



Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 23rd 2026, 6-8 pm [Zoom Link](#)

Board Members: Chair Maria Trader, Vice-Chair/Treasurer: Michael Rutta, Secretary: Dan Bootz, and Members: Stacey Graves, Brenna Davis

Agenda Item	Presenter	
Opening	Maria	• Verse • Consensus Decision-Making Guidelines
Introductions	Maria	• Introductions and sharing of a positive memory
Public Participation	Maria	• Public Participation
Agenda	Maria	• Approval of the agenda by the board ◦ M/S Rutta/Graves moved to approve the agenda, all in favor, agenda was approved.
Approve Minutes	Maria	• Minutes: 6/18/26 ◦ M/S Graves/Rutta moved to approve the June 18th minutes, all in favor, minutes were approved.
Operations	Chamomile	• Employment/Hiring Updates/Action ◦ Nusz updated the board on the interview progress for the math teacher. Completing reference checks on committee approved candidates. ◦ Still accepting applications for movement and music teacher. • Hosting Program Update ◦ Working on finding a host family for enrolled students. M/S Graves/Rutta to allocate \$400/month stipend for host families for out of area students, all in favor, motion carried. • Enrollment Update ◦ Currently at 50 students enrolled for 2026/2027 season. • OEO Notice of non-renewal/Charter Renewal ◦ Nusz and Brown updated the board on progress with submission of required documents and responses related to OEO renewal. ◦ Scheduled meeting to review OEO Charter Contract Renewal Application on 7/28/26 at 6pm. M/S Bootz/Rutta to accept additional board meeting. Motion carried. • Calendar update/Action ◦ M/S Bootz/Rutta to accept the updated calendar for orientation week, all in favor, motion carried. • Early Graduation - DNG ◦ Brown presented a petition from student, DNG, for board approval of an early graduation course schedule. Guardians have submitted a letter supporting the petition. M/S Graves/ Bootz to approve early graduation schedule for student, DNG, all in favor, motion carried. • Brown presented his proposed masters degree research proposal which will focus on the effectiveness of drama based pedagogy on student outcomes. M/S Rutta/Bootz to approve masters degree research proposal, all in favor, motion carried.
PR and Fundraising	Maria	• No updates
Policies/Procedures	Chamomile	• No updates

Student Reports	Riley	● Student Council Update/ Information ○ Discussed early preparation for 2026 Ren Faire including presentation of the draft poster.
Financials	Chamomile	● Updated Budget for 2026/27 ○ Nusz updated the board on 2026/2027 per pupil allotment and updated the budget. ● Financial Reports
Employee/Contractor Reports		● Phil Brown: Head of School ○ Discussed SPED review and certification. ○ Discussed Waldorf Alliance information. ○ Moving forward with hiring a math teacher and development of a teacher support/mentoring program for new hires. ● Chamomile: Executive Director ○ Laura Snowbarger has started in her new role at the school. ○ Working on the early college credit program. ○ Discussed use of JMC by Central Sands Staff for student information and tracking. ○ Updated board on approved and possible improvements to the kitchen and meal program. ● Jeanne: Lead Teacher
Board	Maria	● Conference July 22nd ● Bylaws Review/Update first reading ○ Nusz presented updated bylaw documents. The board will complete a second reading of the bylaws at the August meeting with possible vote on approval.
Closed Session	Maria	● <i>The Central Sands Governance Board reserves the right to enter into a closed session pursuant to State Statutes 19.85(1)(c)(e)&(f) for the purpose of considering employment over whom the Governance Board has jurisdiction and exercises responsibility.</i>
Other Business	All	● Vote on closed session items ● Any other business items to cover? ● Next Meeting on Thursday, August 20th, 2026 6pm via zoom.
Meeting Review	Maria	● Meeting Review & Action Items

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