



GOVERNING COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of the SAMS Academy Governing Council on Friday, November 18, 2022

In Person and via Zoom.us

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Laura Kohr

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Bridget Barrett, Amanda Catanzaro, Sean Fry and Lauren Chavez

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Kelly Callahan, Steve Nakamura, and Gary Ashel

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These minutes were approved on 11/18/22

By a vote of 5 yes 0 no 3 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 November 18, 2022 at 2:05 p.m. on Zoom.us and in person at SAMS Academy.

A. Roll Call

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

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

C. Review/Approval of Minutes from October 21, 2022 Regular Meeting*

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2022 Regular Meeting. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2022 Regular Meeting. Brandy Bond seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the minutes. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Mike Deveraux, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Closed Session*

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to move into closed session for the discussion of real property acquisition pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1(H)(8) and particularly an amendment to a Lease Purchase Agreement with RM SAMS, LLC to add additional improvements to those to be lease-purchased. Larry Kennedy requested that Bridget Barrett, Amanda Catanzaro, and Sean Fry stay in closed session. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to move into closed session. Brandy Bond seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Mike Deveraux, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Open Session*

Larry Kennedy motioned to return to open session. Farrah Nickerson seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Mike Deveraux, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion for the consideration and approval of a Resolution Number 2022-23-003 approving entering into a First Amendment to Lease Purchase Agreement related to the previously approved Resolution Authorizing a Lease Purchase Agreement for real property located at the Southwest Corner of Irving Blvd. and Ventana Road, in the City of Albuquerque, County of Bernalillo, New Mexico as defined by the Public School Lease Purchase Act (NMSA 1978, Section 22-26A-6(B)). Farrah Nickerson made the motion. Roland Dewing seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Mike Deveraux, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

Larry Kennedy asked Bridget Barrett and Amanda Catanzaro if there was any public comment. There were no public comments.

V. Ongoing Business Matters

A. Aviation Program Update

Dr. Lauren Chavez presented that there have been approximately 24.2 hours of flying since the last meeting. There are no issues with the aircraft. Another student was awarded the drone scholarship.

Ground classes are still happening. Lightening up on the students a bit so that they can also focus on completing their classes.

CAP chapter will begin when we move to the new building.

Dr. Chavez shared the expenses with the board. Hanger rental may go up by 50%.

Working with Bode to get an updated contract. Fuel costs are high right now.

Current fuel cost is \$7.41 gallon.

Shared the article about SAMS Academy and Dr. Chavez from "General Aviation" newspaper.

B. Facility Update

Steve Nakamura presented that the building is about 95% completed. Cabinetry is being installed throughout and ceiling tiles continue to be put in place. Still waiting on PNM; they were scheduled this past Monday but did not show. Hoping PNM will show next week. Water meters are waiting to be installed but should be done soon. Gas is completely installed. Glass has been installed in the inner rooms

like aviation and lunchroom. The second set of doors in the front have been installed and doors throughout continue to be installed.

C. SAMS Wellness Committee Update

Brandy Bond presented that the committee met the Tuesday before this meeting. We have the raw data from the surveys of staff, students, and families. The data still needs to be sorted and organized to be shared at the December meeting. The data will be shared with the governing council members prior to the next meeting. Number of responses is underwhelming.

VI. Administrative Update

A. Student Achievement Update

Bridget Barrett presented the Academics update. Courses need to be completed by 12/14/2022 so the end of semester is approaching. Due to the move, finals have moved to a virtual setting and many teachers are using projects instead of Edgenuity cumulative exams.

Administration has set up an Exam Make-Up time via Zoom today from 12:00-3:30. SAMS will be having a Staff Luncheon on 12/16/2022 at 1:00. The governing council is invited, more information to come. Ms. Barrett shared an update of the Cognia Accreditation. Administration is in the process of requesting an extension to push this after the next charter renewal since so many updates will be taking place, like name of school, mission and vision statements. Discussion around the benefits of Accreditation. Kelly Callahan shared that it is a value ad to the diploma and we can put the seal on students graduation diplomas. It demonstrates that our program is rigorous and colleges and post secondary education do review, however it is not a requirement and with the changes that are coming, it is better to postpone then have to redo after all the changes. Sean Fry asked if it is a requirement for NCAA and Kelly said that has been adjusted.

Current enrollment is 282 and 4 students have submitted applications.

Jolene Herring has begun integrating Equity Council trainings into the SEL classes. Due to COVID numbers rising, especially effecting staff members, the school went to remote learning 11/7-11/10.

Ms. Barrett shared that the staff organized their own Thanksgiving Potluck today.

B. MyPath Short Cycle Assessment Results

Bridget Barrett presented the updated MyPath Short Cycle Assessment results.

These results are more consistent then the original Placement Exam data.

Teachers are using this data to plan interventions with students and discussing in their PLC's. Next year, administration plans on moving to the iMSSA Short Cycle Assessment because we feel like it will give us overall better data to work with so that we can support student learning.

C. NM State Assessment Results

Amanda Catanzaro presented scores of State Summative Assessments that were taken in Spring 2022. Overall, the scores are amazing and SAMS Academy tested better than state average across every exam, most of them 10% over the state average. The most significant was the 11th grade Assessment of Science Readiness where SAMS Academy had a proficiency rate of 89%! Kelly Callahan shared that she sees many different school's results and she has not seen results like this in any other school. Governing Council asked how these compare to APS. Amanda Catanzaro will look to see if we can find APS proficiency rates and email them to the board, if available.

VII. **New Business Matters**

A. SAMS Academy Governing Council Bylaws and Board Policy Revision*

Larry Kennedy presented the bylaws that the governing council had been working on prior with Kelly Callahan. Kelly suggested that these replace all of the information regarding the governing council in the policy manual.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the SAMS Academy Governing Council Bylaws and Board Policy Revisions. Brandy Bond made the motion to approve. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Mike Deveraux, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

B. COVID-19 Related Sick Leave Policy*

Bridget Barrett, Amanda Catanzaro and Sean Fry presented the COVID-19 Related Sick Leave Policy. Discussion around benefits of having this policy in place. This policy has a sunset date of 6/30/2023.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the COVID-19 Related Sick Leave Policy. Farrah Nickerson made the motion to approve. Roland Dewing seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Mike Deveraux, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. COVID-19 Policy Return to School Ratification*

Amanda Catanzaro presented changes to the COVID-19 Policy Return to School. Most changes were around the wording of "may" offer testing since the school no longer has any tests available. Administration is trying to find alternate vendors, but we don't want to guarantee families accessibility to on campus testing.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the COVID-19 Policy Return to School. Farrah Nickerson made the motion to approve. Brandy Bond seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Mike Deveraux, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Governing Council Development

Kelly Callahan suggests that the updated bylaws be publicly accessible on our website. Corrections will be made, and final clean document shared with administration so that it can be put on the website.

Governing Council members are on pace for annual training hours.

Kelly suggests that the governing council begin to focus on the renewal process. This is a huge process that cannot just be done by a few administrators and will require the assistance of the governing council. At an upcoming meeting, Kelly will share what the board's role is in renewal and recommendations for proceeding.

IX. Finance Report

A. Business Office Operations Update

Sean Fry presented that the Finance Committee met prior to this meeting. We are 1/3 of the way through the year.

B. Voucher Approvals*

After reviewing the vouchers and finance packet, Sean Fry asked for consideration for approval of the voucher report for the month of October. Larry Kennedy called for a motion to approve the vouchers. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the October vouchers. Brandy Bond seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Mike Deveraux, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Bank Reconciliation*

Sean Fry presented the bank reconciliation that ties with the general ledger. Larry Kennedy called for a motion to approve the vouchers. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the October Bank Reconciliation. Brandy Bond seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Mike Deveraux, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Budget Adjustment Requests*

Sean Fry presented BAR 2223-11000-0003-I which is an Initial Budget. The school received a large restitution check that will be added to operational and administration will decide what project this will be used for. Larry Kennedy called for a motion to approve 2223-11000-0003-I. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve BAR 2223-11000-0003-I. Brandy Bond seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Mike Deveraux, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Sean Fry presented BAR 2223-11000-0004-T which is a Transfer BAR from textbook line to staffing to make up the difference is cost of the registrar's position and purchase of PowerSchool Special Education Program. Larry Kennedy called for a motion to approve 2223-11000-0004-T. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve BAR 2223-11000-0004-T. Brandy Bond seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Mike Deveraux, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

X. Announcements

The next meeting of the governing council will be a special meeting scheduled for December 9, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Kelly Callahan shares that she will not be able to attend that meeting and will share the renewal information at the January meeting.

Bridget Barrett shared that Ed Smith has invited everyone to his book signing on 11/27/2022 at 1:00. Ms. Barrett will email the governing council the information.

XI. Adjournment*

Larry Kennedy called for a motion to adjourn. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to adjourn. Brandy Bond seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Mike Deveraux, 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 November 18, 2022 on zoom.us and in person at 4:09 p.m.

