Sarasota School of Arts & Sciences
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2026

Board Members present: Angela Bailey, Anna Eger, Marilyn Highland, Tameka Howard, Steven Kamm, Michaela Macdonald, Angel Shideler

Board Members present via Zoom: Ashley Czak, Wade McVay, Susan Wilhelm

Board Members absent: Matt Wenzel

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

Guests present via Zoom: Marisa Gourley, Brenna Hanley, Shanna Holland, Brian Hubbard, Sarah Hubbard, Cat Roberts, Liz Shannon

I. Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Dr. Highland.

II. Meeting Minutes June 10, 2026 – Board members reviewed the meeting minutes presented. Dr. Kamm made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes, Ms. Macdonald 2nd and the Board unanimously approved.

III. President of the Board Report – Dr. Highland
   a) Nominating Committee – Nothing to report
   b) Board Governance Training – Nothing to report

IV. Principal's Report – Ms. Tahmosh
   a) Enrollment & Schedule Pick Up – Ms. Pinon provided the current enrollment numbers for the 26/27 school year putting us at 751:
      i. 6th – 267
      ii. 7th – 244
      iii. 8th – 240

   Ms. Pinon reported that she is up to number 110 on the lottery wait list. Mr. Wingo created a new application site for us and as of August 1st, we have received 220 applications for the 27/28 school year.

   b) First Days of School – Ms. Tahmosh announced that it has been an excellent start to the school year. Schedule pick up day went very smoothly and there have been a few hiccups with bus transportation.
   c) ESSA – A copy of the ESSA was presented for review. Ms. Tahmosh stated that SSA+S was not on the list.
   d) Legal Update – This was tabled and discussed with Board members in a closed session.

V. Staff Report – Ms. Howard presented a PowerPoint introducing our new Faculty and Staff members, our amazing test scores, work anniversaries that were celebrated, and candid pics of our teacher week luncheon. Dr. Highland, along with all of the Board members, wished everyone a great school year.

VI. Parent Involvement Representative (PIR) Report – Ms. Gannon reported that all is well and that all open positions had been filled for the year.

VII. PTSS Report – Ms. Czak reported that Cat Roberts will be co-chairing the PTSS President position this year to ensure a smooth transition once her term ends. Ms. Czak made a motion to accept Ms. Roberts as co-chair to the PTSS President position and become a member of the Board, Ms. Macdonald 2nd and the Board approved unanimously. Ms. Czak also reported that the PTSS has started $13,000 over what they started with the previous year and that they collected $11,000 at this year's used uniform sale. The PTSS will be purchasing gift cards for all Faculty and Staff that will be delivered to mailboxes. The PTSS sponsored two lunches during teacher week this year. The Leadership team met today and are excited for this school year. Dr. Highland thanked Ms. Czak and the PTSS Leadership team for all they do for SSA+S.

VIII. Treasurer's Report –

a) Financial Statement – June 30, 2026 – Ms. Eger & Mr. Corwin presented the Financial Statement for June 30, 2026. The balances for year end will not be final until our audit has been completed. Ms. Bailey inquired about the status of the CDs. Mr. Corwin stated that they will be opened at the same time that signers are updated to this year's officers.
b) S&P Update – Mr. Corwin reported that SSA+S retained its BBB- after this year's S&P review.
c) EFF Loan Update – Per the promissory note dated February 27, 2024, SSA+S will have fulfilled the balance due by July 15, 2027. EFF has agreed to lend the final payment and renovation costs. Mr. Corwin stated that the process takes 6 months and will begin in October.

IX. Old Business –

a) Element Update & Vote – Ms. Tahmosh presented an Interim Agreement for the SSA+S Campus Expansion from Element. Dr. Williams received all the information he requested and found Element to be reputable and honorable. After a Board discussion, it was requested that Element attend the September board meeting to answer questions that the Board may have before moving forward with a vote.

X. New Business –

a) Mental Health Plan – Ms. Tahmosh presented the Mental Health Plan for the 26/27 scholl year. A motion was made by Ms. Macdonald to approve the Mental Health Plan as presented, Dr. Kamm 2nd and the Board unanimously approved.

XI. Open to the Public – None

XII. Adjourn Meeting – Dr. Highland adjourned the meeting at 6:18 pm and the Board moved to a closed session. The next Board Meeting will be held on September 9, 2026 at SSAS.

Submitted by:

Tanya Jones on behalf of Susan Wilhelm
Secretary Date

Approved by:

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President of the Board Date