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St. Louis Voices Academy of the Media Arts

Minutes

SLVA January 16, 2025 Board Meeting - 01/16/2025

Date and Time
Thursday January 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Location
St Louis Voices Academy
1220 Olive Blvd Ste #200
St Louis, MO 63033

Per Missouri Revised State Statute Section 610.021, the Board of Directors may close this meeting for an Executive Session to discuss permissible subjects.

This notice is published at our school site (1220 Olive St. Suite 200 St Louis, MO 63103) and on our website (https://stlouisvoicesacademy.org).

Directors Present
A. Silverblatt (remote), D. Catchings-Smith (remote), E. Barnard (remote), K. Scott (remote), L. Jackson (remote), R. Payne (remote)

Directors Absent
E. Woods

Ex Officio Members Present

H. Russell-West

Guests Present
B. Taylor, D. Wright, Jazmine Holley, Steward Stiles

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Catchings-Smith called a meeting of the board of directors of St. Louis Voices Academy of the Media Arts to order on Thursday Jan 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

C. Mission Moment

Ms. Holley shared a heartwarming mission moment during the parent-teacher conference, highlighting the impressive turnout of parents who showed up in large numbers to support their children's education. Seeing so many parents actively engaged and committed to their children's success was inspiring.

II. Action Items

A. Approve December 11, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

K. Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from SLVA December 11, 2024 Board Meeting on 12-11-24.
A. Silverblatt seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Approve December 2024 monthly financials

L. Jackson made a motion to Approve December's Financials'.
K. Scott seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
Finance: Jamie from Ed-Ops provided a detailed review of the December 2024 financials, emphasizing the projected year-end cash value, revenue balances, and necessary adjustments. She also updated the board on the status of the loan for the school expansion project and vendor payments.
On the expense side, the Executive Director, in collaboration with the leadership team, has effectively managed staffing and realignment, resulting in significant savings in salaries and benefits. She also gave a brief overview of expense-related payouts.
Jamie's presentation showcased a full year of net income improvement and included a summary of revenue, cash flow, the income statement, and the balance sheet.

C. Approve McKinney Vento Designee

E. Barnard made a motion to Approve Stiles as the McKinney Vento Designee.
K. Scott seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

III. Executive Director's Report & Updates

A. Leadership Updates

Jazmine Holley: Ms. Holley outlined her strategic plans to address data gaps and achieve mid-year NWEA goals, along with a presentation on academic performance. She highlighted the increase in students progressing to the next SIPPS group, the focus on skill priorities for the Winter NWEA, and the use of individualized reports to track essential skills for growth and achievement. Additionally, she shared concerns with the board regarding staffing challenges and staff shortages.

Steward Stiles: Mr. Stiles delivered a presentation updating the board on current enrollment and projected enrollment goals for the 2025-2026 school year. He outlined the projected enrollment figures and the goals for each grade level for January 2026 and provided details on upcoming events and tracking methods.

Bridgette Taylor: Ms. Taylor presented compliance information, including grant management details outlining the amounts received and submitted. She also addressed state reporting, identifying and resolving discrepancies with DESE, and ensuring all corrections and required documentation were submitted by the deadline. Additionally, she committed to providing the board with an update once all issues are resolved.

B. Executive Director Update

The Executive Director provided updates on several staffing matters, including staff attendance trends, an agreement for substitute teacher support, the hiring of a special education teacher, and updates to job descriptions and the overall staffing structure. Dr. Russell-West also briefly discussed the search for a new facility, highlighting a potential property with a purchase/lease-purchase option. Additionally, she will be working with EdOps on completing the budget projections.

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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. Catchings-Smith