

CALL TO ORDER

Jonathan Ward called the meeting to order at 2:30pm; Board Policy and Sect 286.0114 Florida Statute was read to all present as written on the bottom of the agenda ref. Public Comments.

Roll Call was completed – quorum met

Present:

- President Deb MacKay
- Vice President Ralph Smith
- Secretary Jonathan Ward

Staff : School Principal: David Friedlander, Kristin Walker, Candace, Anna Austin.

Public: Police Officer Deputy Ocacio

Apologies: None

REVIEW OF PUBLIC NOTICES

The meeting notice was posted on School Website and sent via Remind.

Approve Minutes (2 min)

Dec 8th 2024 - Motion to accept made by Jonathan Ward, seconded by Ralph Smith. Passed with a unanimous vote.

New Board Applications

- Anna Austin – Anna’s application was reviewed and Anna was questioned about her objectives as a board member. Motion to accept Anna as a board member was made by Jonathan Ward, seconded by Deb MacKay. Passed with a unanimous vote. Welcome to the Board Anna!
- Desiree May – Desiree’s application was reviewed and as she was not able to be present other board members and school staff supported her application. Motion to accept Desiree’s as a board member was made by Jonathan Ward, seconded by Ralph Smith. Passed with a unanimous vote. Welcome to the Board Desiree!

Review Budget

The budget for 25-26 is under review by new Principal. Changes will be brought to the board for the July meeting.

Review Staffing Requirements

25-26 minimum requirements are:

- Principal

- Administrator
- 2 Teachers
- 2 Para Professionals
- VPK teacher
- Aftercare
- Possibly 1 teacher's aide to help cover lunches and PE

Motion to accept this draft staffing plan was made by Deb MacKay, seconded by Ralph Smith. Passed with a unanimous vote.

Other Business

David Friedlander has resigned/retired as principal

- In partial recognition of his contributions, a motion was made by Jonathan Ward to rename the VPK program as "The David Friedlander VPK Program" in honor of David's creating and developing this vital school program. Seconded by Anna Austin the motion was passed with a unanimous vote.
- Further recognitions will be discussed and agreed at the next board meeting. These may include a dinner and separation bonus.
- A motion to accept Kristin Walker as our new Principal was made by Deb MacKay and seconded by Anna Austin. The motion was passed unanimously. Welcome Kristin!

FYI: Our Charter is to be renewed in May 2026

Principal's Report

1890's Festival application has to be made by the end of June

There are 10 students enrolled in the summer camp.

Background checks for new staff now go through a new Clearing House process.

Public Comments (5-10 min)

None

Board Final comments (~ 5 min)

Deb Mackay:

- We have applied for an extension of our SBA Loan.
- Our taxes have been submitted

Kristin Walker: thanked the board for giving her this opportunity.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:35pm