APPROVED

Seaside School, Inc

Minutes

The Seaside School Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday August 20, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Location
Seacoast Collegiate High School
109 Greenway Trail
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.

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.

Directors Present
A. Jordan, A. Weil, C. Cerise, C. King, D. Hahn, F. Brown, J. Doris, J. Mathis, K. Sandoe, L. Branch, M. Harrison

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
C. Cox, C. Fail, D. Ward, M. Willcox, T. Peterson

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Jordan called a meeting of the board of directors of Seaside School, Inc to order on Thursday Aug 20, 2026 at 5:29 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

M. Harrison made a motion to approve the minutes from The Seaside School Board Meeting on 06-25-26.
K. Sandoe seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Consent Items

C. Cerise made a motion to approve the following new employees at Seaside Neighborhood School: Assistant Principal-Eric Gillis, P.E. Aide- Jacob Ogle, Art Teacher-Mandy Evans.

M. Harrison seconded the motion.
The consent agenda items were split into two separate votes (one for SNS and one for SCHS)
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
K. Sandoe made a motion to approve the following new employees at Seacoast Collegiate High School: Front Office Admin-Hannah Stahl & Part-Time Science Teacher-Katrina Sandstrum.
C. King seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Academic Excellence

A. Academic Excellence Update

C. Cerise gave the following updates for Academic Excellence:

- First meeting with new members September 10th at 4pm
- New committee includes: C. Cerise, K. Sandoe, L. Branch, D. Ward, C. Brigman, C. Fail, E. Gillis and K. Mixson as an advisor

C. Cerise made a motion to approve the items on the google spreadsheet listed as supplemental resources.
J. Doris seconded the motion.
M. Harrison noted that, in addition to text books, our teachers can have supplemental resources that must be approved by a board that includes parents and community members.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. School Leadership Team

A. Enrollment Scorecard

D. Ward went over our enrollment numbers with the board. Total enrolled in both schools 656. The waitlist has been exhausted in 10th, 11th & 12th grade.

B. High School Update

D. Ward gave the following high school updates:

- Orientaton, Big Kahunas back to school trip
- Summer Internship with Mr. C
- Partnerships with NWFSC
- Tryouts for Mamma Mia coming up, Athletics has started
- PM1 data: 9th grade-78% on grade level or higher (27% 4s or 5s) and 10th grade-72% on grade level or higher
- College planning seminars with Ms. Larson has started

- Coming up: Open House, Lunch at the Coast with Club Fair

C. Middle School Update

C. Fail gave the following middle school updates:

- Pre-planning was great.
- 51 new 5th graders and 1 new student in grades 6th,7th & 8th
- Ms. Abbie Lee has started The Lion King auditions, Cross Country & Volleyball has started
- PM testing next week
- The mentoring program will be starting soon
- House opening & The Buzzet family showed up
- Transportation
- Renewing Cognia Certification accreditation
- 30 book goal in honor of our 30 years

D. Ward publicly thanked D. Rauschkalb, Black Bear and Taco Bar for providing breakfast and lunch for staff during pre-planning.

IV. Development

A. Development Update

D. Hahn gave the following updates for the development committee:

- First meeting September 8th
- New committee includes: D. Hahn, A. Weil, A. Jordan, K. Sandoe, L. Branch, administration and several foundation board members as well

V. Finance

A. Finance Updates

C. Brown gave the following finance updates:

- Good cash position over $900 thousand
- LCIR in February
- State appropriation of $750 thousand
- End of the year financials ended in a surplus

A discussion between board members and administration was had regarding the athletics deficit and potential solutions to improve it.

D. Ward met with K. Kilburg to go over the resubmission of Triumph documents.
M. Harrison made a motion to approve the June 30, 2026 year end financials.
F. Brown seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
M. Harrison made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 budget.
F. Brown seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
M. Harrison made a motion to change of the name on the internal Regions account to "The Seaside School Internal Account".
F. Brown seconded the motion.
A. Jordan discussed the reason for the name change. With the previous restructuring of the debt structure and loan accounts, the internal account was named the "Seaside Athletic Account". It is proposed that the new name will be "The Seaside School Internal Account". K. Mixson and Dr. Miller have been removed as signers and J. Doris and C. Fail were added. The other signers are A. Jordan, D. Ward and T. Peterson.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Foundation

A. Seaside School Foundation Update

C. Cox gave the following foundation updates:

- Changed the programmatic sponsorships this year to leadership
- Thirteen unveilings that to happen by December.
- Event updates: Golf Camp Creek &St Joe will remain the same
- 30th anniversary is coming up—all founding families will attend
- Parted ways with logistics team, Spearhead Marketing
- Allison Gibb will be over volunteering
- Almost finished filming the race documentary
- Dancing with the stars-Kevin Sandoe, will be the school rep this year
- Golf and dancing support the capital campaign
- Race supports operations

VII. Governance

A. Board Member Policies/Disclosures

C. King distributed the annual Board Member Agreement, Conflict of Interest Policy and Code of Ethics for all members to sign.

B. General Governance Updates

C. King gave the following updates for the governance committee:

- First meeting last week
- The new committee includes: C. King, M. Harrison, A. Jordan, R. Kauffman, F. Barker and B. Campbell-Work

- The committee reviewed the Board Agreement, Conflict of Interest Policy and Code of Ethics
- The committee reviewed Ai Policy and Internet Safety Policy (no changes made)
- Next meeting in September

C. Annual review and Approval of Policies

M. Harrison made a motion to approve the Ai Policy and Internet Safety Policy.
D. Hahn seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VIII. Other Business

A. Buffkin Baker Review

M. Harrison gave an update on Buffkin Baker:

- Interviews will be over 2 days
- Possibly September 2nd & 3rd
- Day 1- First candidate would start at 7:30am through 3:15pm, second candidate would start at 11am through 5:45pm. Same schedule for Day 2
- Four final candidates
- They will visit both schools.
- House leaders at SNS and Compass Crew at SCHS will assist

B. Board Member Documents (Board on Track)

A. Jordan reviewed the Board on Track & Board of Director Documents that have been uploaded for members to review.

IX. 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 6:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Willcox

Documents used during the meeting

- Jacob Ogle Resume.docx
- Eric Gillis Resume.pdf
- Mandy Evans Resume.pdf

- Katrina Sundstrum Resume.pdf
- Hannah Stahl Resume.pdf
- Seaside Student Enrollment Scoreboard - 2026-2027.pdf
- Seacoast Collegiate High August 2026 Board Report.pdf
- August 2026 SNS C. Fail Board Report.pdf
- Jun_26_SNS_Financial_Reports_Board_Pack.pdf
- Jul_26_SNS_Financial_Reports_-_Balance_Sheet_Only.pdf
- Notes from Lily Meadows of SFS April Board Meeting.docx
- FY27 Seaside School Budget 5Yr 08.19.26 Summary.pdf
- 2025.05.15 Board Member Agreement (Approved by Board).pdf
- Conflict_of_Interest_Policy.pdf
- Code of Ethics Policy - School and Foundation.pdf
- 2026.08.20 Seaside School AI Use Policy for Students-For Board Approval.pdf
- 2026.08.20 Internet Safety Policy_with grammatical changes (For Board Approval).pdf