

Syracuse Arts Academy Electronic Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, July 30, 2020



Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89607919417>
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In Attendance: Bryan De Grange, Mary Johnston, Rene Dreiling, Nate Schow, Jerrad Pullum

Others in Attendance: Dale Pfister, Judy Nixon, Jane Ann Kammeyer, Leigh Schwartz, Michael Geilmann, Tim Phillips, Dawn Kawaguchi, Kim Dohrer, Brad Taylor, Sheldon Killpack, Jon McQueary, Daniel Young, Wendy Hansen, Dian McGuire, Rex Harris, Platte Nielson

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

5:30 PM – Call to Order

- *Welcome by Bryan DeGrange* – Bryan asked Kim Dohrer with Academica West to go over the Open & Public Meetings Act and review the Board Rules of Order & Procedure. Kim stated that this meeting does not have a public comment period. She recommended that if any public had a question to direct them to your campus principal or the Lead Director, Dale Pfister. She reviewed some of the Open & Public Meetings Act. Kim also informed the public that there is a closed session first on the agenda and that all times are

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approximate. We will put the public into the waiting room and Dawn will bring all of the public back once the closed session is over

5:34 PM – Jerrad Pullum made a motion to enter into a CLOSED SESSION to discuss purchase, exchange, or lease of real property pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(d) via Zoom. Mary Johnston seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:

**Bryan DeGrange – Yes
Mary Johnston – Yes
Nate Schow – Yes
Rene Dreiling – Yes
Jerrad Pullum – Yes**

Motion passed unanimously.

6:47 PM – Jerrad Pullum made a motion to exit the CLOSED SESSION. Rene Dreiling seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:

**Bryan DeGrange – Yes
Rene Dreiling – Yes
Mary Johnston – Yes
Jerrad Pullum – Yes
Nate Schow – Yes**

Motion passed unanimously.

Bryan thanked all of the public who have been sitting in the waiting room while the closed session was in progress.

CONSENT ITEMS

- June 19, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
- June 19, 2020 Closed Session Affidavit

Mary Johnston made a motion to approve the CONSENT ITEMS. Rene Dreiling seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:

**Bryan DeGrange – Yes
Nate Schow – Yes
Mary Johnston – Yes
Jerrad Pullum – Yes
Rene Dreiling – Yes**

Motion passed unanimously.

Jerrad suggested that we move the school reopening plan for the public who have been waiting. Bryan DeGrange rearranged the business items due to the public that are present to put the school reopening requirements template first to discuss.

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

- *Discuss & Vote on School Reopening Requirements Template and 990-Hour Instructional Requirement* – Dale Pfister stated that the Utah State Office of Education has sent out this

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School Reopening Requirements template all schools must complete regarding their plan to safely open schools during the COVID-19 pandemic. This template must be completed and submitted to them by August 1st. The template and the school's detailed plans must be posted on the website by August 1st as well. A COVID-19 school manual was released from the state today. This gives more detail if a COVID-19 case appears in our school. It will be sent out tomorrow morning as an attachment with the email to all parents along with other items that we will be discussing tonight. The 990-hour waiver was also submitted today. We are still above the 990 required hours, but we thought it was prudent to submit this waiver anyway. There was a discussion on the process of moving back and forth from in person learning to online learning, the possibility of an A/B schedule and what is an essential visitor. Dale stated that their plan will be to have school four days a week (Monday through Thursday) and online instruction on Fridays. Students who request or require additional support will be invited to the school on Fridays. We are also looking at restructuring Saturday School to give students an opportunity for additional help. We will also be recommending some changes to the calendar (also a voting item) to add "Distance Learning Fridays" and the second week of school (August 24-27) be additional early out days to help alleviate some of the stress of our teachers and give some additional professional development and training. **Jerrad Pullum made a motion approve the School Reopening Requirements Template and the 990-Hour Instructional Requirement waiver form and authorize the school's Lead Director to make changes to the Template throughout the school year that are consistent with recommendations or requirements from the state or county. Rene Dreiling seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:**

Bryan DeGrange – Yes

Jerrad Pullum – Yes

Nate Schow – Yes

Mary Johnston – Yes

Rene Dreiling – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

- *Discuss & Vote on Amended 2020-2021 School Calendar* – Since Dale discussed the calendar in his reopening plan, Bryan asked if there were any questions. Mary had a question on how Dale was handling Fridays. Dale stated that it is still a school day. An A/B day will be done for the jr. high where students will address all of their classes. In the elementary, each grade level will address distance learning with all students whether they are in person or online. **Mary Johnston made a motion to approve the amended 2020-2021 school calendar. Nate Schow seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:**

Bryan DeGrange – Yes

Jerrad Pullum – Yes

Nate Schow – Yes

Mary Johnston – Yes

Rene Dreiling – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

- *Discuss & Vote on Antelope Drive Temporary Access Funding* – Dale Pfister reviewed the Antelope Drive temporary access funding. The Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) is putting

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in a pipeline on the north east corner of our property, it becomes necessary right now to move our exit further west so that when school starts in a few weeks, the parents will have a safe route to drop off and pick up students. Dale stated that we have already approved funding for the design process and now we need to approve funding for the actual construction. He also reminded the board that there is a letter from UDOT that this will be included in the total cost to cure to be reimbursed. Dale also stated that this cost did increase because we discovered that we have to move the secondary water line and it increased approximately \$45k. **Rene Dreiling made a motion to approve the construction of a temporary access onto Antelope Drive including the relocation of the secondary water line and pay up to \$320,000 for the construction. Mary Johnston seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:**

Bryan DeGrange – Yes

Jerrad Pullum – Yes

Nate Schow – Yes

Mary Johnston – Yes

Rene Dreiling – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

- *Discuss & Vote on Land Purchase from Syracuse City* – Bryan stated that we are working to purchase some land from Syracuse City which we already have an appraisal, but we need to approve the funding. Jerrad expressed his concern about approving the actual purchase since the financial committee hasn't decided where the funding is coming from. There was a discussion on the motion and how it will be funded. Dale reminded the board that some of the funding will come back to the school from UDOT as part of the cost to cure for the ring road. **Jerrad Pullum made a motion to approve the purchase of the approximately 16.11 acres of Syracuse City property located next to the School for the property's appraised amount, including any new appraisal obtained prior to executing the purchase agreement subject upon the finance committee has arranged payment and funding for such purchase. Rene Dreiling seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:**

Bryan DeGrange – Yes

Jerrad Pullum – Yes

Nate Schow – Yes

Mary Johnston – Yes

Rene Dreiling – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS (Items for Discussion Only)

- **Calendar Items – ALL**
- Next Board Meeting – August 6th

7:20 PM – Mary Johnston made a motion to ADJOURN. Rene Dreiling seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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