



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

February 5, 2024 - 5:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Approved March 4, 2024

Google Link

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

Directors present: Sherry Gilbert, Tim Rector, Linda Warner, Mitchell Thomas
(Remote) Janna Townsend, Drew Landry

Directors absent:

Staff: Heather King, Cory King, Diane Manter
(Remote) Jenna Murray, Jasen Richardson

Public: Shana Page, Lila Pottle, Karen McGrath

1. Call to Order / Declaration of a Quorum Meeting called to order at 5:04 pm

2. Approval of Minutes 1/2/2024

Motion: To approve the minutes from the January 2, 2024 meeting was made by Linda Warner.
2nd by Mitchell Thomas. VOTE: Unanimous

3. Public Comment

a. Shana Page reported that she and others were working on getting a Parent Group up and running. They are having a remote meeting on Monday, February 12, 2024 and want to have an "in person" meeting after that. They are looking into a spaghetti dinner for a fundraiser and creating a library.

b. Lila Pottle, MeAA 2023 Graduate, addressed the Board and thanked them for her

opportunity to graduate early. She reported that she is a Freshman at Thomas College and majoring in political science. She made the Dean's List first semester, plans to intern in DC in junior year and study in Japan in her senior year.

4. Administrative Report - Janna Townsend commented that she likes these reports and is thankful for them. Heather King stated that the school data will be made public. That MeAA has the highest reading scores of all the charter schools and is higher than the state average. She will share this data with the Board.

5. Operations Director Report Cory King reported that the poles for the speed zone lighted signs should be installed either this week or next. The security film for the windows (for approximately ½ of the school) will be installed by Tint by Russo. This company also did this for the Vassalboro School. Rural Development is requiring a meeting with the contractor and others prior to the start of construction. Heather King reported that the meeting is scheduled for February 13th at 10 am. **6.**

Committee Reports

- a. Tim Rector - Chair, Finance Committee - Tim reported on the work being done by the committee.
- b. Janna Townsend - Chair, Academic Excellence - no committee meeting
- c. Drew Landry - Chair, Governance - Drew reported on the work being done by the committee.
- d. Linda Warner - Chair, Development - Linda reported on the work being done by the committee.

7. Additions/Adjustments by Chair/Directors - None

8. Old Business - None

9. New Business -

- a. Linda Warner presentation update on goals - Postponed
- b. Update regarding midyear Charter Commission check in: Sherry Gilbert, Tim Rector, Heather King, Rachel Merrill and Jasen Richardson attended the meeting. All agreed that the meeting went well. The Commission did bring up that 44 students have exited, but Heather explained that a number of those never came or the transfer request was received after June 30, 2023. Jasen stated that he felt the relationship between the Commission and the school has improved.
- c. Update from Charter Commission Business meeting - Sherry Gilbert reported that Pender Makin, the Commissioner of Education spoke to the Board of concerns she had regarding special education, among other things. Heather King reported that applications for the 10th Charter school have opened. There was 3rd party report on Maine Connections Academy.
- d. Update from Operations Director on renovations: Rural Development is requiring a meeting with the contractor and others prior to the start of construction. Heather King reported that the meeting is scheduled for February 13th at 10 am.
- e. School calendar approval for 2024/2025 School year: Janna Townsend reported seeing a report in the NY times regarding the advantages of a 4 day week. Linda Warner stated that she was still interested in a 4 day week. Shana Page suggested perhaps having Fridays be remote to save on transportation costs and other costs. Tim Rector suggested starting after Labor Day. Sherry Gilbert reported on a July start and taking January and February off.
MOTION: to approve the 2024/2025 School Year Calendar was made by Linda Warner. 2nd by Tim Rector. VOTE: Unanimous

10. Announcements & Upcoming Events / Meetings

- a. Governance Meeting: TBA, 5:00 pm
- b. Development Committee: March 27 2024, 4:00 pm
- c. Academic Excellence: February 13, 2024 4:00 pm

- d. Finance Committee February 28, 5:00 pm
- e. Maine Alliance of Public Charter Schools- February 8, 2024 3:30 pm
- f. MeAA dancers will be performing at Colby on February 9 and 10
- g. Ted McInerney, Channel 8 News, Weather At Your School - February 14

11. Executive Session

- a. Enter Executive Session to discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent per M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E).**

MOTION to enter executive session was made by Linda Warner, second by Tim Rector VOTE: Unanimous
Entered executive session at 5:44pm
President Sherry Gilbert declared us out of session at 5:55pm
No action was taken.

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

MOTION to enter executive session was made by Tim Rector, second by Mitchell Thomas. VOTE: Unanimous.
Entered executive session at 5:56pm
President Sherry Gilbert declared us out of session at 6:32pm
No action was taken.

12. Next Board Meeting: Monday, March 4 , 2024 - 5:00 pm

13. Adjournment: **MOTION** to adjourn made by Mitchell Thomas 6:32 pm