

AMIKIDS MARITIME ACADEMY
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JULY 27, 2023 @ 3:30 PM
200 E BEACH DR. PANAMA CITY FL 32401

A regular meeting of the Governing Board of AMIkids Maritime Academy was held on July 27, 2023, at 3:30 pm at 200 E Beach Dr Panama City FL 32401.

Notice of meeting was posted on social media and at the school.

Board Members Present: Lavoy Anderson, Virginia White, Eve Vankley. Ms. Cecile Scoon was absent.

Jamie Vickers (Principal), January Sellers and Ron Boyce of AMIkids Maritime Academy; Gwendolyn Hamilton AMIKids Educational Liaison and Isaac Williams from Educational Support Partner (ESP) were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by Lavoy Anderson.

The agenda was approved with the addition of out of field report and textbook purchase as items 4a and 4b. - Virginia White made a motion to approve the agenda with amendments. Motion was seconded by Eve Vankley. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

A motion was made by Ms. White and seconded by Ms. Vankley to approve the minutes as presented from the June 27 and June 29, 2023, meetings. Motion carried 4-0

School Progress Report

Ms. Vickers reported that Maritime Academy performed better than any other school in the district regarding the ELA state testing, winter Algebra EOC and spring Geometry EOC. Maritime Academy was #4 in the spring Algebra EOC. The school is on track to receive an "A" grade for the year. The State Board of Education did meet to set a new scal score, but that should not affect the "A" rating. School grades should be out in November of 2023. 89 students are currently enrolled, and orientation will be Tuesday at 5 pm, estimated 200 participants. School clubs will be present, T-shirts will be sold. One previous student will not return due to a military move, all other former students are returning this year. Teaching positions are fully staffed. Construction is under way and hope is for completion by the first day of school, a plan is in place if deadline is not met. Will interview with the DOE for Charter School start up grant tomorrow, could lead to a \$900,000 grant if selected. Teachers will return from summer break on Monday.

Financial Report

Ms. Vickers is in the process of the budget review, will continue talks on Monday.

Public Comment

Ms. January Sellers has received her lifeguard certification.

Board Discussion

Out of Field Report – January Sellers is in the process of getting her certification. A motion was made by Ms. White and seconded by Ms. VanKley for the out-of-field report. Motion carried 4-0. Conditional instructors are allowed by Bay District Schools, paid as a substitute then back paid once certification is met. Discussion over FTE funding being allowed if a conditional substitute is teacher of record.

Approval of textbook purchase – Math books will be approximately \$4000 and purchases over \$2500 must be approved by the board. This approval may be necessary yearly. If the same vendor is used it may not be necessary to get board approval each year going forward. A motion was made by Ms. VanKley and seconded by Ms. White to allow the purchase of textbooks that are needed in excess of \$2500. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business

Mr. Ron Boyce stated the health permit will be renewed in September, he is waiting for school to start and inspections to occur. Mr. Isaac Williams stated that Ms. Gwendolyn Hamilton previously started a charter school in Louisiana and can help work through any issues. Mr. Anderson welcomed Ms. Hamilton aboard.

The meeting adjourned at 4pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jami Hinrichs