

**RCMA School Board Meeting**  
**UF/IFAS Southwest FL Research and Education Center, 2685 SR 29 N, Immokalee FL, 34142**  
**January 28, 2019**

**MINUTES**

	<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>STAFF ATTENDANCE</b>	
1.	Bayer, Michael T. (via GoToMeeting)	Present		Alina Chaney	Phyliss Booe
2.	Ferrari, William (Bill)	Present		Beatriz Coronado	Scott Olson
3.	Gaffney, Donna	Present		Catalina Sepulveda	Veronica Arteaga
4.	Hightower, Sandra	Present		Cindy Williams	Victoria Contreras
5.	Hinson, Al. J.		Absent	Clay Hollenkamp	Zulaika Quintero
6.	Jaimes, Minerva (via GoToMeeting)	Present		Damaris Boone	
7.	Kendrick, Gloria	Present		Erica Villafuerte	<b>GUESTS</b>
8.	Krome, Medora	Present		Gilbert Flores	Celia Sánchez
9.	Mainster Rollason, Barbara	Present		Gloria Gonzalez	Maribel Beltran
10.	Miles-Adams, Linda	Present		Gloria Moorman	
11.	Perez, Joaquin		Absent	Gloria Padilla	
12.	Pringle, Richard	Present		Gyla Wise	
13.	Robles de Melendez, Wilma	Present		Hudelaine Deus	
14.	Salustro, Larry	Present		Isabel Garcia	
15.	Stuart, Michael	Present		Ivette Galarza	
16.	Vallejo, Ansberto	Present		Jacqueline Jaques	
17.	Weisinger, Max (Jaime)	Present		Juana Brown	
<b>PARENT REPRESENTATIVES</b>				Leticia Gonzalez	
18.	Cuahutenango, Malena	Present		Lorena Hernandez	
19.	De La Cruz, Emig	Present		Lourdes Villanueva	
20.	Gabriel y Gabriel, Mynor	Present		Maria Quintanilla	
21.	Hernandez, Mayra	Present		Mark Haggett	
22.	Johnson, Carrie	Present		Martin Call	
23.	McClendon, Felecia	Present		Mike Facundo	
24.	Miranda, Patricia	Present		Misty Smith	
25.	Pacheco, Gloria	Present		Nidia Concepcion	
26.	Santay Santay, Francisco	Present		Pam Way	
27.	White, Hiedi	Present		Patti Young	

**I. Opening remarks by the President**

Medora Krome called the School Board meeting to order at 12:31 p.m., a quorum was present, and quickly adjourned the meeting at 12:38 p.m. to hold a Board of Directors closed session.

***Motion: Larry Salustro made a motion to adjourn the School Board meeting for a Board of Directors closed session. Michael Stuart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.***

The meeting resumed at 12:59 p.m. A quorum was present.

**II. Welcome and self-introductions**

Everyone present introduced themselves by name, position, and location.

### **III. Minutes of October 2018 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. Call for Public Comment**

Medora Krome asked for public comments. No comments were made.

### **V. Charter Schools Committee Reports – Linda Miles-Adams**

#### **a. Director of Charter Schools - Overview – Juana Brown**

##### **1. Advocacy**

Before the topic of advocacy, Juana Brown spoke briefly about partnerships with Save the Children and BrighterBites, both being very successful at the charter schools. She expressed that our communities have had some setbacks, causing us to deal more with social emotional behavior more. The schools are implementing health programs, including dental and mindfulness.

Mark Haggett spoke briefly about advocacy, sharing that he attended a meeting on December 19, 2018 at the Manatee County Legislative Delegation. He was one of 46 attendees who was present to speak on behalf of RCMA and to represent charter schools, who get a bad rap at times. He noted that he invited several politicians, including Senator Bill Galvano, to visit our charter schools.

##### **2. School Lunch Review**

The school lunch review was quickly summarized by Patti Young. She shared that the reviewer was extremely impressed with how well our children eat and happy they are eating healthy foods. The review very well.

##### **3. The Academies of RCMA Site Visit Review**

Linda Miles-Adams asked the Board to review the summarized notes from the packet, sharing that there was a lot of great info. She did not cover the Review in detail.

#### **b. The Academies of RCMA – Mark Haggett**

##### **1. Attendance/Enrollment**

Mark Haggett quickly summarized student attendance/enrollment.

##### **2. School Community Activities**

This item was covered in a PowerPoint presentation.

##### **3. Out-of-Field Teachers – Action**

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

***Motion: Barbara Mainster Rollason made a motion to approve two expert in-field teachers: Rebecca Wilson and Charlotte Bethany, and four out-of-field teachers: Shawn Geitner, Susan Reyes, Morgan Garcia and Colleen Beals. Linda Miles-Adams seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

#### **4. Financial Statements for The Academies – Action**

- a) The Financial Statements for Wimauma Academy were quickly summarized by Bill Ferrari. He noted that on page 4, we were showing a \$78K net deficit through December 2018, mostly driven by timing of expenses earlier than planned. No questions were asked.

***Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve Financial Statements for Wimauma Academy. Gloria Kendrick seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

- b) The Financial Statements for Leadership Academy were quickly summarized by Bill Ferrari. He noted that there was a surplus of \$91K which would increase after the adjusted budget was approved.

***Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve Financial Statements for Leadership Academy. Gloria Kendrick seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

#### **5. Budget Adjustment – Action**

- a) Bill explained that the Wimauma Academy budget would be adjusted by \$159K driven by higher FTE rates than when the budget was initially created. The grant from AETNA (Saludos grant) and capital from the school district would also have an impact on the budget. Additionally, more positions (hired) and the need for a security position were other matters to consider. Then Juana Brown briefly described the Saludos grant (asked by Larry Salustro to explain).
- b) Bill briefly explained the Leadership Academy adjusted budget.

***Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the adjusted budgets for The Academies (both schools). Larry Salustro seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

#### **6. Monitoring Student Progress**

This item was covered in a PowerPoint presentation.

##### **c. Immokalee Community School – Zulaika Quintero**

###### **1. Attendance/Enrollment**

Zulaika Quintero quickly summarized the ICS student attendance/enrollment.

###### **2. School Community Activities**

This item was covered in a PowerPoint presentation.

###### **3. Out-of-Field Teachers – Action**

Zulaika Quintero briefly explained the educational requirements that the newly hired teachers were working towards.

***Motion: Michael Stuart made a motion to approve four out-of-field teachers in ESOL: Delmarie Davila, Michael Gonzalez, Sarah Anzualda and Joey Hernandez, and four out-of-field teachers in subject area: Maria Esquijarosa, Ana Maria Zapata, Suaidy Cheo and San Juana Schellhas. Larry Salustro seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

**4. Financial Statements for Immokalee Community School – Action**

The Financial Statements were quickly summarized by Bill Ferrari, who explained there is a current running surplus of \$58K. No questions were asked.

*Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve Financial Statements for Immokalee Community School. Barbara Mainster Rollason seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

**5. Budget Adjustments – Action**

The Budget adjustments were quickly summarized by Bill Ferrari.

*Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the adjusted budget for Immokalee Community School. Sandra Hightower seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

**6. Monitoring Student Progress**

A PowerPoint presentation was shown highlighting many of the great activities the students have been involved in.

**VI. Old Business**

**a. Board Training**

This item was not discussed due to time constraints.

**b. Other**

None.

**VII. New Business**

**a. Other**

Medora Krome announced the appointment of Isabel Garcia as the new Executive Director. The decision was made during a closed session with the Board of Directors.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

*Motion: Barbara Mainster Rollason made a motion to adjourn the School Board meeting. Gloria Kendrick seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,



**Misty Smith**  
Executive Assistant