



GOVERNING COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of the SAMS Academy Governing Council on
Friday, May 20, 2022

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Bridget Barrett, Sean Fry, Shannon Baldonado, Lauren Chavez,
Kelly Callahan, Laura Kohr, Mike Deveraux

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Stephanie Tuttle, Carla Gonzales, Leeanne Carr, Abril Cera-Ramirez,
Ivan Ramirez, Sinai Ramirez, Gary Ashel, Leah Yates, Jose Garcia-Galvez

These minutes were approved on 6-17-22

By a vote of 4 yes 0 no 2 absent 0 abstained

Larry Kennedy President

Roland Dewing Secretary

I. Call to Order

Larry Kennedy called to order the Regular Meeting of the Governing Council for the Southwest Aeronautics, Mathematics, and Science Academy on May 20, 2022 at 8:31 AM on zoom.us.

A. Roll Call

Larry Kennedy asked Jill Brame to call roll. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Alex Carothers, and Larry Kennedy.

B. Adoption of the Agenda*

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

C. Review/Approval of Minutes from April 14, 2022*

Larry asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the April 14 regular meeting. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the April 14, 2022. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Alex Carothers, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Review/Approval of Minutes from April 29, 2022*

Larry asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the April 29 special meeting. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the April 29, 2022. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Alex Carothers, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Public Comment

Larry Kennedy asked if there was any public comment. Jill Brame said that Stephanie Tuttle had public comment.

Stephanie Tuttle: Introduced herself. Expressed her concerns about the proposed budget and implored the Governing Council to ask questions about the budget.

III. Administrative Update

A. Student Achievement Report

Bridget Barrett shared the following:

- The archery team went to nationals – the team fund raised to pay their way to the tournament
- Graduation was a success, 23 students received diplomas
- Students signing up for summer school
- Shared numbers for enrollment for SY22/23
- Equity Council did not meet because of the lack of attendance, but has plans for the fall
- Wellness Committee sent survey to parents, students, and staff
- Finals week is just finishing up

B. CSD Site Visit Report

Bridget Barrett shared a document about the annual site visit and said everything was good

IV. New Business Matters

A. Governing Council Members Recommendations*

Larry Kennedy said two applicants has submitted applications to join the governing council.

Laura Kohr introduced herself. She is the parent of two students at SAMS; wants to be involved in the school to better the school for her children. Larry Kennedy asked if she was able to meet the meeting time requirements; she responded yes.

Mike Deveraux introduced himself. He has in interest in aviation, is an A&P certified mechanic, like SAMS because of the education SAMS provides. Farrah Nickerson asked if he has any affiliations with airplane companies; he said no.

Larry Kennedy reminded everyone that we can have 5-9 members, so we could accept both members.

Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the two new board members. Alex Carothers seconded. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the April 29, 2022. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Alex Carothers, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Anti-Bullying Policy*

Bridget Barrett explained the changes made by the lawyer to the anti-bullying policy. The changes made have more definitions for the terms in the policy. Larry Kennedy called for a motion. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the Anti-bullying policy. Alex Carothers seconded. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the Anti-Bullying Policy. Jill Brame called Roland

Dewing, Mike Romo, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Alex Carothers, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. FY23 Salary Schedule*

Sean Fry explained the salary schedule and legislative changes required. The changes: all school staff make at least \$15/hour, teacher and admin raises, the teacher minimums are now \$50,000, \$60,000, and \$70,000.

The proposed salary schedule reflects the legislative changes. The average pay increase for the SAMS Academy staff is an 18% raise. Larry Kennedy called for a motion. Alex Carothers made a motion to approve the SY22/23 salary schedule. Mike Romo seconded. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the FY23 salary schedule. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Alex Carothers, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

D. School 2022-23 Calendar*

Bridget Barrett presented the school calendar for 2022-23. She explained the days off and ensured all the hours are met required by the state. Larry Kennedy called for a motion. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the school calendar for 2022-23. Alex Carothers seconded. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the school calendar for 2022-23. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Alex Carothers, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

E. FY23 Budget*

Sean Fry shared that there was a public input meeting on Monday, May 16 for the FY23 budget. He also explained where the funding came from which is membership. He also explained the places we lost money – small school size being reduced and no hold-harmless. He discussed the areas expenditures will go up: salaries and benefits. He went over each fund line and the budget for each. Alex Carothers asked about aviation funding. Sean Fry explained how aviation is funded. Larry Kennedy called for a motion. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the FY23 budget. Mike Romo seconded. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the FY23 budget. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Alex Carothers, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Ongoing Business Matters

A. Aviation Program Update

Dr. Chavez reported the following:

- * Explained the airplane is still down, but expects that it will be fixed in about 2 weeks.
- * Working on getting the seniors in the plane and finished.
- * Many missions in the SIM.

- * Will be flying this summer with students
- * Will be having a summer ground class
- * Ground classes have finished and most students did well
- * Having an after-school program with CAP
- * EAA has been helping the school
- * Working on getting students jobs with drone opportunities
- * Discussed expenses for the program
- * We received a \$6000 grant to help with the aviation education program

B. Facility Committee Update

Jill Brame explained the progress to the new building and shared pictures of the progress.

C. SAMS Wellness Committee Update

Brandy Bond explained that she and Alex Carothers came up with three surveys for stakeholders (staff, students, parents) and then will build a report for the board to get an understanding of the morale of the school. Also asks about strengths and weaknesses of the school and best practices. They both said that the data will be ready whenever Larry Kennedy wants to discuss this at a special meeting.

VI. Governing Council Development

A. Discussion with Kelly Callahan

Kelly Callahan explained that the board now has 12 hours of training for the year. This will be reported to CSD.

B. Strategic Planning Discussion

Kelly Callahan said the board reached the goal of adding more board members. She also asked if the board wants to do a strategic planning meeting. Larry Kennedy asked the board members to get him dates that work over the summer to have a strategic planning meeting. This would be a facilitated meeting by Kelly Callahan. If it is in July, this would count towards training hours.

VII. Finance Report

A. Business Office Operation Update

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

- * Revenues are 83.6% of budget.
- * Expenditures are 72.9% of the budget

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 called for a roll call vote to approve the vouchers. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Alex Carothers, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Budget Adjustment Requests*

Sean Fry explained all of the following BARs: BAR 22-32-I, BAR22-33-M, BAR22-34-T, BAR22-35-T, BAR22-36-D

Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve BAR31-I to 36-D. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the BAR31-I to 36-D. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Alex Carothers, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

D. FY21 Audit Discussion

Sean Fry explained the FY21 audit. He said we had unmodified audit, which is the best we can receive. The state audit was approved by the state auditor on 2/19 and became public on 2/24. There were no repeat findings and the 2 findings that were discovered, have been addressed.

VIII. Announcements

A. Date for next Regular SAMS Academy Governing Council Meeting

The next regular meeting will be June 17, 2022 at 8:30 AM.

There may be a special meeting before the next regular meeting.

Larry Kennedy also thank the board members for their time and effort.

IX. Adjournment*

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

The regular meeting of the Governing Council for the Southwest Aeronautics, Mathematics and Science Academy adjourned on May 20, 2022 on zoom.us at 10:41AM.