



Sarasota School of Arts & Sciences  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
June 11, 2025

Board members present: Angela Bailey, Marilyn Highland, Steve Kamm, Marilyn Marquez, Angel Shideler,

Board Members present via Zoom: Tameka Howard, Michaela Macdonald, Susan Wilhelm

Board members absent: Terry McGannon, Wade McVay, Becky Polizzi, Matt Wenzel,

Guests present: Tara Tahmosh, Kevin Corwin, Kylie Gannon, Tanya Jones

Guests present via Zoom: Marisa Gourley, Leah Sera

- I Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Dr. Highland.
- II Meeting Minutes May 14, 2025 – Board members reviewed the meeting minutes presented. Dr.. Kamm made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2025, Ms. Marquez 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Board approved unanimously.
- III President of the Board Report – Dr. Highland
  - a) Board Governance Training 2 Hr. Refresher Course – Nothing to report
  - b) Nominating Committee – Nothing to report
- IV Principal's Report – Ms. Tahmosh
  - a) Summer Camp – Ms. Tahmosh reported that 167 students signed up for Summer Camp which ran from June 2 – 6. Everyone had a great time.
  - b) New Supply List – The supply list was updated to eliminate any metal. An updated list was furnished to all Board members.
  - c) Dress Code – Ms. Tahmosh presented the new Dress Code requirements. Solid colored sweatpants for extreme cold weather days were added. Additionally, all bottoms must be either purchased at Children's World or be pre-approved by Administration.
- V Staff Report –Ms. Howard presented a PowerPoint with end of the year fun including Advanced Dance 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration and S.T.E.A.M. labs for 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Students in Ms. Howard's classes were able to spend their classroom earned monies on snacks that were donated by parents and Donors Choose.
- VI Parent Involvement Representative (PIR) Report – Ms. Gannon
  - a) HR Updates – Ms. Gannon announced all new hires for the upcoming school year. She also presented the finished mural on our gym and invited Board members to the dedication on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 a.m.

VII PTSS Report – None

VIII Treasurer’s Report – Mr. Corwin

- a) Financial Statement – Most Recent – Mr. Corwin presented the April 30, 2025 Financial Statement. The May 31, 2025 Financial Statement was not ready at the time of meeting. Mr. Corwin noted that we are under budget in several categories. Mr. Corwin presented the capital projects scheduled for the 25/26 school year including replacement of all glass doors, replacing the carpet in the stairwells with new flooring, replacing current cameras, a backstage curtain for room 113, and the replacement of the foyer roof at 741 Central.
- b) Federal Grant Plans (Title II and IV) – Mr. Corwin reported that the District tried to eliminate reimbursing SSA+S these funds, but are not allowed to do so. We will continue to be able to receive funding for conferences, adding and renewing teaching certificates, and for taking online classes.
- c) Air Conditioning Update - Mr. Corwin updated the Board on a meeting that was held with Cool Today. Their representative checked all of our A/C units, which are over 15 years old, and we will begin replacing all 18 units. Six will be replaced this summer, six over winter break, and the rest at the beginning of next summer.

IX Old Business – Dr. Highland

- a) Updated 2025-2026 Board Meeting Dates – The December and March meetings were removed from the original meeting list. Current meetings dates were supplied to all Board members.

X New Business – Dr. Highland

- a) Florida School Leader Assessment – Compensation Discussion – Dr. Highland reminded Board members that last year Ms. Tahmosh received a 10% bonus and 5 additional vacation days. After a brief discussion, Ms. Bailey made a motion to award Ms. Tahmosh with a 10% bonus and 5 additional vacation days, Ms. Marquez 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Board approved unanimously.
- b) 2025-2026 Budget Discussion and Approval – Mr. Corwin presented a proposed budget for the 25/26 school year. He stated that we are still waiting on funding updates from the State and the District and will provide an amended budget at the August meeting. A second amendment will come in January. A motion was made by Ms. Bailey to accept the 25-26 Budget as presented, Ms. Shideler 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Board approved unanimously.
- c) Board of Directors Officer Nominations and Elections - A motion was made by Ms. Marquez to keep Dr. Highland as President, Dr. Kamm as Vice President, Mr. McGannon as Treasurer and Ms. Wilhelm as Secretary for the 25/26 school year, Ms. Bailey 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Board approved unanimously.
- d) Approve New PTSS Rep (Ashley Czak) – A motion was made to accept Ashley Czak, the new PTSS President, as the PTSS Rep for the 25/26 school year, Ms. Bailey 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Board approved unanimously.

XI Open to the Public – None

XII Adjourn Meeting – Dr. Highland adjourned the meeting at 6:47 pm. The next Board Meeting will be held on August 13, 2025 at SSA+S.

Submitted by:

Tanya Jones on behalf of Susan Wilhelm  
Secretary

Date

Approved by:

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President of the Board

Date