

AMIKids Maritime Academy
Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 27, 2023, at 3:30 pm
200 E Beach Dr. Panama City, FL 32401

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

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

Board members present: Lavoy Anderson, Virginia White, and Eve VanKley.

Also present, Jamie Vickers Principal, Gwendolyn Hamilton from the AMIKids home office via Teams, Maritime teachers: BJ Morris and January Sellers (Parent Liaison).

Motion requested to approve the agenda. Motion made by Ms. VanKley and second by Ms. White to approve agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Comment

Kasey Franks, stepmother of Brayden Dickey, spoke of her affiliation with Bay District Schools. Acknowledged the mistake Brayden has made, discussed the struggles of public schools and the lack of parent involvement. Grateful for Maritime Academy for the learning opportunity given to Brayden. Ms. Franks understands the severity of Brayden's actions. David Veazy, father, spoke of Brayden's plans in the future and thankful for Maritime Academy. Brayden Dickey, student, apologized for his actions, made a poor choice and will make better choices going forward. Brayden is excited to learn and will not take the opportunity, if given, to be a better student. He appreciates the consideration of the board. Mr. Anderson recapped the first violation of a vape pen was on August 14th, at that time Brayden was told the next violation would result in dismissal from the school and given 5 days of out of school suspension. Precedent will be set if Brayden is allowed to stay. September 19th Brayden involved another student in the possession of a vape pen, the action was unacceptable, and Brayden was suspended out of school for an additional 10 days. Protection of all students is a concern. Ms. White understands that everyone makes mistakes, but this is the second offense and should not be allowed to stay. Ms. VanKley agreed with the other board members. While Brayden is not going to be allowed to remain at Maritime, he is more than this one action and should take this as a learning opportunity, should make good decisions going forward. Motion made by Ms. White for the dismissal of Brayden Dickey from Maritime Academy, seconded by Ms. VanKley. Motion carried 3-0.

Ms. Vickers thanked the parents for their support and commended Brayden for speaking today. Mr. Anderson reminded Brayden that other opportunities will come his way and to make the most of them.

Addition to the agenda:

Ms. White and Ms. VanKley in agreement with Mr. Anderson to add to the agenda: Ms. Vickers needs approval to accept the State of Florida funding for teachers to help with raises. Certified teachers who are teaching full time will qualify for a raise. New salary, if approved, will show in the 4th column from

the right on the budget. Ms. VanKley asked when it would take effect and if backpay is involved. Ms. Vickers believes it should be back paid to the start of the school year. Motion by Ms. VanKley and seconded by Ms. White to accept the salary allocation for qualifying teachers. Motion passed 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jami Hinrichs

Data Clerk

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