

**RCMA School Board Meeting
The Rollason Center
402 West Main Street, Immokalee, FL 34142
January 29, 2018**

MINUTES

| | BOARD MEMBERS | PRESENT | ABSENT | STAFF ATTENDANCE |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 1. | Allison, Chuck (via phone) | Present | | Arthur Hernandez |
| 2. | Bayer, Michael T. | Present | | Bill Coats |
| 3. | English, Katherine | Present | | Catalina Sepulveda |
| 4. | Ferrari, William | Present | | Ed Dickerson |
| 5. | Hightower, Sandra | Present | | Erica Robinson |
| 6. | Hinson, Al. J | Present | | Gayane Stepanian |
| 7. | Jaimes, Minerva | Present | | Gilbert Flores |
| 8. | Kendrick, Gloria | Present | | Gyla Wise |
| 9. | Krome, Medora | Present | | Hudelaine Deus |
| 10. | Luis, Nelson | | Absent | Isabel Garcia |
| 11. | Martinez, Ilda | | Absent | Ivette Galarza |
| 12. | Melendez, Wilma | Present | | Juana Brown |
| 13. | Miles-Adams, Linda | Present | | Juanita Meza |
| 14. | Perez, Joaquin | | Absent | Karen Cosentino |
| 15. | Price, Steve | Present | | Kathleen Roehm |
| 16. | Pringle, Richard | | Absent | Lourdes Villanueva |
| 17. | Salustro, Larry | Present | | Maribel Beltran |
| 18. | Stuart, Michael | | Absent | Mark Haggett |
| 19. | Weisinger, Max (Jaime) | Present | | Mike Facundo |
| 20. | Wishnatzki, Gary | | Absent | Misty Smith |
| | | | | Pam Way |
| PARENT REPRESENTATIVES | | | | Patti Young |
| 21. | Campuzano, Hugo | Present | | Toni Williams |
| 22. | Carrera, Fernando | Present | | Zulaika Quintero |
| 23. | Cuahutenango, Malena | Present | | |
| 24. | Estevez, Marcela | | Absent | GUEST |
| 25. | Figuerola, Yamarly | | Absent | Ivan Murillo (student) |
| 26. | Gonzalez, Irma | Present | | |
| 27. | Jose, Felix | Present | | |
| 28. | Juarez, Maria | | Absent | |
| 29. | Lara, Bernarda | Present | | |
| 30. | Martinez, MariCruz | Present | | |
| 31. | McClendon, Felecia | Present | | |
| 32. | Velasco, Julia | Present | | |

I. Opening remarks by the President

Medora Krome called the School Board meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Welcome and self-introductions

All present members and staff introduced themselves by name, position, and location.

III. Minutes of October 2017 meeting

Medora Krome asked for a motion to approve the October minutes as mailed.

Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the October minutes as mailed. Jaime Weisinger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IV. Charter Schools Executive Committee Reports – Bill Ferrari

Bill Ferrari introduced Juana Brown to present the report on Charter Schools.

a. Director of Charter Schools overview – Juana Brown

1. Legislation Update

Juana Brown summarized the Every Student Succeeds Act (previously known as No Child Left Behind) and discussed the Florida proposal submitted to the USDOE and the USDOE feedback on the non-compliant items. This included an absence of data and accountability for low poverty and minority students. Juana then covered the Constitutional Revision Commission proposals specifically impacting charter schools. She encouraged Board members to familiarize themselves more intimately with the educational proposals and respond to the Commission. Lastly, she discussed House Bill 7069 and the recent release by the State of Capital Improvement Dollars to charter schools, despite the pending lawsuits. A discussion followed on how dollars were calculated within each county for distribution to the schools.

2. Procedures for Safeguarding our Students

Juana Brown spoke about the RCMA Standards of Ethical Conduct and the expectations of staff who have an obligation to protect and not exploit students. She reassured the Board that the schools are consistent with their practices. She noted that trainings with all staff are conducted at the beginning of every school year.

Michael Bayer asked if Juana would be commenting on the recent Wimuama Academy incident previously discussed during the October Board meeting. Bill Ferrari commented that no new information had been given on the incident, however, the situation was being monitored and a court hearing had been scheduled for later this year. A summary of actions taken by RCMA and the school in this matter will be shared at the next Board meeting.

3. Developing a Charter Talent Pool

The agenda item was tabled for the next School Board meeting due to time constraint.

b. The Academies of RCMA – Mark Haggett

1. Attendance/Enrollment

Mark Haggett summarized student attendance/enrollment.

2. School Community Activities

The PowerPoint presentation was bypassed due to time constraint.

3. Out-of-Field Teachers – Action

Mark Haggett briefly explained the educational requirements that the newly hired teachers were still working towards.

Motion: Larry Salustro made a motion to approve four out-of-field teachers in ESOL and one out-of-field teachers in subject area for The Academies. Jamie Weisinger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Financial Statements for The Academies – Bill Ferrari – Action

The financial statements were summarized. Bill Ferrari explained that The Academies' expenses exceeded revenues by \$29K. No questions were asked.

Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the Financial Statements for The Academies. Michael Bayer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Budget Adjustment for The Academies – Bill Ferrari – Action

The budget adjustments were summarized. No questions were asked.

Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the adjusted budgets for The Academies. Julia Velasco seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Monitoring Student Progress (verbal/ PowerPoint)

Mark Haggett introduced Wimauma Academy 6th grade student, Ivan Murillo, in lieu of discussing the monitoring of student progress. Mark highlighted many of Ivan's accolades. Ivan stood at the front of the room to talk about his experience during a trip to Tallahassee to lobby. Jaime Weisinger complimented how impressed he was with Ivan.

c. Immokalee Community School – Zulaika Quintero

1. Attendance/Enrollment

Zulaika Quintero summarized the Immokalee Community School student attendance and enrollment. She noted that several families had not returned since Hurricane Irma because of loss of work, thus, attendance was slightly low. However, she had made efforts to recruit students, including reaching out to families who expressed interest in transferring schools. She also reached out to families who were on the kindergarten and first grade waiting list. A discussion ensued.

2. School Community Activities

The PowerPoint presentation was bypassed due to time constraint.

3. Out-of-Field Teachers – Action

Zulaika Quintero briefly explained the educational requirements that newly hired teachers were still working toward. Bill Ferrari noted that the school was supporting teachers by paying for certification exams, \$250/ea.

Motion: Larry Salustro made a motion to approve four out-of-field teachers in ESOL and five out-of-field teachers in subject areas for Immokalee Community School. Bill Ferrari seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Financial Statements for Immokalee Community School– Bill Ferrari – Action

The financial statements were summarized. No questions were asked.

Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the Financial Statements for Immokalee Community School. Michael Bayer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Budget Adjustment for Immokalee Community School – Bill Ferrari – Action

The budget adjustments were summarized. No questions were asked.

Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the adjusted budgets for Immokalee Community School. Michael Bayer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Monitoring Student Progress (verbal/ PowerPoint)

The monitoring of student progress was bypassed due to time constraint.

V. Old Business

a. Other

None.

VI. New Business

a. Other

None.

VII. Call for Public Comment

No comments were made.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Motion: Jaime Weisinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 p.m. Bill Ferrari seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

**Misty Smith
Office Manager**