

SAMS ACADEMY

GOVERNING COUNCIL

Special Meeting of the SAMS Academy Governing Council on
Thursday, October 15, 2020

Zoom.us

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Mike Romo, and Larry Kennedy

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ed Smith and LyDawn Blount

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Bridget Barrett, Nathan Hardin, and Sean Fry

PUBLIC

Stephanie Tuttle and Jose Garcia-Galvez

These minutes were approved on 10-26-2020

By a vote of 6 yes 0 no 1 absent 0 abstained

Larry Kennedy President
Roland Dewing Secretary

I. Call to Order

Larry Kennedy called to order the Special Meeting of the Governing Council for the Southwest Aeronautics, Mathematics, and Science Academy on October 15, 2020 at 4:03 PM on zoom.us.

A. Roll Call

Larry Kennedy asked Jill Brame to call roll. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, and Larry Kennedy. Mike Romo was absent; but does arrive later in the meeting. LyDawn Blount and Ed Smith were absent.

B. Adoption of the Agenda*

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the agenda. Alex Carothers seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the agenda. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Review/Approval of Minutes from October 5, 2020 Special Meeting*

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 5 special meeting. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the minutes. Roland Dewing seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the minutes from the October 5 special meeting. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Closed Session

A. Real Property Acquisition, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(8).

Larry Kennedy made a motion to move to closed session due to real property acquisition, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(8). Alex Carothers seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy asked Jill Brame to call roll. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

The governing council moved to closed session at 4:06PM.

Sean Fry and Bridget Barrett were invited to closed session.

III. Open Session*

A. Action on matters discussed in Closed Session

Larry Kennedy made motion to move back into open session and affirmed that only items on the agenda were discussed. Roland Dewing seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy asked Jill Brame to call roll. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Alex

Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Open session resumed at 4:24PM.

No motions taken.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Administrative Update

A. Home Visits

Bridget Barrett reported that the home visits for at-risk student is going well.

B. SAT Test

Jill Brame reported that on October 14, 20 senior students came to the school to take the SAT. Since they missed the spring administration of the test, this was permitted by the state. All guidelines were met.

Mike Romo joined the meeting.

VI. Ongoing Business

A. Aviation Program Update

Nathan Hardin reported the following:

- * Flying the last 2020 seniors and starting with 2021 seniors.
- * Cessna is going in for maintenance, but have signed contract to use N1917L while N739HK is in for repair.
- * The Simulator is sold and is out of the building.
- * Continues to build the program through drones, other schools, and Facebook.
- * Dr. Chavez has completed her first AME exam with a SAMS student.

VII. New Business Matters

A. Facility Committee*

Larry Kennedy informed the board that there needs to be a Facility Committee to make day-to-day decisions for the new building and then report back to the governing council during regular meetings. Bridget Barrett suggested, along with herself, Jill Brame, a governing council member, and a staff member. Farrah Nickerson offered that she would be interested in joining as the board member and a parent. Bridget had a couple ideas for a staff member. Larry Kennedy called for a motion. Alex Carothers made a motion to establish a facility committee to include Bridget Barrett, Jill Brame, Farrah Nickerson, and one staff member. Larry Kennedy asked Jill Brame to call roll to approve the facility committee. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, Farrah

Nickerson, Mike Romo and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Grievance Policy Revision*

Larry Kennedy asked Jill Brame to discuss the revisions to the Grievance policy. Kelly Callahan suggested the new policies. Jill Brame said that the policies have been in place since the school opened. We do not currently have a policy for students/family to file a grievance. This would add a parent/student/community member grievance policy. The employee grievance policy would be updated with steps/levels that are more detailed. Governing council members asked questions about the presented policies. Larry Kennedy asked if the lawyer had approved these policies and Jill Brame told him that they have been sent, but not approved. Larry Kennedy made a motion to table the grievance policy revision until approved by the lawyer. Alex Carothers seconded. Larry Kennedy asked Jill Brame to call roll to approve the tabling of the grievance policy revisions. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Mike Romo and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Attendance Policy Revision*

Jill Brame explained that revised policy comes from the Attendance for Success Act passed by the legislature. This policy revision is also waiting legal review. Larry Kennedy made a motion to table this action until legal review has occurred. Farrah Nickerson seconded. Larry Kennedy asked Jill Brame to call roll to approve tabling the attendance policy revision until legal review. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Mike Romo and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Resolution for Governing Council to Commit Fund Balances for the Acquisition of Real Property

Larry Kennedy asked Sean Fry to explain this resolution. Sean explained that over the last few years, money has been set aside to save money for a potential new building. To save this money from being swept during legislative session, this resolution will allocate these funds to committing the money to acquisition of real property. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the resolution to commit fund balances for acquisition of real property. Alex Carothers seconded. Larry Kennedy asked Jill Brame to call roll to approve the resolution. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Mike Romo and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

E. 2020 Open Meetings Resolution Revision*

Larry Kennedy explained that because the regular meeting time has been moved to 4PM, still on the third Thursday of the month, a new Open Meetings Resolution needs to be approved. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the updated Open Meetings Resolution. Alex Carothers seconded. Larry

Kennedy asked Jill Brame to call roll to approve the Open Meeting Resolution. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Mike Romo and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Finance Report

A. Business Office Operation Update

Sean Fry reported that the finance committee met before the board meeting. He also reported:

* Revenues are 25% of budget.

* Expenditures are 26% of the budget

He explained that while expenditure exceeded revenue this month, some beginning of the year items needed to be paid for and reimbursement will come from the state. The Edgenuity payment was also made.

B. Voucher Approvals*

Larry Kennedy said that the Finance Committee recommends the check register. Larry Kennedy called for a motion to approve the vouchers. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the vouchers. Alex Carothers seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy asked Jill Brame to call roll to approve the vouchers. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Mike Romo and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Budget Adjustment Requests*

BARs 5-IB: This is an award PSCOC for lease assistance. Larry Kennedy called for a motion to approve BAR 5-IB. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve BAR 5-IB. Alex Carothers seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy asked Jill Brame to call roll to approve BAR 5-IB. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Mike Romo, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. Announcements

A. Date for next Regular SAMS Academy Governing Council Meeting

The next regular meeting will be November 19 at 4:00 PM on zoom.us.

X. Adjournment*

Larry Kennedy called for a motion to adjourn. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to adjourn. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy asked Jill Brame to call roll to adjourn. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Mike Romo and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

The special meeting of the Governing Council for the Southwest Aeronautics, Mathematics and Science Academy adjourned on October 15, 2020 on zoom.us at 5:35PM.