

**Granite State Arts Academy**  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
June 23, 2015

*Granite State Arts Academy nurtures creative thinkers, active citizens, and independent learners with a curriculum that integrates the arts and academics. Our Vision is a high school that is dedicated to the arts. It will appeal to a broad cross section of students who are looking to discover the joy and transformational power of the arts and those interested in pursuing the arts in a professional setting. Our academic courses will strive to instill a sincere lifelong desire to learn. Students will explore real world problems, simultaneously developing cross-curriculum skills while working in small collaborative groups. During their time at GSAA students will attend art classes each day and will study at least two of the following studies: Dance, Music, Theater, and Visual Arts. This will allow for personalized learning, creating conditions where students' talents can flourish. This positive approach to educating will empower students to dream and create every day.*

- Attendance: Ken Dunne, Don Erdbrink, Kate Russell, Mark Bograd, Scott Mullane, Jennifer M
- Excused: Melanie Holden (on LOA), Amy Sevigny
- Also in attendance: Judy David – Applicant for GSAA Board of Trustees
- Meeting call to order: 6:12 pm
- Don Read the GSAA Vision Statement
- Public Comment: None
- Approval Minutes: Jen made a motion to approve minutes from June 16th – seconded by Ken and approved by all.
- Judy left the room briefly and Scott made a motion to accept her application to the Board. Ken D seconded and vote was unanimous to approve. Judy returned.
  
- Chair's Report
  - Mark concerned about who will cover his duties when his contract expires June 30<sup>th</sup>. GSAA needs Federal Grant monies and bill payments handled. Don proposed that he and Scott work together to handle the grant, the payroll and the bills. Don to deliver signature bank card to the bank.
  - It was determined that the curriculum consultants should be paid in a 1099.
  - It was decided to hire Renia R as a Program Development consultant for one month to work on enrollment, advertising and general promotion of the school. The position would also conduct tours and handle email and voicemail responses to question regarding the school.
  - Mark voiced a concern about the teachers and staff emails still being active. It was decided to have them turned off and reroute all email/voicemail to admin.

- There were two tours on Monday and another for next Monday. The current student count is 71 confirmed and 25 interested. Mark and Renia will call all the interested un-committed students on Monday. There are 4 GSAA students that are “maybes”.
- Haley Bush is interested in looking at the dance room to rent it for teaching Saturday classes. There is concern about insurance and what it covers for this. Don will call Cross insurance to check about after school programming and insurance.
- Retainer received for the real estate attorney. Don will cut the check and mail it.
- Patrick O’Day has been providing Pro Bono legal work for 3 years. He has asked for a retainer. As the grant allows for legal expenditures the Board discussed offering Patrick a retainer. Ken wanted to table until all are present. Scott seconded. Vote was unanimous.
- Budget:
  - Ken organized the binder of bills and made a note of cancellations. Propane averages \$530 per month; Utilities are owed \$7100; snow removal was higher due to lots of winter storms; Landlord owed \$42K
  - Ken Stated in order to move forward with budget process we need to reconcile past paid bills for fiscal year 2014/2015
  - It was suggested that we do an energy audit to see if we reduce electrical consumption. This is free from the electric company.

Closed Session- Ken made a motion to go into closed session based on RSA 91-A:3 II a,c- 7:50pm

Returned to open session: 9:00 pm

Stephanie joined the meeting during closed session.

- Fundraising Report
  - Start w/ NH Celebrities
  - \$2954 raised since beginning of June
  - Yard sales averaging \$400-500 per sale
  - IB Advertising target group / \$30 per week
- New Business
  - 4 available gsaa website domain names – Ken D made a motion to move from GSAANH.com to GSAANH.org. Scott seconded. Vote was unanimous.

No public comment.

Ken made a motion to close the Board meeting. Scott seconded. All approved.

Next meeting date/time: June 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

\*\*\*\*In Amy Sevigny’s absence from this meeting- these minutes were taken by Kate Russell, typed and submitted by Don Erdbrink\*\*\*\*\*