



Seaside School, Inc

Governance Committee Meeting

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Date and Time

Friday August 15, 2025 at 8:15 AM CDT

Location

Dunlap & Shipman, 2063 S County Hwy 395, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

Founded in 1996

Serving Students in Grades 5 - 12

We seek to sustain an educational community where an emphasis on academic excellence is complemented by our concern for each learner's personal growth and intellectual, aesthetic, and psychological development. The curriculum is developmentally responsive – actively engaging students in learning skills in context, integrative – directing students to connect learning to daily lives, and exploratory – enabling students to discover their abilities, interests, learning styles, and ways that they can make contributions to society.

Information on procedures for public comment can be found at

<https://www.seasideschools.net/about/governance>

If anyone needs special assistance to participate in the public input session, every effort will be made to provide an appropriate accommodation. When requesting accommodations for public input, please allow no less than 1 business day notice prior to the scheduled meeting.

Specific issues about a particular student should only be addressed to the school's Director of Student Services, rather than the Board of Directors or any Committee of the Board.

All public comments will be taken under advisement by the Board, but will not elicit a written or spoken response. The names of persons providing public comment and a brief summary of topics or input will be included in the meeting minutes published. A response will be provided to the stakeholder within seven (7) days.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by this body with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			8:15 AM
A. Record Attendance		Robert Kauffman	1 m
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Robert Kauffman	1 m
C. Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes	Robert Kauffman	1 m
Approve minutes from previous Governance Committee meeting			
Approve minutes for May Governance Committee Meeting on May 9, 2025			
II. Governance			8:18 AM
A. Recommended Policy Changes	Vote	Robert Kauffman	15 m
These four policies from the 2025 Legislative session are required for adoption by your board. Please place these on the agenda for the next governing board meeting, if possible, so they can be discussed and approved. Below is a general overview of each which we can send out to board members in advance of the meeting:			
1. Student Welfare Policy : This policy outlines parent notification requirements and procedures relating to student well-being, including health services and instruction. It also provides a framework for resolving parental concerns at the school, district, and state levels.			

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<p>2. Threat Management Policy: This policy establishes school-based protocols for assessing and managing potential threats. It includes team composition, evaluation procedures, documentation standards, and coordination with law enforcement and mental health professionals.</p> <p>3. Wireless Communication Devices Policy: This policy addresses the use of cell phones and similar devices by students during the school day and school events. The policy reflects statutory restrictions under HB 1105 (2025) and § 1006.07(2)(n), Florida Statutes, and includes enforcement mechanisms, defined exceptions, and a requirement that the policy be included in the Student/Parent Handbook.</p> <p>4. Instructional Staff Arrest Reporting Policy: This policy sets requirements for staff self-reporting of arrests and criminal offenses and outlines the school's obligations for timely response and removal from the classroom, as required by law.</p> <p>5. Abuse Prevention Policy: This policy establishes how The Seaside School, Inc will prevent the physical, emotional and sexual abuse of its clients by its employees. The Seaside School, Inc seeks to create a welcoming and nurturing environment and has zero tolerance for those whose actions may jeopardize the safety, health or innocence of a client.</p>			
B.	Review of Employee Handbook and Recommended Changes (to align with policies) Main changes to the handbook: Click here for specific changes Click Here for Access to full handbook	Vote Robert Kauffman	10 m
C.	Adopt 2025 Revised Policy Manual	Vote Robert Kauffman	10 m
D.	Review of Student Handbooks	Discuss Thomas Miller	10 m
E.	SNS		5 m
III.	Other Business		
IV.	Closing Items		9:08 AM

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A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote		1 m