



Maine Arts Academy

Minutes

Maine Arts Academy Board of Trustees Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday December 11, 2024 at 11:30 AM

Location

Maine Arts Academy

310 Cony Road

Augusta, Maine

Directors Present

A. Hughes (remote), A. Landry (remote), L. Warner (remote), M. Thomas (remote), S. Gilbert (remote), T. Rector (remote)

Directors Absent

J. Townsend

Guests Present

Cory King, H. King (remote), R. Merrill (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

L. Warner called a meeting of the board of directors of Maine Arts Academy to order on Wednesday Dec 11, 2024 at 11:30 AM.

C. Approve Minutes from November 6, 2024 Board Meeting

A. Landry made a motion to approve the minutes from Maine Arts Academy Board of Trustees Meeting on 11-06-24.

M. Thomas seconded the motion.

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

II. Administrative Report/Facilities Report/Board President Report

A. Leak in shower wall

The leak has been repaired.

B. Middle School Classrooms

Cory King shared that the architect approved classroom expansion. Heather King added that lighting is the only item needed for the middle school classrooms.

C. Charter Commission Business Meeting

Linda Warner stated that the Commission discussed their strategic plan at their meeting. Maine Arts Academy reviewed its strategic goals and nearly all of the goals have been met. Ms. Warner will inquire about the possibility of recording meetings for board members who are not available to attend. Ms. Warner reported that Heather King shared announcements from MeAA with the Charter Commission during the meeting. Ms. Warner shared that the Charter Commission is looking into gaining more financial independence as an organization.

III. Committee Reports

A. Academic Excellence Committee

Linda Warner, Board Chair, reported on work being done by the committee.

B. Development Committee

Linda Warner, Committee Chair, reported on work being done by the committee.

C. Finance Committee

Tim Rector, Committee Chair, reported on work being done by the committee.

D. Governance Committee

Drew Landry, Committee Chair, reported on work being done by the committee.

A. Landry made a motion to accept school policy book as written.

T. Rector seconded the motion.

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

A. Landry made a motion to approve substance use policy as written.

S. Gilbert seconded the motion.

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

IV. Additions and Adjustments

A. Performances

Sherry Gilbert stated that she was pleased to see there was ballet included in the dance performance. Ms. Gilbert shared that she was pleased by the acting, however Ms. Gilbert was offended by the language and the profanity included in the play. Heather King stated that school plays in the past have always contained adult content. Mitchell Thomas stated that the administrators should regulate the content and indicated his preference that the Board not be responsible for monitoring performance content. Linda Warner indicated her preference that the Board not be responsible for monitoring performance content as well.

V. Old Business

A. Board Meeting Times

Sherry Gilbert stated that daytime board meetings are not convenient for her. Mitchell Thomas proposed the idea of breakfast meetings. Board members decided to schedule the next meeting at 8:00am on Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

VI. Other Business

A. Community Meal

On Christmas Eve day, Maine Arts Academy is offering a community dinner at the school.

VII. 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 12:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Merrill

B. Upcoming Dates