

SUNFIRE HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 06-05-2025 4:00 PM

Introduction: Phil Neiss

Present: Sam Chagani, Board President; Marion Silver, Board Secretary; Steve Piercy, Board Member; DeeEtte Naukana, Director of Education; Philip Neiss, Director of Operations.

Reading and Approval of Prior Minutes: Marion Silver, Board Secretary. Minutes were read and approved unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Building Upgrade: Phil Neiss discussed the replacement of all glass doors and windows on the front of the building (north exposure) as well as on the 23rd Court side (east exposure). The project was prompted by new regulations that require us to have more fortified school building. The project includes all glass to be hurricane and storm resistant. In addition, an intercom and buzzer entry system will be installed on the outer front door to effectively screen all visitors. This upgrade, in conjunction with the interior entry system, will further enhance the safety of our school.

Student bathrooms will be upgraded over the summer.

Parking lot resurfacing will likely occur either over Thanksgiving or Christmas break.

- 2. Graduation Recap Sam Chagani and Phil Neiss reported on our recent graduation exercise, which was held on May 23rd, at Stranahan High School's auditorium. Sixty five graduates "crossed the stage" at this wonderful event, marking Sunfire's thirteenth commencement event. Congratulations to the Class of 2025!
- 3. Staff Incident: In May 2025, a unanimous letter was received by an unidentified female student suggesting inappropriate language and gestures by one of our staff members. The incident was promptly reported to the school district, who dispatched a police officer to initially investigate the matter. The staff member was immediately placed on administrative leave and left the building. While there has not been any charges filed, the staff member will not be returning for the next school year.

New Business:

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- 1. 2025-2026 Staffing including renewals and position changes: The Board reviewed all of the employees and the following personnel will not be renewed for the 2025-2026 school year:
 - *Marti Parker-Lovely, Principal (Full-Time)
 - *Toni King, Enrollment (Full-Time)
 - *Bradford Layton, Community Liaison (Full-Time)
 - *Sandra Jones, Para-Professional (Part-Time)

All full time employees will be paid until the expiration of their respective contracts on July 31st, 2025. Part-time employees will be paid through June 27, 2025.

The Board will start the interview process for hiring a qualified candidate for the Principal position.

- 2. 2025-2026 New Academic & CTE Programs: Dee Naukana introduced a new programs:
 - a. Beable Education, which is a program that aids and assists our students in choosing career paths.
 - b. Xello, which is a free online program available to all students that fully engages every student in building with the skills, knowledge, and plans for future success regardless of background, ability, or pathway.
- 3. Upcoming National Charter School Conference in Orlando, June 29-July 2, 2025
- 4. Upcoming State Charter School Conference in Orlando, October 13-15, 2025
- 5. Planning Ahead 2026 Seniors and Graduation: The Board discussed the planning of the 2026 graduation. In previous years, the Board has waited until later in the school year to plan the events, which limited the timing and location of the graduation and any related Senior activities. Hence the Board will begin the Graduation planning process shortly after the school year begins in August 2025.

DISCUSSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 5:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marion Silver, Board Secretary

SAM CHARANI, BOARD CHAIR