

In Attendance: Cynthia Shelmerdine, Kathy Wilson, Sally Mackenzie, Kata Rittenberg and David Jean, Board members; Mel Christiansen- Fletcher, HCA Head of School, Ashley Hyde, Director of Finance and Operations HCA, and Dan A. D’Auteuil, Jr. Attorney at Skelton, Taintor, and Abbott. Barbara is away, but we had a quorum of the board.

Cynthia began the meeting at 4:03 pm.

She introduced Dan D’Auteuil who is a colleague of Amy Dietrich, our lawyer at Skelton, Taintor, and Abbott. He specializes, among other things, in commercial real estate law.

At 4:05, on a motion by Cynthia, seconded by Kathy, the Board entered an executive session for the purpose of discussing the condition, acquisition, or use of real or personal property according to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405, A.3.

At 4:54, on a motion by Kathy, seconded by David, the Board came out of the executive session.

Kathy made the motion, seconded by David, that the Board have an auction of Harpswell Coastal Academy and property. The Board authorized Cynthia, with Ashley’s support, to negotiate the contract with the Keenan auction company.

The Board unanimously voted to accept the motion on a roll call vote.

Cynthia made the motion, seconded by Kathy, to have an auction of the assets of Harpswell Coastal Academy. The Board authorized Cynthia, with Ashley’s support, to negotiate the contract with the Keenan auction company.

The Board unanimously voted to accept the motion on a roll call vote.

Next steps: Dan will reach out to Melissa at Androscoggin Bank to be sure our understanding of their position is clear. Cynthia will then contact Keenan Auction Company.

School schedule change: Mel made the motion, Cynthia seconded, to add two Aytme, Anywhere days to the school year. The Board unanimously voted to accept the motion on a roll call vote.

Other items:

- We will need to approve an FY 2024 budget to ensure there is enough money set aside from financial transactions to cover work needed at the school through the fall—including an audit.
- Cynthia will notify the town of the steps we are taking to sell the property.
- David Hartman is trying to arrange a meeting with DOE regarding federal grants received in the past few years. So far, he has not been able to connect with that office at DOE. The DOE office has until May 11 (120 days from January 10) to make arrangements with the school regarding federal fund reimbursement.

On a motion by Kathy, seconded by Kata, the meeting adjourned at 5:15.