

Syracuse Arts Academy Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 1, 2020

Place: SAA North Campus, 357 S 1550 W, Syracuse, UT 84075



NOTE: *It is possible that the SAA Board of Directors may be utilizing an electronic meeting component with one or more of their members.*

In Attendance: Jerrad Pullum, Rene Dreiling, Mary Johnston, Nate Schow, Bryan DeGrange (5:58 p.m.)

Others in Attendance: Dawn Kawaaguchi, Jane Ann Kammeyer, Leigh Schwartz, Kimberly Judd, Kim Dohrer, Judy Nixon, Jon McQueary, Mike Geilmann, Dale Pfister (via Zoom), Josh Spilker (via Zoom)

The purpose of Syracuse Arts Academy is to develop respectful, confident citizens in a solid educational environment enriched by artistic expression.



Minutes

2020-2021 School Priorities

Schoolwide Unity, Cooperation & Collaboration

Expansion of Arts Integration

Maximize All Data Sources to Improve Student Instruction and Performance

5:39 PM – Call to Order

- Welcome by Nate Schow
- “Traditions” – The SAA Way
 - School Vision – Mike Geilmann
 - Storytelling – Leigh Schwartz share a story about former students who have applied for open custodial jobs at the Antelope campus.

There was no PUBLIC COMMENT.

This **CLOSED SESSION** was not needed.

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REPORTS

➤ Board of Directors

- *Financial Update* – Rene Dreiling reviewed the financials as of August 31st. There was a brief discussion on GASB vs. FASB. We did receive the final S&P report and it is in Nextcloud for the board to review.

➤ Academica West

- *AW Recap* – Kim recognized that AW will have an easy transition from FASB to GABY when the state changes that. AW has always been involved in the S&P call. October 1 count is a big day for the secretaries and our R&C. The SAA secretaries do a very good job with this and are on top of things. Trish reported to Kim that the September polling helped with data clean-up. There was a lot of prep work with the online students. Mary stated that Trish does a great job of staying on top of things. Nate thanked AW for the great job that they do.

➤ Administration

- *State of the School* – Dale Pfister
 - ✓ Dale stated that the closed session was not need because Platte is still working with Syracuse City.
 - ✓ Dale reviewed statistics for COVID-19 for SAA schoolwide. We are keeping the numbers down.
 - ✓ Dale reviewed the current enrollment and comparison from last year. Statewide students are down in attending brick and mortar schools. The secretaries have been keeping a close eye on this and we will continue to pull students throughout the year.
 - ✓ Dale gave an update on the ring road. UDOT hasn't heard back from the BOR so we are waiting on them. Jerrad hasn't heard anything from anyone. Dale has been calling UDOT and Silverpeak every week to try and keep things moving.
 - ✓ Update on distance learning students

Jerrad Pullum made a motion to approve the CONSENT ITEMS. Mary Johnston seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

➤ New Hires

- Jennifer Hernandez – Child Nutrition
- Kaylee Harmon – Child Nutrition
- Emma Johnson – SpED Paraprofessional
- Kathleen Noble (increased hours to 27.5) – Child Nutrition
- Emily Williams – Child Nutrition
- Chloe Smith – Child Nutrition
- Brianna Ramage – SpED Paraprofessional
- Rose Pierce – Recess Aide
- Sarah Markel – Spanish Teacher

➤ August 6, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

➤ August 6, 2020 Closed Session Affidavit

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BUSINESS ITEMS (To Be Discussed and/or Voted Upon)

- *Discuss and Vote on LEA-Specific Educator Licenses* – Dale Pfister reviewed the LEA-Specific Educator License and how this is one of the three licenses that the state is now accepting. These teachers are working on their specific areas of content. Jerrad asked about the names with the asterisks. Dawn stated that they are the teachers that just need to renew their license but the state hasn't finished processing those so just to be safe they are have been put on here. **Nate Schow made a motion to approve the request for an LEA-specific educator license for the duration of 3-years for the following: Jessica Farnsworth in the area of Social Studies Composite; Laura Johnson in the area of Elementary education; Sarah Markel in the area of Spanish; Sara Olds in the area of Music; Jennifer Ronayne in the area of Art; (Erin) Christine Hunsaker in the area of Math 4; Robin Stoddart in the area of Visual Art; Brittney Vasquez in the area of Elementary education; Morgan Linebarger in the area of Speech Language Tech; Jennifer Dower in the area of Elementary education; and Ashley Rocchio in the area of Elementary education. Also approve the request for an LEA-specific educator license for the duration of 1-year for the following: Tracy Reynolds, in the area of Special Education; and (Sarah) Ainzley Henrie, in the area of Special Education. Jerrad Pullum seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
- *Discuss and Vote on SLT Council Election Procedures* – Dale Pfister reviewed the School LAND Trust Council Election Procedures. The board approved the procedure because they are not the SLT council. Dale stated that there are currently no openings for our SLT committees.
- *Discuss and Vote on Snow Removal Rate Sheets* – Dale Pfister stated that we have obtained two bids and we will continue to stay with Extreme Green and approve the rate sheet for both campuses. Dawn stated that they did not have a rate sheet but we have their rates on the cover sheet. These rates haven't been increased for at least the last five years.
- *Discuss and Vote on Time & Effort Documentation Policy* – Dale Pfister reviewed the Time & Effort Documentation Policy. This is the process that we are already doing.
- *Discuss and Vote on Amended Attendance Policy* – Dale Pfister reviewed the amended Attendance Policy. State Board Rules have changed some items that affect the Attendance Policy. The changes are fairly minor technical matters and shouldn't have an impact on the school's operations.
- *Discuss and Vote on Amended Bullying & Hazing Policy* – Dale Pfister reviewed the amended Bullying and Hazing Policy. The changes include a change to the definition of "bullying" and a change to the description of what needs to be addressed in the required training.
- *Discuss and Vote on Amended Home School Student Participation in Statewide Assessments Policy* – Dale Pfister reviewed the amended Home School Student Participation in Statewide Assessment Policy. Because U-PASS testing is no longer valid they have changed the name to statewide assessment. **Rene Dreiling made a motion to approve the LAND Trust Council Election Procedures; approve Extreme Green's snow removal rates of \$950 per push for the Antelope Campus and \$375 per push for the North Campus; approve the Time & Effort Documentation Policy; the amended**

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Attendance Policy; the amended Bullying & Hazing Policy; and the amended Home School Student Participation in Statewide Assessments Policy. Mary Johnston seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS (Items for Discussion Only)

- **Calendaring Items – ALL**
 - **Holiday Social – November 5th**
 - **Possible November Electronic Board Meeting – Schedule a meeting for both October 29 and November 12**
 - **Next Pre-Board Meeting – November 19th**
 - **Next Board Meeting – December 3rd**
- **REMINDER: Online Introductory Training for School Board Members**

6:23 PM – Mary Johnston made a motion to enter into a CLOSED SESSION to discuss an individual's character, professional competence, or physical or mental health pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(1) (a) in the North Library. Nate Schow seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:

Nate Schow – Yes

Jerrad Pullum – Yes

Mary Johnston – Yes

Rene Dreiling – Yes

Bryan DeGrange – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

6:27 PM – Nate Schow made a motion to exit the CLOSED SESSION and ADJOURN. Jerrad Pullum seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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