

**RCMA School Board Meeting**  
**University of Florida Gulf Coast Research & Education Center (IFAS)**  
**14625 County Road 672**  
**Wimauma, FL 33598**  
**April 29, 2019**

**MINUTES**

	<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>STAFF ATTENDANCE</b>	
1.	Bayer, Michael T.	Present		Booe, Phyliss	Quintero, Zulaika
2.	Ferrari, William (Bill)	Present		Brown, Juana	Sepulveda, Catalina
3.	Gaffney, Donna	Present		Call, Martin	Smith, Misty
4.	Hightower, Sandra		Absent	Chappa, Irma	Vega, Kathy
5.	Hinson, Al. J	Present		Deus, Hudelaine	Way, Pam
6.	Jaimes, Minerva		Absent	Dickerson, Ed	Williams, Cindy
7.	Kendrick, Gloria	Present		Facundo, Mike	Wise, Gyla
8.	Krome, Medora	Present		Flores, Gilbert	Young, Patti
9.	Miles-Adams, Linda	Present		Garcia, Isabel	
10.	Perez, Joaquin	Present		Haggett, Mark	
11.	Pringle, Richard		Absent	Hernandez, Lorena	
12.	Robles de Melendez, Wilma	Present		Hollenkamp, Clay	
13.	Rollason, Barbara Mainster	Present		Jacques, Jackie	
14.	Salustro, Larry	Present		Moorman, Gloria	
15.	Stuart, Michael		Absent	Murray, Valaria	
16.	Vallejo, Ansberto	Present		Padilla, Gloria	
17.	Weisinger, Max (Jaime)	Present		Quintanilla, Maria	
<b>PARENT GUESTS</b>				<b>GUESTS</b>	
De la Cruz, Emig				Beltran, Maribel	
Johnson, Carrie				Gonzalez, Areli (Leadership Academy student)	
McClendon, Felecia				Ortega, Joshua (Leadership Academy student)	
Miranda, Patricia				Tur, Angel (Interpreter)	
Pacheco, Gloria					
Santay Santay, Francisco					
White, Hiedi					

**NOTE:** Ivette Galarza and Dean Saunders officially resigned from the School Board on April 29, 2019. Verbal resignations were submitted.

**I. Opening Remarks by the President**

Medora Krome called the School Board meeting to order at 1:47 p.m., a quorum was present.

**II. Welcome and Self-introductions**

Those present were asked to introduce themselves by name, position, and location.

**III. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Medora Krome asked for a motion to approve the April minutes as presented.

***Motion: Michael T. Bayer made a motion to approve the April minutes as presented. Bill Ferrari seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.***

#### **IV. Call for Public Comment**

Medora Krome made a call for public comments. No comments were made.

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

Linda Miles-Adams briefly noted a few items that were discussed in the subcommittee meeting prior to the School Board meeting. Most notably, the desire to create and fill a position at the Wimauma Leadership Academy which would help track data of our students during and beyond high school. She is interested in partnering up with the Berkeley Academy. She shared that she has been working closely with Gloria Moorman to find ways to fund the position.

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

Linda Miles-Adams introduced Juana Brown who in turn, introduced the two Wimauma Leadership Academy students who were asked to share their experience during their visit to Tallahassee during Children's Week.

The two students, Joshua Ortega and Areli Gonzalez, presented a PowerPoint and highlighted the benefits and detriments of SB168, which they do not support. The biggest issue they have is their belief that there is no such thing as a "sanctuary city," which they asked Board members to help in opposing the Bill which could create more harm than good.

Mark Haggett then reported on several items, particularly an interest from someone who wanted to learn more about their dual language program, the upcoming summer activities and the ability to offer a free summer program via funding from United Way Suncoast.

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

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

The Financial Statements for the Academies of RCMA were quickly summarized by Bill Ferrari. Bill reported that expenses exceeded revenue at Wimauma Academy, however, there is a current surplus at the Leadership Academy. He expects that the Wimauma Academy will be positive by the end of the school year.

Barbara Mainster Rollason asked Pam Way if all transportation costs were being tracked in once place to which Pam replied yes. No additional questions were asked.

###### **2. Adjusted Budget – Action**

Bill explained that it was a bit late in the year to request an adjusted budget, however, that it was necessary due to less funding from the State for FTE calculation and overestimated amounts of those FTE calculations.

***Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the financial statements AND the adjusted budgets for The Academies of RCMA (both schools). Ansberto Vallejo seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

###### **3. Proposed School Calendar 2019-2020**

Mark Haggett explained that the Academies follow the Hillsborough County school district, with a few exceptions of longer school days, which means more contact hours in comparison to other schools.

***Motion: Jaime Weisinger made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 proposed school calendar for The Academies of RCMA (both schools). Larry Salustro seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

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

Zulaika Quintero reported that ICS held their last SAC meeting, which had a good turnout. She spoke about summer activities including a summer program funded by Save the Children, the garden project, and the BrighterBites program which continues to be a huge help to parents by providing fresh bags of produce.

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

The Financial Statements were quickly summarized by Bill Ferrari. He indicated there was a surplus based on the fact that ICS has access to different funding sources in comparison to the Academies of RCMA. No questions were asked.

**2. Adjusted Budget – Action**

The Budget adjustments were quickly summarized by Bill Ferrari, indicating a surplus, which in part was used to purchase a walk in cooler for the cafeteria. Medora Krome asked for an explanation regarding capital outlay, which Bill briefly explained.

***Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the financial statements AND the adjusted budget for Immokalee Community School. Larry Salustro seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

**3. Proposed School Calendar 2019-2020**

Zulaika Quintero explained that ICS follows the Collier County school district calendar, with the exception of some additional days off in September, which ICS remains open and their last day of school will be on June 2, 2020. Students are in school for 181 days.

***Motion: Jaime Weisinger made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 proposed school calendar for Immokalee Community School). Michael T. Bayer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

**VI. Old Business**

**a. National School Lunch Program Review – Final Review**

Patti Young reported that the review included in the School Board packet was for the final review. There were initially two findings, but Patti was pleased to report that the findings were corrected, and we are now in good standing.

**b. Other**

Linda Miles-Adams expressed the importance of having an electronic meeting to vote on decisions during the summer months, if necessary, and asked President, Medora Krome to assist in setting up the meeting. Medora suggested early July since many members take vacation during the summer. Medora asked that a notice be posted for the public and that we also set a reminder to have a call in July and or cancel the call if not needed.

**VII. New Business**

**a. Presentation by Wimauma Leadership Academy Students (verbal)**

The students presented their information at the beginning of the meeting.

**b. Other**

None.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Misty Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Misty Smith  
Executive Assistant**