



Samsula Academy Charter School, Inc.

Regular Board Meeting

Date: August 5, 2025

Time: 5:15-5:45 PM- Cafeteria

Board Members Present:

- John Shelton, BOD Chair
- Amanda Williams, BOD, Secretary- Treasurer
- Dave Baldwin, Member
- Dr. Amy Michaelis, Member

Public Participants

None

1. Call to Order

Chair John Shelton officially called the meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence as a gesture of unity and reflection for the new school year ahead.

3. Roll Call

A roll call was conducted. A quorum was established with all board members present.

4. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present for this meeting.

5. Principal's Report – Daovy Walton

Principal Walton provided several important updates related to the school's operations:

- Daovy proposed a modification to the dress code, allowing students to wear dark-colored pants. The board unanimously agreed to add this update to the parent contract for the upcoming school year. Samsula will be adopting the Volusia County Schools



Student Handbook as a guiding document. Daovy is also working diligently on revisions to the Employee Handbook and the School Improvement Plan. Given the comprehensive nature of the SIP, she has formally requested an extension from the district.

- **Lunch Program:**

- Daovy shared the challenges in securing a lunch vendor. Neither Volusia County Schools nor Burns Science and Technology were able to partner with Samsula this year.
- Amanda reviewed a quote from Vertex Education and explained that the cost would exceed budget limits and does not align with current school needs.
- For the beginning of the year, students will be expected to bring their own lunch. Amanda has generously offered to purchase a supply of grab-and-go meals to ensure no child goes without food during this transitional period.
- Amanda is also pursuing quotes from food supply companies to explore the creation of an in-house lunch program in the future.
- Due to an administrative oversight under previous leadership, the application for free and reduced lunch was not submitted and cannot be offered this year. Daovy and Ms. Coley are working diligently to ensure compliance and proper licensing. Current food sanitation license is valid through September 30, 2025.

- **Parent Communication:**

- The board collaborated on a clear and supportive letter to inform families about the temporary changes to the lunch program and reinforce the school's commitment to student wellness and transparency.

6. Old Business

a. Cleaning Service Update

- The cleaning crew has been actively working on campus, completing a deep cleaning of common areas and waxing the cafeteria floors. The board noted the improved appearance and readiness of the space.

7. Board Member Comments & Discussion



- Board members expressed appreciation for the hard work being done by the leadership and support teams, especially during such a critical planning period.
- Several logistical items and updates were discussed informally in preparation for the start of school.

8. Next Scheduled Board Meeting

Date: August 12, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Samsula Cafeteria

9. Adjournment

With no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at **5:52 PM**.