



## Seaside School, Inc

### Minutes

#### Monthly Governance Committee Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Friday October 13, 2023 at 8:15 AM

**Location**

Dunlap & Shipman, P.A.  
2063 County Highway 395  
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

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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.

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.

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#### **Committee Members Present**

A. Winicki, C. Lewis, D. Tinghitella, L. Blue, M. Uhlfelder, R. Kauffman

#### **Committee Members Absent**

*None*

#### **Guests Present**

T. Miller (remote)

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### **I. Opening Items**

#### **A. Record Attendance**

#### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

R. Kauffman called a meeting of the Governance Committee Committee of Seaside School, Inc to order on Friday Oct 13, 2023 at 8:20 AM.

#### **C. Approve Minutes**

D. Tinghitella made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance Committee Monthly Meeting on 09-15-23.

L. Blue seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### **II. Governance**

#### **A. Board Selections Needs/Goals/Procedure - Review of Draft Skills Document**

R. Kauffman made a motion to recommend Board approval of the website language and BoD commitment document, as amended.

M. Uhlfelder seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **B. Review Board Member Effectiveness / Accountability System**

Robert Kauffman provided an update on director self-assessment and board self-assessment surveys

### **C. Teacher Certification Opportunity**

Tom Miller provided an update on administrative efforts to implement the new rules pertaining to the issuance of an adjunct teaching certificate

## **III. Employee Handbook Amendments**

### **A. New laws related to classroom instruction, gendered bathrooms, and pronoun use.**

R. Kauffman made a motion to recommend approval of the Employee Handbook amendment to comply with F.A.C. 6A-10.081 requirements.

D. Tinghitella seconded the motion.

The Committee discussed the proposed policy including concerns regarding internal consistency, compliance with Federal law, and direction from the School's legal counsel.

The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

A. Winicki	Aye
D. Tinghitella	Aye
R. Kauffman	Aye
L. Blue	Aye
C. Lewis	Aye
M. Uhlfelder	No

## **IV. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
R. Kauffman

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## **Documents used during the meeting**

- FDOE Teacher Certificates.pdf
- Sample Adjunct Teaching Certificate Board Rules\_Procedures\_Application.docx