss information contained in records made, maintained or received when access to  
general public is prohibited by statute

**MOTION** to enter Executive Session by Shelley Reed, seconded by Andrew Landry.  
Unanimous

Entered Executive Session at 6:14 pm

Sherry Gilbert declared the Board out of Executive Session

No Action Taken

**11. Executive Session** Title 1, Chapter 13, Sub-chapter 1, Freedom of Access, 405, 6A.1:  
Individual's Right to Privacy

**MOTION** to enter Executive Session by Tim Rector, seconded by Andy Carlton

Unanimous

Entered Executive Session at 6:27 pm

Sherry Gilbert declared the Board out of Executive Session

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

- a. Governance Meeting: TBA, 5:00 pm
- b. Development: July 31, 4:00 pm
- c. Academic Excellence: TBA, 4:00 pm
- d. Finance Committee Meeting: May 24, 2023, 4:00 pm
- e. Adhoc Building Committee: TBA
- f. Maine Alliance for Public Charter Schools

**13. Next Board Meeting:** June 8, 2023 - 5:30 pm

## **14. Adjournment**

**MOTION** to Adjourn by Andy Carlton, seconded by Andrew Landry

Meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Manter, Recording Secretary, Linda Warner, Secretary