

**MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SOMERSET ACADEMY OF LAS VEGAS
JUNE 20, 2024**

The Board of Directors of Somerset Academy of Las Vegas held a public meeting on June 20, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board Chair Travis Mizer called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. The following Board members were in attendance: Travis Mizer, LeNora Bredsguard, John Bentham, Cody Noble, Sarah McClellan, Renee Fairless, and Matt Morris.

Also present were the following principals: Lee Esplin, Jessica Scobell, Mindi Palomeque, David Fossett, and Shannon Manning. Somerset Inc. representative Suzette Ruiz, and Academica representatives Gary McClain and Ryan Reeves attended the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 20, 2024 BOARD MEETING

b. APPROVAL OF CONCUSSION POLICY PURSUANT TO SENATE BILL 80

Ms. Dena Thompson addressed the Board and noted a correction that had been made to the May 20th minutes.

MEMBER BENTHAM MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH MS. THOMPSON'S CORRECTION, AS PRESENTED. MEMBER MORRIS SECONDED THE MOTION, AND THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE.

4. ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK SELF-CERTIFICATION

Mr. Gary McCalin addressed the Board stating that Somerset Academy was required to submit the Organizational Performance Framework self-certification to the State. The framework had been reviewed and completed by Principal Esplin.

MEMBER MORRIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK SELF-CERTIFICATION. MEMBER BENTHAM SECONDED THE MOTION, AND THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE.

b. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTOR FOR SKYE CANYON, SKY POINTE, AND ALIANTE ADDITIONS

This item was tabled.

c. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR NETWORK HARDWARE

Mr. McClain stated that when the Board approved the contract with Onward additional funds were also approved for network upgrades. After Onward visited every campus, it was determined that additional equipment was needed. The request was to approve an additional \$105,000 to complete the network infrastructure. Member Bentham asked if Mr. Goodsell was comfortable with the additional money required, to which Mr. McClain replied in the affirmative. Member Noble asked if the equipment was the same as previously approved. Mr. McClain replied that it was the same equipment; however more was needed than originally expected. Member Morris asked if competing bids had been received and if all entities providing bids had been provided access to the building. Mr. McClain explained that Onward had been awarded the contract following a competitive bid process. He noted that he had worked with the Onward representative to ensure that the best price was received on the equipment.

MEMBER FAIRLESS MOVED TO APPROVE APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL FUDNIGN FOR TECHNOLOGY IN EACH OF THE SOMERSET BUILDINGS. MEMBER MCCLELLAN SECONDED THE MOTION, AND THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE.

d. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CAMERAS ACROSS ALL CAMPUSES

Mr. McClain reported that quotes were presented for improving camera systems at two campuses, with assumptions made for all seven campuses. After inspecting all campuses, the estimated cost for the desired 4-month storage was close to \$1.5 million. Since 4-month storage was uncommon, alternative quotes for 60-day and 30-day storage were obtained, priced at \$1.25 million and \$1.05 million respectively. The board approved a previous budget of \$800,000. Mr. McClain recommended an additional \$250,000 for 30-day storage in common areas, maintaining 365-day storage in admin areas. He noted that unlimited event clips could be saved to the cloud, and additional cloud storage could be purchased if more was needed. The industry standard was 30 days, and the system principals were comfortable with this.

Member Bredsguard asked if the 365-day storage was campus-wide. Mr. McClain stated that the 365-day storage was in admin areas only, which was in response to a previous request by the Board. Member Noble asked if incidents were often discovered more than 30 days after they occurred. Principal Esplin addressed the Board and stated that it was incredibly rare, noting that significant issues were typically reported within a few days. He expressed confidence in the 30-day storage policy, stating that important incidents would be reported promptly. Additionally, any footage saved from the cameras could be stored indefinitely on the cloud.

MEMBER MCCLELLAN MOVED TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CAMERAS ACROSS ALL CAMPUSES WITH 30 DAYS STORAGE AND 365 DAYS FOR ADMIN AREAS. MEMBER NOBLE SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE.

5. LONG RANGE CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. McClain stated that it would be necessary to hold a meeting to approve the projects. The bids would be opened on July 10th. A quorum poll would be sent for July 12th at 8:00 a.m.

6. MEMBER COMMENT

Member Fairless stated that she hoped the principals were enjoying the summer.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

8. ADJOURN MEETING

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:17 A.M.

Approved on: July 12, 2024



John Bentham (Jul 12, 2024 11:19 PDT)

**Secretary of the Board of Directors
Somerset Academy of Las Vegas**