

# Samsula Academy Charter School, Inc.

# **Regular Board Meeting**

Date: July 29, 2025 Time: 6:00 PM- Cafeteria

#### 1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Samsula Academy Charter School Governing Board was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair John Shelton.

# 2. Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence to reflect on our shared mission and the year ahead.

#### 3. Roll Call

Board members conducted roll call. A quorum was established.

#### 4. Public Participation

There were no public comments or participants at this time.

## **5. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes**

The board reviewed the minutes from the July 22, 2025 meeting.

- Amanda made a motion to approve the minutes.
- Dave seconded the motion.
- All members voted in favor.

#### 6. Strategic Goals of the School & Principal's Report

Principal Daovy Walton submitted her report outlining current priorities and school operations.

- She provided an enrollment update, confirming growth and interest in the school.
- Updates were shared on the Extended Day program, including newly hired staff and program structure.



- Daovy also gave updates on the lunch program, upcoming changes to the uniform policy, and noted handbook revisions underway to reflect these updates.
- Her continued focus on operational excellence and clear communication is helping build a strong foundation for the upcoming school year.

## 7. School Beautification & Cleaning Services

- Amanda shared that her parents generously donated mulch for landscaping improvements.
- John provided insight into the PTA's upcoming beautification efforts to help the school feel welcoming for the first day.
- The board discussed the role of our new cleaning service and ongoing efforts to maintain a clean and inviting campus environment.

## 8. Financial Update (Amanda)

- Amanda presented the current financial standing of the school and shared a budget risks and opportunities worksheet to help visualize adjustments made since the last review.
- She highlighted key variances from the original projections and discussed action items to stay aligned with fiscal goals.

#### 9. Teacher & Staff Contracts

- Dave has been diligently working through staff contracts and proposed edits to language and formatting to ensure clarity and compliance.
- The board discussed necessary changes to support both transparency and staff satisfaction.

#### b. Clearinghouse Setup

- John provided an update on efforts to set up the school's Clearinghouse account.
- Once operational, this system will allow Samsula to securely and efficiently transfer employee background screenings without duplicating efforts.

# **10. Spectrum Account Transfer**



- The board discussed ongoing issues with Spectrum regarding the school's service account.
- John will follow up directly to resolve outstanding questions and ensure a smooth transition.

#### 11. Future Events & Grants

- The board explored potential grant opportunities to support school initiatives.
- However, without the official 501(c)(3) paperwork finalized, eligibility remains limited.

#### 12. Summer Camps

- The board considered the proposal of hosting a summer music camp in the school café.
- A vote was held to table this idea until more detailed information becomes available.

#### 13. Old Business

# a. Governing Board Secretary

 The position remains vacant. The board is continuing efforts to recruit a qualified candidate.

# **b.** Fire Pump Update

 The fire pump is still awaiting final approval to cross state lines. Delays continue to be monitored.

# c. Contract Updates

- Amanda reviewed all pending contracts, including the lawn care contract.
- After discussion, the board agreed it would be beneficial to continue with the current vendor if terms remain favorable.

# 14. Board Member Comments / Concerns

General discussion was held on ongoing tasks and upcoming priorities.



# 15. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **8:31 PM**.