

RCMA School Board Meeting
UF/IFAS Southwest Florida Research & Education Center
2685 State Road 29 N., Immokalee, FL 34142
June 4, 2018

MINUTES

	BOARD MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	STAFF ATTENDANCE
1.	Allison, Chuck		Absent	Arthur Hernandez
2.	Bayer, Michael T.	Present		Ed Dickerson
3.	English, Katherine		Absent	Gilbert Flores
4.	Ferrari, William (Bill)	Present		Gyla Wise
5.	Hightower, Sandra	Present		Hudelaine Deus
6.	Hinson, Al. J	Present		Isabel Garcia
7.	Jaimes, Minerva		Absent	Ivette Galarza
8.	Kendrick, Gloria	Present		Juana Brown
9.	Krome, Medora	Present		Juanita Meza
10.	Luis, Nelson		Absent	Kathleen Roehm
11.	Martinez, Ilda		Absent	Lourdes Villanueva
12.	Melendez, Wilma		Absent	Maria Quintanilla
13.	Miles-Adams, Linda	Present		Mark Haggett
14.	Perez, Joaquin (call-in)	Present		Mike Facundo
15.	Price, Stephen	Present		Misty Smith
16.	Pringle, Richard		Absent	Pam Way
17.	Salustro, Larry	Present		Patti Young
18.	Stuart, Michael	Present		Phyliss Booe
19.	Weisinger, Max (Jaime)		Absent	Valaria Murray
20.	Wishnatzki, Gary		Absent	Victoria Contreras
				Zulaika Quintero
PARENT REPRESENTATIVES				
21.	Aguilar, Tiarelys	Present		
22.	Campuzano, Hugo		Absent	GUESTS
23.	Carrera, Fernando	Present		Fernanda Gonzalez
24.	Cuahutenango, Malena	Present		Janely Rodriguez
25.	Estevez, Marcela	Present		Maria Reyes
26.	Gonzalez, Irma	Present		Marylen Garcia
27.	Hunter, Savannah	Present		Segismundo Jose
28.	Jose, Felix	Present		
29.	Juarez, Maria		Absent	
30.	Lara, Bernarda		Absent	
31.	Martinez, MariCruz	Present		
32.	McClendon, Felecia	Present		

- I.** Opening Remarks by the President
Medora Krome called the School Board meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. A quorum was present.
- II.** Welcome and Self-Introductions
All present members and staff introduced their self by name, position, and location.

III. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the March minutes as mailed. Linda Miles-Adams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IV. Charter School Committee Reports - Bill Ferrari

a) Director of Charter Schools - Juana Brown

Juana Brown introduced Mark Haggett to present his reports for The Academies.

b) The Academies of RCMA - Mark Haggett

1. Attendance/Enrollment

The attendance and enrollment statistics were quickly summarized.

2. 3rd Grade FSA Results

Mark Haggett reported that the 3rd grade results were posted. He explained that results were favorable and the school outperformed all other schools in their area. He noted that other results would post mid-June and informed the Board that he would send a notification when they are posted.

3. Financial Statements – Action

Bill Ferrari reported that Wimauma Academy was showing a \$40K deficit which was driven by three family situations that required one-on-one teacher involvement throughout the year. He then reported that Wimauma Leadership had a surplus of \$20K which is not expected to change at this time of year. No questions were asked.

Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the financial statements for The Academies. Al J. Hinson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. 2017-2018 Budget Adjustments – Action

- a. Bill Ferrari quickly reviewed the 2017-2018 budget adjustment for Wimauma Academy. No questions were asked.

Motion: Steve Price made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 budget adjustment for Wimauma Academy. Al J. Hinson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Bill Ferrari quickly reviewed the 2017-2018 budget adjustment for Leadership Academy. No questions were asked.

Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 budget adjustment for Leadership Academy. Michael Stuart seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

5. 2018-2019 Budget – Action

- a. Bill Ferrari quickly reviewed the proposed budget for Wimauma Academy. No questions were asked.

Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 proposed budget for Wimauma Academy. Sandra Hightower seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Bill Ferrari quickly reviewed the proposed budget for Leadership Academy. No questions were asked.

Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 proposed budget for Leadership Academy. Al. J. Hinson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. 2018-2019 Lease Agreements – Action

- a. Bill Ferrari quickly reviewed the lease agreement for The Academies of RCMA. No questions were asked.

Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 lease agreements for The Academies of RCMA. Sandra Hightower seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

c) Immokalee Community School - Zulaika Quintero

1. Attendance/Enrollment

The attendance and enrollment statistics were quickly summarized.

2. 3rd Grade FSA Results

The FSA scores were quickly reviewed by Zulaika Quintero.

3. Financial Statements – Action

The Financial Statements were summarized. No questions were asked.

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

4. 2017-2018 Budget Adjustment – Action

Bill Ferrari quickly reviewed the 2017-2018 budget adjustment. No questions were asked.

Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 budget adjustment for Immokalee Community School. Michael Stuart seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously

5. 2018-2019 Budget – Action

Bill Ferrari quickly reviewed the proposed budget. No questions were asked.

Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 proposed budget for Immokalee Community School. Sandra Hightower seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. 2018-2019 Lease Agreement – Action

Bill Ferrari quickly reviewed the lease agreement. No questions were asked.

Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 lease agreement for Immokalee Community School. Michael Stuart seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

V. Old Business

a) Charter Schools Timeline - ICS Expansion

Bill Ferrari shared that RCMA was being encouraged by Collier County Public Schools (CCPS) to add a 7th and 8th grade to Immokalee Community School. He also shared that over the next couple of board meetings, there would be discussion regarding a future expansion.

- b) School Security
Reference the Director of Charter Schools Board Report.
- c) Other
None.

VI. New Business

- a) RCMA Alumni and Collegiate Academy HS Graduates
Mark Haggett introduced four former students (recent high school graduates and college graduates) whom then shared their success stories and their future aspirations. The young women were: Janely Rodriguez who graduated from Leonard High School as Salutatorian of her class. She received an Associate in Arts degree at the time of high school graduation. She shared that she was attending Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) and has plans to one day work for Space X or NASA missions to Mars. Marylen Garcia also graduated from Leonard High School and shared that she would like to major in anthropology. Maria Reyes, whose parents are both still migrant workers as of today, proudly shared that she graduated from East Bay High School and that she would be studying architecture in Boca Raton. And Fernanda Gonzalez, who also graduated with an Associate in Arts degree, plans to major in nursing.

Wimauma Academy employee, Marcela Estevez, noted that although only one alumni mentioned their parents, they all have wonderful parents that have worked very hard to support their children. Medora Krome emotionally shared how proud she was to hear their stories and expressed to others what RCMA is all about, which is opening doors to opportunities.

- b) RCMA Local School Wellness Policy - Action
Patti Young reported that USDA finalized the guidelines last year that we needed to establish. We wrote the policies and both schools met. The Policy takes into consideration the parents and staff. If anyone had any questions, Patti stated they could contact her directly.

Larry Salustro asked if it would cost less or more to implement the Policy. Patti responded that no, it just incorporates what RCMA is already doing. She explained that we would be a community eligible school which meant all children would eat free. She further explained that starting next school year, the Policy would require that everyone eat at lunch to get nutrient dense foods. No fast food will be allowed to be brought into school. Fundraising events would also not always center on food, and if so, it would need to be healthy food such as fruit cups. Only a few other fundraising events, such as Krispy Kreme sales, would be allowed.

Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the Local Wellness Policy for the Charter Schools. Linda Miles-Adams seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- c) Other
 - 1. Bill Ferrari reported that Wimauma Academy had a couple of school buses out of service, explaining that two were regularly in the shop. He asked the Board to consider a purchase of at least one new school bus.

Motion: Steve Price made a motion to approve the purchase a new school bus to cost approximately \$100K for Wimauma Academy. Michael Stuart seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Steve Price reminded the School Board members that RCMA would need to have audits conducted at the Charter Schools. He also mentioned that in the Board of Directors packet, the documents could be found showing a three year contract with the auditors. We are currently in the second year of the contract.

Motion: Steve Price made a motion for the Charter Schools to occupy the same audit firm from the prior year. Bill Ferrari seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Juana Brown reported that the AETNA grant due date was approaching and that we were currently in round two. She received a letter from AETNA informing her that we could submit our application for review prior to submittal. Ed Dickerson then showed the documents on the projector. AETNA also wanted to know if any School Board members had any influence or authority on the employee benefit selection process. If so, each member would need to sign the document by June 14 in order to submit the application. Juana expressed the importance, as she would want to avoid any issues that could affect a grant award. Linda Miles-Adams then asked what the grant was for. Juana explained that it was for health and wellness. It would be a program at Wimauma Academy which would replicate what is currently in place at Immokalee Community School (such as an organic garden).

VII. Call for Public Comment

Medora Krome asked if there were any comments from the public. No comments were made.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 p.m. Al J. Hinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

**Misty Smith
Office Manager**