

**RCMA School Board E-Meeting
March 23, 2020**

Meeting held via GoToMeeting: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/427534381>
1-877-309-2073, Access Code: 427-534-381

MINUTES

	BOARD MEMBERS	E-PRESENT	ABSENT	STAFF IN ATTENDANCE
1.	Bayer, Michael T.	X		Brown, Juana
2.	Ferrari, William (Bill)	X		Call, Martin
3.	Gaffney, Donna	X		Chopra, Olivia
4.	Higgins, Dani	X		Dickerson, Ed
5.	Hightower, Sandra	X		Facundo, Amy
6.	Hinson, Al. J.	X		Flores, Gilbert
7.	Jaimes, Minerva	X		Garcia, Isabel
8.	Kendrick, Gloria	X		Haggett, Mark
9.	Krome, Medora	X		Maldonado, Elizabeth
10.	Miles-Adams, Linda	X		Moorman, Gloria
11.	Perez, Joaquin	X		Smith, Misty
12.	Pringle, Richard	X		Vega, Kathy
13.	Robles de Melendez, Wilma	X		Villanueva, Lourdes
14.	Roka, Fritz		X	Wise, Gyla
15.	Rollason, Barbara Mainster	X		
16.	Salustro, Larry	X		
17.	Vallejo, Ansberto	X		
18.	Weisinger, Jaime	X		
HONORARY BOARD MEMBER				
19.	McClendon, Felecia		X	
PARENT REPRESENTATIVES				
20.	Allen, Kanta	X		
21.	De la Cruz, Emig	X		
22.	Fair, Fannie	X		
23.	Johnson, Carrie	X		
24.	Jose, Claudio	X		
25.	Landeros, Claudia	X		
26.	Martinez, Erik		X	
27.	Pina, Maria	X		
28.	Villeda-Hernandez, Refugio	X		
29.	White, Hiedi		X	

I. Opening Remarks by the President

Bill Ferrari, Vice President, chaired the electronic meeting.

II. Welcome and Self-Introductions/Roll Call

The electronic meeting began at 12:00pm. Roll call was conducted by Misty Smith. A quorum was present.

III. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Action

Bill Ferrari asked for a motion to approve the January 2020 minutes.

Motion: Medora Krome made a motion to approve the January minutes as presented. Richard Pringle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IV. Call for Public Comment

Bill Ferrari made a call for public comment. No public comments were made.

V. Charter School Committee Report – Linda Miles-Adams

(a) Director of Charter Schools – Juana Brown

1. Charter School Strategic Plan (Abacus Update)

Linda Miles-Adams reported on the Charter School Sub-Committee meeting that took place on March 4, 2020 in Tampa, stating that the meeting went well. She provided a quick update on the strategic plan with Abacus for the Charter School Growth Fund. She encouraged all Board members to ask questions regarding the process.

(b) The Academies of RCMA – Mark Haggett

1. Financial Statements – *Action*

Bill Ferrari summarized The Academies of RCMA financials which covered the period through the end of January. Wimauma Academy showed a surplus of \$218k and Leadership Academy showed a deficit of \$137k. With the two schools combined, there was a surplus still showing. No questions were asked.

Motion: Medora Krome made a motion to approve the Financial Statements for The Academies of RCMA. Richard Pringle seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Proposed School Calendar 2020-2021 – *Action*

Mark Haggett presented the proposed school calendar and explained that the summer program might look different later on due to COVID-19, to ensure all students get the learning they need to catch up.

Motion: Michael T. Bayer made a motion to approve the Proposed School Calendar for The Academies of RCMA. Medora Krome seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

(c) Immokalee Community School – Amy Facundo

1. Financial Statements – *Action*

Bill Ferrari summarized the Immokalee Community School financials which covered the period through the end of January. The financial statements showed a net surplus of \$23k. Michael T. Bayer asked if there would be a reduction of income anticipated due to COVID-19 for either charter school. Juana Brown stated that to-date there was no indication of any reductions, however, we might see some uncompensated expenses from providing extra items (household cleaning supplies, etc.) to families.

Motion: Medora Krome made a motion to approve the Financial Statements for Immokalee Community School. Richard Pringle seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Proposed School Calendar 2020-2021 – *Action*

Amy Facundo presented the proposed school calendar and explained that the summer program is also uncertain at this time due to COVID-19.

Motion: Sandra Hightower made a motion to approve the Proposed School Calendar for the Immokalee Community School. Michael T. Bayer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VI. Old Business

(a) Update on Full-time Equivalent (FTE)

Juana Brown reported that the schools had their final FTE count which was reported to each school district. Each principal reported their count individually. No questions were asked.

(b) Other

Juana Brown circled back to the Abacus strategic plan and skimmed through a PowerPoint presentation. Linda Miles-Adams, Jaime Weisinger and Bill Ferrari commented on the process as well. Juana stated that a final draft would be provided to the Board soon.

VII. New Business

(a) Addressing COVID-19 in the Schools

Isabel Garcia displayed a PowerPoint presentation and gave the floor to Gyla Wise who then provided an overview of current actions that have been taken. She began with a video from the office of Wilton Simpson of the Florida State Senate, representing District 10, to remind the Board that our food supply is an essential service. Some key highlights pointed out were: adjustments of our plan daily to follow the latest guidance from the CDC and FLDOE closed all public schools, including charter schools.

Juana Brown gave a summary of what charter schools have been doing, such as being closed for deep cleaning, providing meals to students (breakfast, lunch, and snack), drive through method, social distancing of 6 feet apart and work packets created to ensure students are engaged. Juana also reported that at Wimauma Academy there was fresh produce and packaging of food, similar to ICS, but they were using school buses to deliver to each stop where students are normally picked up. Also, each school was providing household cleaning supplies to families. She then reported that every student would receive an iPad or laptop to work on their studies, teachers were doing professional development online which would count toward their recertification and teachers were also planning and meeting together for mental support.

Gyla Wise emphasized the importance of safety, whether we were serving children or doing outreach at homes. She also shared that a major priority was to assist staff with food, information and cleaning supplies, as well as maintaining staff income.

Isabel Garcia reported that many staff were already teleworking and then covered a few PowerPoint slides. She pointed out that our intranet had an abundance of parent resources, education packets, and additional information, including mental health. She also reported that parent walk-ins had been cancelled, but parent meetings were being conducted via teleconference or Skype and immigration court cases had been postponed as part of a state regulation. She then shared that stress levels of parents and staff were very high and reminded the Board that staff have access to the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) hotline. Lastly, she reported that RCMA would be paying center staff spring break wages and summer health premiums up until April 1, 2020.

(b) Other

None.

VIII. Adjournment

The electronic meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Motion: Richard Pringle made a motion to adjourn the electronic meeting. Dani Higgins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Misty Smith

**Misty Smith
Executive Administrative Manager**