

Longleaf School of the Arts
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting
June 28, 2021

5:30pm CALL TO ORDER Per GS143-318.10

- **Roll Call:** Sabrina Francis, Cheryl Hiser, Chuck Hensey, Elizabeth Grovenstein
- **Absent with Notice:** Rheji Burrell, Larry Williams, Dorinda Peacock
- **Mission Statement:** Longleaf School of the Arts will develop students into confident, responsible, and successful contributors in college, career, and community through mentorship and a challenging curriculum that integrates academics and the fine arts.
- **Agenda Approval**
Sabrina Francis moves to approve the agenda. Chuck Hensey seconds the motion. The motion is approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

A consent agenda is used to approve routine items by voting on all items at one time, instead of voting on individual motions. Prior to approving the consent agenda, the Board will review the consent agenda and any items requiring discussion will be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the standing agenda.

Consent Agenda Item	Description	Action
Meeting Minutes	Approve meeting minutes from 4/26/2021 LSA BoD meeting	
Meeting Minutes	Approve meeting minutes from 5/10/2021 LSA BoD special meeting	
Meeting Minutes	Approve meeting minutes from 5/24/2021 LSA BoD meeting	

Sabrina Francis moves to approve all meeting minutes. Cheryl Hiser seconds the motion. The motion is approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Enrollment Update
 - No enrollment changes since the May meeting.
- 2021-22 Recruitment/Application Acceptance Update
 - There are currently 140 registered or registering in progress. Two 9th grade offers were sent out today. There is one on the 9th waitlist and one on the 10th grade waitlist.
 - Recruitment and retention committee put together a flyer and social media post intended to increase applications.
- Graduation Requirements

- Elizabeth Grovenstein followed up with OCS. The school staff uploaded the required documents.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2021-22 LSA BoD Meeting Schedule
 - The Board reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for next year.
 - The annual meeting will be in August.
 - Elizabeth Grovenstein moved to approve the meeting schedule. Sabrina Francis seconds the motion. The motion is approved.

HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

- The school year ended successfully. The awards ceremony was held. Mrs. Chidwick and Mrs. Winters did a wonderful job organizing the graduation ceremony held at NC State.
- Report cards were mailed.
- Summer school started today. The focus is on English and Math.
- The entire network is now turned over to the new provider. Steve Edmundson's last day is today. Mrs. Williams thanked Mr. Edmundson for all his hard work.
- Mrs. Williams and staff are wrapping up all the paperwork for the end of year.
- Mrs. Williams brought up two items.
 - She asked Diane Herbst, school nurse, to join. All students and staff should wear masks. This will be an LEA decision for the fall.
 - Mrs. Herbst is concerned because many people are opposed to wearing masks. She doesn't want to take a chance of people not wearing masks. There are no windows that open for fresh air in the school. The kids are in a closed space. You can only social distance so far. It would be better to keep the mask mandate in place. She will provide reinforcement to teachers and staff at the beginning of the year. The delta variant is concerning, because it is so new.
 - Elizabeth Grovenstein asked if there had been any official communication. This is something that is in the news. It isn't official that it will be an LEA/Board decision.
 - Mrs. Williams reviewed the options that the board will need to consider.
 - We will need to make a decision at the July meeting.
 - Mr. Hensey asked what feedback had been heard from parents regarding masks.
 - There is a bill pending in the general assembly that will be addressing this.
 - Mrs. Herbst stated that the CDC is not 100% sure how long the vaccine will last.
 - All schools were required to submit a mental health plan.
 - The state signed two new laws. Sex trafficking prevention training and the mental health plan were signed in 2020. Two good topics for the staff to be aware of.

- Training for Sex trafficking.
- Mental health improvement plan. The major part of the plan involves staff training. The plan must be submitted this year.
 - The minimum requirements are already met. Policies and procedures are in place for mental health
 - Training is booked for August 16.
 - The plan will require board approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No comments at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance: Cheryl Hiser
 - Charter Success added the Capital expense for the networking hardware. Cheryl will clarify with Charter Success if we need a budget amendment to account for this. There may be a final budget amendment in July.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No comments at this time.

6:30pm CLOSED SESSION

Elizabeth Grovenstein moves pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(5,6) the Board will move into closed session for the purpose of reviewing contracts. Chuck Hensey seconds the motion. The motion is approved.

7:27pm OPEN SESSION

Elizabeth Grovenstein moves to resume open session. Cheryl Hiser seconds the motion. The motion is approved.

Elizabeth Grovenstein moves to approve the administration's recommendations for existing faculty and staff contracts for the 2021/22 school year. Sabrina Francis seconds the motion. The motion is approved.

Elizabeth Groevenstein moves to approve new staff contracts contingent upon successful background and reference checks.

- Stradivari Baynard for Instrumental Music Director.
- Amanda Burns for Science.
- Therese Carvey-Hamilton for Exceptional Children's Director
- Florencia Guerrier for Dance Director.
- Stephen Moore for Math.

Sabrina Francis seconds the motion. The motion is approved.

7:30

ADJOURNMENT

Elizabeth Grovenstein moves to adjourn. Cheryl Hiser seconds the motion. The motion is approved.

Next Board Meeting Date: July 26, 2021, 5:30pm Longleaf School of the Arts

NOTE: Times are approximate. Meeting will be conducted via ZOOM.