

Wayman Academy of the Arts
Board Meeting
Monday, December 13th, 2021
6:30 pm

Members present:

Mark Griffin – Chairman
Terrence Harvey
Carolyn Wilson
Anthony Ammons
Sam Newby

Staff present:

Marla Almon, Principal

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mark Griffin.
- II. **Establishment of Quorum:** Quorum was established with all 5 members present.
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Carolyn Wilson and seconded by Anthony Ammons. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the August 30, 2021 meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Sam Newby and seconded by Carolyn Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. **Financial Statements:** Financial statements for the period of July 1, 2021 through September 31, 2021 were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Carolyn Wilson and seconded by Terrence Harvey. Motion passed unanimously.
- VI. **Public Comments:** No public was available for comment.
- VII. **Board Matters:** Accreditation Report – The school’s accreditation visit was conducted November 8-10, 2021 by an accreditation team from Cognia. The overall accreditation report indicated a successful school. However, there were a number of areas identified that leaves room for improvement. Chairman Griffin explained that the report was color coded to indicate the corresponding rating. Items coded “Red” were considered insufficient. The school’s report had no “Red” items. Items coded “Yellow” indicates areas for improvement. There were a number of “Yellow” items. Items coded “Green” were considered areas that meet the standards. Most of the items were “Green”. Finally, items coded “Blue” were considered areas that exceed the standards. The only area that received a “Blue” coding was board governance. After a few questions from board members, the Accreditation Report was received as information.

- VIII. Principal's Report:** Ms. Almon gave a report of staffing matters, as well as student academic progress. There was lengthy discussion regarding the use of substitutes in lieu of being able to find enough certified teachers. Ms. Almon informed the board of the school's ongoing efforts to recruit certified teachers, as well as efforts underway to help substitutes to become certified, in cases where that opportunity may exist. Principal Almon also discussed the curriculum assessments, and the proficiency levels students are expected to attain. Documentation of the Mid-Year Evaluation was reviewed, as well as the educational goals of students, in relation to Wayman Academy's school-wide plan was discussed. The Florida State Assessment Tests will take place in April, ending in May. Testing will begin with 3rd grade Reading (**April 5 & April 6**), 4th and 5th grade Writing (**April 7**), 4th and 5th grade Reading (**May 3 & 4**), 3-5 Math (**May 9 & 10**) and end with 5th grade Science (**May 12 & 13**).
- IX. Other Agenda Items:** None.
- X. Announcements/Questions/Concerns:** None.
- XI. Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn by Carolyn Wilson and seconded by Terrence Harvey. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.