

**RCMA School Board E-Meeting
June 1, 2020**

Meeting held via GoToMeeting: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/440017901>
1-877-568-4106, Access Code: 440-017-901

MINUTES

	BOARD MEMBERS	E-PRESENT	ABSENT
1.	Bayer, Michael T.	X	
2.	Ferrari, William (Bill)	X	
3.	Gaffney, Donna	X	
4.	Higgins, Dani	X	
5.	Hightower, Sandra	X	
6.	Hinson, Al. J.	X	
7.	Jaimes, Minerva	X	
8.	Kendrick, Gloria	X	
9.	Krome, Medora	X	
10.	Miles-Adams, Linda	X	
11.	Perez, Joaquin	X	
12.	Pringle, Richard	X	
13.	Robles de Melendez, Wilma	X	
14.	Roka, Fritz		X
15.	Rollason, Barbara Mainster	X	
16.	Salustro, Larry	X	
17.	Vallejo, Ansberto	X	
18.	Weisinger, Jaime	X	
HONORARY BOARD MEMBER			
19.	McClendon, Felecia		X
GUESTS			
Buerger, Michael			
De Leon Chavez, Judy			
Kirk, Steven			
Roediger, Martina			
Tighe, Sonia			

I. Opening Remarks by the President

Medora Krome called the School Board meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., then Larry Salustro, Vice President, chaired the meeting.

II. Welcome and self-introductions

Roll call was conducted by Misty Smith. A quorum was present.

III. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Action

Larry Salustro asked for a motion to approve the March 2020 minutes.

Motion: Medora Krome made a motion to approve the March minutes as presented. Michael T. Bayer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IV. Call for Public Comment

Larry Salustro made a call for public comment. No public comments were made.

V. Charter School Committee Report – Linda Miles-Adams

a. Director of Charter Schools – Overview – Juana Brown

Linda Miles-Adams reported the following: Charter School sub-committee meetings were going well, gave a huge thank you to all teachers and faculty for staying on top of all COVID-19 related info and for ensuring safety, internet access, attendance, food distribution, meeting with families to provide additional support, creating ZOOM graduations, evaluating students, providing classes on mental wellbeing, securing funds for summer learning and continuing with Abacus to submit the strategic plan to Charter School Growth Fund (CSGF) in September.

Juana Brown reported that the schools had just ended the school year and she shared a bit about the spread of COVID-19 directly impacting the farmworker community.

b. The Academies of RCMA – Mark Haggett
(Wimauma Academy & Leadership Academy)

1. Enrollment

Mark Haggett displayed projections for the 2020-2021 school year, showing similar numbers of enrollment being anticipated as the previous school year.

2. Financial Statements – **Action**

Bill Ferrari summarized the financial statements for the Academies of RCMA, stating that overall there was a surplus of \$120K between both schools. No questions asked.

Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the financial statements for The Academies of RCMA. Michael T. Bayer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. 2019-2020 Budget Adjustment – **Action**

Pam Way was asked to provide a summary of the budget adjustments. She reported that there are open items pending from the State that may take several months to resolve. One of the big items is that Governor DeSantis is making an effort to increase the salaries of teachers which is not reflected in the budget. This might change considerably in the next quarter. Juana Brown added that there might be cuts overall next school year. Barbara Mainster Rollason asked what the yellow highlights within the budget adjustment represented, to which Pam replied that they were only estimated numbers.

Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 budget adjustment for both Wimauma Academy and Leadership Academy. Richard Pringle seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. 2020-2021 Budget Approval – **Action**

Bill Ferrari reported that the budget adjustments were for both campuses. He stated that was additional revenue of \$146K from School Readiness funding. No questions asked.

Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 proposed budget for Wimauma Community Academy (under the new school name). Medora Krome seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

5. 2019-2020 Lease Amendments – **Action**

Bill Ferrari summarized the modification of the lease agreement. No questions asked.

Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 lease amendments for both Wimauma Academy and Leadership Academy. Linda Miles-Adams seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Other

Mark Haggett presented a PowerPoint to highlight end of year activities such as: devices going home, tracking attendance/participation, capturing scholar work, 4th graders tracked an eagles eggs on Explorer, video proof of learning, taking care of our families, distribution statistics, distribution procedures, parent participation/contact (virtual SAC meeting), continued and new partnerships, staying connected with D'Cota Dixon football player from The Tampa Bay Buccaneers NFL team with a special video message while wearing an RCMA P.E. shirt (words of encouragement), 8th grade graduation, graduation shout outs, summer program updates, contract renewal where they received a letter of support from the school district, next school year updates, the school chickens and distance learning updates.

c. Immokalee Community School – Zulaika Quintero

1. Enrollment

Zulaika Quintero displayed projections for the 2020-2021 school year, with anticipation of enrollment being 248 for the next school year.

2. Financial Statements – ***Action***

Bill Ferrari summarized the financial statements for Immokalee Community School. No questions asked.

Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the financial statements for Immokalee Community School. Linda Miles-Adams seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. 2019-2020 Budget Adjustment – ***Action***

Bill Ferrari summarized the budget adjustment and Pam Way explained a bit further, with a similar response provided for The Academies of RCMA. No questions asked.

Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 budget adjustment for Immokalee Community School. Linda Miles-Adams seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. 2020-2021 Budget Approval – ***Action***

Bill Ferrari reported on the budget stating that it was still a draft and he expects it to change considerably before the next Board meeting. No questions asked.

Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 proposed budget for Immokalee Community School. Linda Miles-Adams seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

5. 2019-2020 Lease Amendments – ***Action***

Bill Ferrari summarized the modification of the lease agreement. No questions asked.

Motion: Bill Ferrari made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 lease amendments for Immokalee Community School. Michael T. Bayer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Other

Zulaika Quintero presented a PowerPoint to highlight end of year activities such as: distance learning experiences, professional development, online learning (each grade),

migrant program support, support provided during the pandemic, nutrition, wellness and meal distribution, I-Ready English data (each grade), Kindergarten online graduation, 6th grade graduation parade and a video of students reading a delightful poem.

VI. Old Business

- a. Charter School Growth Fund Strategic Plan Update – Linda Miles-Adams, Isabel Garcia and Juana Brown
Judy De Leon Chavez of Abacus, presented a PowerPoint presentation alongside Michael Buerger and Martina Roediger. They provided a summary of the process of how the strategic plan was formed and potential charter school growth.
- b. Other
None.

VII. New Business

- a. Summer Programs
This item was covered by each Principal during their presentations under “Other”.
- b. Capital Outlay – Not currently available from Florida Department of Education (FLDOE)
Juana Brown made a brief statement regarding capital outlay information not currently available.
- c. Other
None.

VIII. Adjournment

The electronic meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m. The School Board unintentionally overlooked the Motion to Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



**Misty Smith
Executive Administrative Manager**