

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, July 9th, 2025 6 p.m.

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Preamble: This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Directors in public for the purpose of conducting the academy's business and is not to be considered a public committee meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda items VI and XII.


- I. Call To Order – Jane Shank called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm.
- II. Roll Call – Present were Jane Shank, Grant Woods, Mary Wodzien, and newly appointed Board members Julie Nesky, and Dana Matson. Also present was Woodland School Director Rich Watson, and via Zoom Bethany Peek. Absent was Amy Fewless (not yet appointed).
- III. Approval of Agenda – A motion to approve the agenda with three additions was made by Julie Nesky. Under Old Business Item B – Defining the roll of the Vision & Mission Committee was added. Under New Business Item D – School activities with Board attendance/sign-up and Item E – Discussion item: Introduction of ancillary and support team's schedule. These changes were seconded by Dana Matson and passed unanimously.
- IV. Approval of minutes: Regular Board Meeting minutes on June 11th, 2025 – The minutes were reviewed and a motion to approve as presented was made by Grant Woods, seconded by Julie Nesky, and passed unanimously.
- V. Financial Report
  - A. No financial report for the month of June.
- VI. Public Comment - None presented
- VII. Custodial Board Report – (No summer updates from staff)
- VIII. Correspondence
  - A. None received.
- IX. Items from Administration
  - A. Director's report- Summer projects- Director Rich Watson reviewed items from the current project list that included the patio concrete repair, carpet cleaning, curriculum and technology orders, summer school, theater lighting replacement, and a staff insurance update.
- X. Old Business-
  - A. Strategic Planning – Discussion around choosing a potential strategic planner was reviewed. One named will be invited to next month's Board meeting for further consideration.
  - B. Defining the roll of the Vision & Mission Committee – This committee's framework was reviewed and discussed. Next steps to define and finalize the committee will be discussed in the future as Board committee members are assigned.
- XI. New Business-
  - A. Board Committees – Reports were deferred until the August Board of Directors meeting.
  - B. HVAC-theater discussion and replacement – Bids were reviewed and discussed. A motion to approve the bid presented by Sheren Plumbing, Heating & Cooling was made by Grant Woods, seconded by Dana Matson, and passed unanimously.

- C. Board Training with SVSU – Dates, times and locations were discussed. The date of July 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Woodland School was chosen.
- D. School activities with Board attendance/sign-up – The list of possible school activities and meetings, where a Board presence would be beneficial, was discussed and reviewed. Board members left with a list of potential opportunities for involvement. The Board will define and volunteer/assign these activities next month.
- E. Discussion item: Introduction of ancillary and support team's visiting schedule – A list of potential support teams was proposed and discussed. The premise is that one to two ancillary or support teams would attend each month's Board of Directors meeting to review with the Board what service they provide/could provide and how the Board interacts or receives services from them. The Heartwood Foundation and a strategic planner were the two chosen for the August meeting.

XII. Public Comment – none presented

XIII. Adjournment. = A motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 pm by Dana Matson, seconded by Julie Nesky, and passed unanimously.

Mary Wodzien, secretary

  
Date 8/13/25