

# UtahARTS Academy

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10 October 2022 | 5PM | 1091 N. Bluff St. George | Zoom

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nelson Hafen, Aubrey Johnson, Sadie Best, Bryan Watabe, Greg Grajek, Rick Schofield, Josh Little, Victoria Wilson \*Jennifer Fouche, (\*Virtual Attendance)

**BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Drew Williams (ED UAA), Kent Brown (CFO/HR Director of UAA), Chris Andrus (Dir. of Support Services UAA), Nate Keith (Dean of Students UAA), Board Mentor/Trainer Sarah McNaughton (UAA Counselor), Marisa Monger (Student), Kelli Jones (auditor HB), Blanca Hone (Parent), Joey Leishman (Student)

## Approval of 8 Aug 2022 Minutes:

- Motion to approve minutes Greg Grajek, second Jennifer Fouche. June 20th minutes approved unanimously. In favor: Nelson Hafen, Aubrey Johnson, Sadie Best, Bryan Watabe, Greg Grajek, Rick Schofield, Josh Little, Victoria Wilson, Jennifer Fouche - Opposed: NONE

**No Student Performance-** Joey Leishman - Vocal Solo (Santa Fe, Newsies)

## Public Comment:

- Sign up for public comment made available before the meeting. No public comment.

## Discussion Items:

- **Audit Report:** Kelli Jones, Hinton Burdick- Kelli expressed gratitude to UAA for working with them. The independent auditor's report contained no major material weaknesses or deficiencies. The state compliance report contained two findings involving higher than maximum fund balance, and receipt deposit timing.
- **Budget/Finance report:** Kent Brown (CFO/HR Director of UAA) talked the board through the YTD financials. Board members were invited to ask questions.
- **Directors Report/Construction Report:** Drew Williams (ED UAA) addressed the board. Core education scores have come in and we are seeing improvement. We are ahead of the state average on every metric. Reporting on construction, JMI has received a punch



list for completed areas and the timeline for upstairs phase III completion is the second week in November. The space is working well for our students and staff. Board members asked questions about the 8th grade expansion. We will need to reapply in May with a waiver if we don't wait two years. Drew expressed his opinion that some changes to our charter agreement are still in order so that we don't run into this problem again.

- **Artistic Report:** Drew Williams (ED UAA) Report on student performance/experience at the Utah Shakespeare Competition. Auditions for Les Miserables coming up after fall break. Students involved in Young Arts finalizing submissions.
- **Student Activity Report:** Nate Keith (UAA Dean of Students) delivered the report. The Homecoming football game between the teachers and the students was a huge success. Students stomped on the teachers for the first time in the history of the school. The teachers are already planning their comeback. Kieth expressed that parent involvement has improved and that the Community Council is functioning effectively. Kieth traveled with students to an improvisation exchange in Cedar City and felt it was a wonderful learning experience for students. Student culture is all around positive.
- **Student Services Report:** Chris Andrus (UAA Dir. of Support Services) reported that there is upcoming autism training for staff, and that currently we are working to hire a paraprofessional for special ED. Praise was given for a peer math mentoring program Sarah McNaughton (UAA Counselor) reported that October 24 begins Utah college application week. Sarah explained the plan in place for students leading up to that week.
- **Target River Marketing Presentation:** Brian Eppersson and Chris Cosca (Target River Marketing) joined the meeting virtually. Target River presented a digital/ mailing marketing campaign for board consideration . Board members asked questions concerning past success with school enrollment, competitive campaigns, and accountability to goals.
- **Campaign For Donations Discussion:** Nelson Hafen (IBC) led a board discussion concerning messaging for a UAA fundraising campaign. Board members discussed the need for a two sided campaign including fundraisers and large donor connections.
- **Board Wiser Training #2:** Nelson Hafen (IBC) planned to show a video- technical difficulties occurred and the video was sent out to be watched by board members individually for discussion in the next meeting.

#### **Action/Ratification Items:**

- **Approve Financial Audit FY22:** Sadie Best motioned to approve the FY22 financial audit, second Greg Grajek- financial audit approved unanimously. In favor: Nelson Hafen, Aubrey Johnson, Sadie Best, Bryan Watabe, Greg Grajek, Rick Schofield, Josh Little, Victoria Wilson, Jennifer Fouche - Opposed: NONE



- **Employee Retention Credit (ERC):** Kent Brown (CFO/HR Director UAA) explained the retention credit process to the board and answered questions. Rick Schofield motioned to approve the employee retention credit application, second Josh Little- motion approved unanimously. In favor: Nelson Hafen, Aubrey Johnson, Sadie Best, Bryan Watabe, Greg Grajek, Rick Schofield, Josh Little, Victoria Wilson, Jennifer Fouche - Opposed: NONE
- **Target River Marketing:** Greg Grajek motioned to approve authorization of earmarked funds of \$35,000-\$40,000 for a marketing campaign with Target River, second Bryan Watabe- motion approved unanimously. In favor: Nelson Hafen, Aubrey Johnson, Sadie Best, Bryan Watabe, Greg Grajek, Rick Schofield, Josh Little, Victoria Wilson, Jennifer Fouche - Opposed: NONE
- **Library Policy:** Drew Williams (ED UAA)-Williams presented the UAA library policy to the board. Aubrey Johnson motioned to approve the UAA Library Policy, Greg Grajek second- motion approved unanimously. In favor: Nelson Hafen, Aubrey Johnson, Bryan Watabe, Greg Grajek, Rick Schofield, Josh Little, Victoria Wilson, Jennifer Fouche - Opposed: NONE
- **Adjustment to fiscal board meeting schedule:** Rick Schofield motioned to approve monthly UAA board meetings excluding the month of July, Aubrey Johnson second- motion approved unanimously. In favor: Nelson Hafen, Aubrey Johnson, Bryan Watabe, Greg Grajek, Rick Schofield, Josh Little, Victoria Wilson, Jennifer Fouche - Opposed: NONE
- **Board Training:** Nelson Hafen (IBC) motioned to approve submission of a proposal for board training to Bryan Carpenter, Rick Schofield second- motion approved unanimously. In favor: Nelson Hafen, Aubrey Johnson, Bryan Watabe, Greg Grajek, Rick Schofield, Josh Little, Victoria Wilson, Jennifer Fouche - Opposed: NONE

### **Date set for Board/Faculstaff Social October 11, 2002**

-Drew Williams (ED UAA) finished the meeting by talking about progression in education from generation to generation and expressed his passion for the teaching staff at UAA.

- **Next Meeting:** 14 November 2022 | 5PM | 1091 N. Bluff St. George

### **Adjournment:**

- **Motion to Adjourn:** Aubrey Johnson, Rick Schofield second, meeting adjourned.