



Granite State Arts Academy
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 30th, 2018

Attendance: Leah Rogers, Kelli Twiss, Don Erdbrink, Robin Calitri, Tony Polito, Kate Russell Alicia Nelson

Called to order : 6:20

- Public Comment – None
- Approval of Minutes from last meeting: Mr. Calitri made a motion amend the April 10th minutes to correct the spelling of Ms. Rogers name and to insert the dollar amount of the salary budget line item. Approved with one abstention. Motion to accept these minutes was made by Mr. Calitri and seconded by Ms. Russell. Motion to approve the minutes from the April February 13th meeting was made by Mr. Calitri and seconded by Ms. Russell. Approved with one abstention

- **Chair's Report:**

1) The first order of business was to discuss the placement of public notices for Board positions opening up due to terms expiring. It was suggested that the following places would be best: Chamber of Commerce, Facebook Salem, Life, Rotary, Kiwanis and the Elks. There will be a need to reach out to these organizations and establish a relationship.

There was also a discussion about the roles of the Board Members moving forward. It will be established that parents sitting on the Board will hold meetings with groups of parents of students on a regular basis to ask for feedback and to offer information on topics to include the budget; academics and fundraising.

Further discussion was regarding forming committees to include a fundraising committee and an academic committee.

Also discussed was public outreach via Chamber meetings and sponsoring a social hour through the Chamber. Mr. Erdbrink will sign up for the Chamber news to keep the Board informed. Members will make outreach to potential members.

2) Student Awards: It was discussed that awards will be established with the following titles and criteria:

Founders Award – *The GSAA Founders Awards will be annually conferred upon the student who most exemplifies the ideals of the vision and mission of GSAA as laid out by the Founders of the school. Those ideals include high achievement in the arts and academics, showing leadership to their peers inside GSAA and service to others outside the school community thru community service. The student will also have demonstrated personal integrity in and out of the classroom throughout their tenure at GSAA. Recipients will have earned a GPA of 3.25 or higher and have taken at least two different arts curricula.*

Music - *This award is given to the student who has shown exceptional talent and growth as a Musician during their tenure at GSAA.*

Visual Arts - *This award is given to the student who has shown exceptional talent and growth as a Visual Artist during their tenure at GSAA.*

Theater - *This award is given to the student who has shown exceptional talent and growth as an Actor during their tenure at GSAA.*

Dance - *This award is given to the student who has shown exceptional talent and growth as a Dancer during their tenure at GSAA.*

English - *This award is given to the student who has shown exceptional talent and growth in the area of the English during their tenure at GSAA.*

Social Studies - *This award is given to the student who has shown exceptional talent and growth in the area of the Social Studies during their tenure at GSAA.*

Science – *This award is given to the student who has shown exceptional talent and growth in the area of the Science during their tenure at GSAA.*

Math - *This award is given to the student who has shown exceptional talent and growth in the area of the Math during their tenure at GSAA.*

These will be presented starting with the 2018 graduating class.

3) The Board voted to change the insurance agency representing GSAA's interest from the Cross Agency to Fred C Church, which works with a lot of schools. Ms. Twiss made a motion to change agencies from the Cross Agency of Exeter to Fred C Church and Ms. Nelson seconded. All voted in favor.

4) Briefly discussed overnight trips for the students as a team building exercise. Mr. Polito asked for details to given ahead of the Board meeting so the topic was tabled.

5) Enrollment numbers are increasing with a firm 122 and 27 in the pipeline for a possible total of 149. Requests are coming in almost daily for information

HOS Report:

- 1) Graduation is set for Monday June 4th at 6:30 pm at the Derry Opera House. Senior Banquet is on May 31st, the last day of school for seniors, and is for seniors and parents ONLY.
- 2) Last day of school is June 15th
- 3) 5-7 seniors are not receiving diplomas as of today's date. Outreach to the parents and the students are being made to address the situations.
- 4) Art fees are not being paid. Seniors will not receive diplomas if fees are unpaid. All those in arrears will receive a letter in the coming week.
- 5) Summer school will be run again this year for the core subjects as needed.

Ms. Russell made a motion to go into closed session as per RSA 19-A: 1-3. Seconded by Mr. Calitri. All in favor. Entered closed session at 7:40.

Returned to open 8pm.

Ms. Twiss made a motion to increase the salary line item for next year by \$15,000. Seconded by Mr. Calitri. Ms. Russell made a motion to include in the amendment that it is a 2.3% increase on the line item. Motion read as follows: GSAA shall increase the salary line item by \$15,000 which is a 2.3% increase from the amount set at the last meeting. Mr. Calitri seconded. All in favor.

The next meeting is set for June 5th. It is suggested a schedule be set up for the entire year to allow for members to better plan and that starting in the fall meetings may be held every other month.

Ms. Russell made a motion to adjourn seconded by Ms. Twiss. All in favor.