



## **MANATEE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, INC**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES July 20, 2018**

#### **Present**

**Jim Brand, President**  
**Damon Walpole, Vice President**  
**Heather Breeze, Secretary**  
**Theresa Nunes, Parent Liaison**

#### **Guest**

**Jesse Tilden, Attorney**  
**Carole Atkins**  
**Lorraine Jackman**  
**Linda McAbee**

#### **Staff**

**Richard Ramsay, Principal**  
**Tristyn Tavolara, Teacher Liaison**  
**Linda Brand, Registrar/Recorder**

- 1. The July 20, 2018 meeting was called to order at 3:30PM by President Brand**
- 2. Mr. Brand introduced Jesse Tilden, attorney for the school.**
- 3. Each potential board member was introduced to the Board of Directors and school staff and asked to give a brief summary of their background and why they are interested in serving on the MSAS Board of Directors. The nominee's present were, Carole Atkins, Lorraine Jackman, and Linda McAbee. Another potential board member Linda Cinque was absent due to a medical issue.**
- 4. Mr. Brand gave an overview of the importance of the positions on the board and involvement within the school.**
- 5. Mr. Ramsay spoke on the dynamics and make up of the school, all the things we have been able to accomplish in the last three year and the financial stability of the school. We are a C school this year working to improve our grade to at least a B but we are striving for an A. Mr. Ramsay explained how the school grade is calculated.**
- 6. Mrs. Brand gave a summary of duties of school personnel and the importance of each person's role in a small charter school.**
- 7. Mrs. Tavolara spoke on her role as the teacher liaison and the changes made during the last few years with student behavior and staff support.**

8. *Mr. Brand asked for a motion to approve the candidates. A motion was made by Mr. Walpole to nominate and approve the candidates as members of the MSAS Board of Directors, seconded by Mrs. Nunes and carried.*
9. *Mr. Brand welcomed Mrs. Atkins, Mrs. Jackman, Mrs. McAbee and Ms. Cinque as new members of the MSAS Board of Directors.*
10. *Mrs. Breeze made a motion to nominate Mrs. Jackman for Treasurer of the board which was seconded by Mrs. McAbee and carried.*
11. *Mr. Tilden commended the board for building a strong team and for devoting their time to MSAS. Mr. Tilden said he will be at the August meeting to review the sunshine law with the board as a whole.*
12. *Mr. Brand opened the floor for general discussion and questions.*
  - a. *Mr. Ramsay informed the board that Lowe's was donating the paint and the labor to repaint the outside of both buildings. Although they were unsure if they would be able to paint the blue peak on the arts building due to the height.*
  - b. *Lowe's informed us of their Hero's project which opens at the end of August and we will certainly be applying for that grant.*
  - c. *Charter schools have to apply for a grant to obtain monies from the new sales tax. Mr. Ramsay has applied for that grant.*
  - d. *All inside painting and carpet replacement will be completed within the next couple of weeks.*
  - e. *Mr. Ramsay continues to work on the security officer position for the school. It is a very expensive program and Mr. Ramsay continues to investigate all options and will keep Mr. Brand apprised of all venues and the process of this requirement.*
  - f. *Due to the weather the new board members were unable to tour the entire school and each will call and meet with Mr. Ramsay and tour the school, time permitting.*
  - g. *Mr. Ramsay is meeting with Lt. Andrews and Deputy Younger to evaluate the school premises and what we can do to improve security around the school.*
  - h. *We do need to make some improvements now with trees, fencing, new door handles for the classrooms, etc. The board unanimously agreed these were security issues that needed to be completed before the start of school for the safety of students and staff. Mrs. McAbee made a motion to allow Mr. Ramsay the authority to spend funds as needed for any security issues. Mr. Walpole seconded the motion and the motion carried.*
13. *The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:45.*

*There being no further business a motion was made by Mrs. McAbee, seconded by Mr. Walpole and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:30.*

*Jim Brand, President*

*Richard Ramsay, Principal*

*Linda Brand, Recorder*