



Granite State Arts Academy  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Attendance: Ken Dunne, Leah Rogers, Kelli Twiss, Don Erdbrink, Robin Calitri, Tony Polito,  
Deidre Smith  
Guest : Bill Viau - Teacher

Called to order : 6:10

- Public Comment – None
- Approval of Minutes from last meeting: Tabled until next meeting.
- Chair's Report:
  - Circus Smirkus – Bill Viau presented an opportunity to have a guest artist to teach circus skills. The Board by consensus decided against the idea due to cost and timing vs. benefit. It was thought that a grant should be pursued or funds raised if the event was to be held in the future.
  - Mr. Polito presented the school calendar for 2018-19, which is basically the same as last year. Teachers begin August 27<sup>th</sup> and students begin August 28<sup>th</sup>. The last day of school is June 15<sup>th</sup> with five snow days built in. All Holidays follow the same schedule as last year. The motion to approve was made by Ms. Twiss and seconded by Mr. Dunne. The motion passed unanimously.
  - Mr. Erdbrink reported on the annual external audit performed by Vachon, Clukay and Company. The audit was clean and GSAA was well presented. One small issue of separating petty cash and lunch monies was noted and has already been remedied. Mr. Erdbrink will send the report to state and have it posted on the school website for public review.
  - The 403-B investment program the Board explored has been tabled until the fall because not enough staff members seem

interested. Ms. Rodgers suggested that a presentation be made to the staff directly instead of the Board to increase interest. This will be addressed in the fall.

- The recent Gala was a great success and netted the school \$25,400 to date. Some more monies may come in as bidders have an opportunity to purchase items if they match the winning bid.
- We are still waiting for the games of chance to report what the donation will be.
- Mr. Polito reported that, as per a training session he and Mrs. Smith attended in Concord with the AG's office we need to post vacant seats on the Board for public review when a seat becomes available. Mr. Erdbrink will review the terms of all sitting Board members to assess whose terms are technically over so they can re-apply and postings can be made. This information makes a previous vote of this Board to extend existing terms moot.
- Enrollment for 2018-19 is at a firm 120 with 31 applications outstanding. It is noted that many applications come in during the May to July timeframe.
- Mr. Dunne made a motion to go into closed session at 7:40 as per RSA 194:B. Seconded by Mr. Calitri.
- Returned to open session at 8:08.
- Mr. Calitri made a motion to adopt the default budget from last year of \$628,025 plus a 2.5% increase for salaries for a total of \$643,725. This was seconded by Ms. Rogers with a unanimous vote by the Board.
- Ms. Rodgers left the meeting at 8:10.
- The next meeting will be held May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.
- Mr. Dunne motioned to adjourn and seconded by Ms. Twiss. Meeting adjourned at 8:35

