



Sarasota School of Arts & Sciences
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2025

Board members present: Angela Bailey, Tameka Howard, Marilyn Highland, Marilyn Marquez, Terry McGannon, Wade McVay, Michaela Macdonald, Angel Shideler

Board members absent: Steve Kamm, Becky Polizzi, Matt Wenzel, Susan Wilhelm

Guests present: Tara Tahmosh, Kevin Corwin, Kylie Gannon, Tanya Jones, Maria Mascarenas, Elizabeth Shannon

I Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Dr. Highland.

II Meeting Minutes February 12, 2025 – Board members reviewed the meeting minutes presented. Ms. Macdonald made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from February 12, 2025, Ms. Marquez 2nd and the Board approved unanimously.

III President of the Board Report – Dr. Highland

- a) Board Governance Training 2 Hr. Refresher Course – Dr. Highland reminded Mr. McGannon that he is due for the 2 Hr Refresher Course. Ms. Marquez needs to complete the 4 Hr. Governance Course.
- b) Nominating Committee – Nothing to report
- c) Principal Evaluation Committee – A subcommittee was formed to complete Ms. Tahmosh's annual evaluation. The subcommittee consists of Dr. Highland, Ms. Macdonald, Ms. Bailey, Mr. McGannon and Mr. McVay. Mr. Corwin will email available dates and time to the subcommittee.

IV Principal's Report –

- a) Enrollment – Ms. Tahmosh updated the Board on our current enrollment which remains steady at 741.
- b) Rosemary Court Update – Discussed during New Business
- c) Sarasota County Sheriff's Office New Contract for SSO – Ms. Tahmosh reviewed the no agreement for the 25/26 school year from the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office. The cost increased to \$112,974.00 for the year. Ms. Tahmosh stated that she had reached out to the Sarasota County School Police Department, but had not received a quote at the time of the meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Bailey to accept the contract as presented, Mr. McVay 2nd and the Board approved unanimously. Ms. Tahmosh added that SSA+S purchased the same metal detectors that the District is using and that the supply list for next year was updated to eliminate any metal.

- d) SRQ Magazine – SSA+S was voted the Best Charter School by SRQ Magazine. The school was highlighted in their annual “Best Of” edition.

V Staff Report –Ms. Howard touched on all the highlights since the last meeting. Speech and Debate brought home many accolades at the State Competition.

VI Parent Involvement Representative (PIR) Report – Ms. Gannon

- a) HR Updates – Ms. Gannon stated that we are currently accepting applications for the one open position for next year and that the Master Schedule process has begun.

VII PTSS Report – None

VIII Treasurer’s Report –

- a) Financial Statement – February 28, 2025 – Mr. McGannon presented the February 28, 2025 Financial Statement. Mr. McGannon announced that he will commit to one more year as a Board Member.

IX Old Business –

- a) 741 Property Remodel/Reconstruction Initial Discussion – A brief discussion was held about the remodel and reconstruction of 741 Central Avenue. Once the school gains full access, we will be able to determine what needs to be done to the property.

X New Business –

- b) Rosemary Court Discussion – A discussion was held about a possible purchase of Rosemary Court. Ms. Tahmash updated the Board regarding a tour of the property and inspections. The price of the property increased to \$3 million. An appraisal valued the property between \$1.8 and \$2.5 million. Dr. Williams has been on the search for donations, but no one has been able to assist with this purchase. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to table this item until the following meeting or until funding for next year has been presented.

XI Open to the Public – None

XII Adjourn Meeting – Dr. Highland adjourned the meeting at 6:01 pm. The next Board Meeting will be held on May 14, 2025 via ZOOM.

Submitted by:

Tanya Jones on behalf of Susan Wilhelm
Secretary

Date

Approved by:

President of the Board

Date