

**RCMA School Board Meeting
April 12, 2021**

UF/IFAS – Southwest Florida Research & Education Center
2685 SR 29 N, Immokalee, FL 34142
(Max capacity of 20 persons per UF/IFAS protocols)

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MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS				
	Members-At-Large	Present	Absent	Staff Physically Present
1.	Bayer, Michael T.	e-present		Brown, Juana
2.	Bizerra, Susanne A.	e-present		Flores, Gilbert
3.	Dowling, Aedan J.	e-present		Garcia, Isabel
4.	Gaffney, Donna	e-present		Haggett, Mark
5.	Higgins, Dani	e-present		Olson, Scott
6.	Hightower, Sandra	e-present		Quintero, Zulaika
7.	Hinson, Al. J.	e-present		Resendiz, Elizabeth
8.	Kendrick, Gloria	e-present		Smith, Misty
9.	Kirk, Steven		X	Vega, Kathy
10.	Krome, Medora	e-present		
11.	Miles-Adams, Linda	e-present		Guests Virtually Present
12.	Negrini, Mirta		X	Lopez, Marco (auditor)
13.	Perez, Joaquin	e-present		Martin, Betty (auditor)
14.	Pringle, Richard		X	Trevino, Marcela (interpreter)
15.	Robles-Melendez, Wilma	e-present		
16.	Rollason, Barbara Mainster	e-present		Guests Physically Present
17.	Salustro, Larry	e-present		Miranda, Patricia (parent)
18.	Tighe, Sonia		X	
19.	Vallejo, Ansberto	e-present		
20.	Weisinger, Jaime	e-present		

I. Roll Call

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

II. Call to Order/Opening Remarks by the President

Medora Krome, President, called the meeting to order. The meeting began at 1:02pm.

III. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Action

Medora Krome asked for a motion to approve the January 2021 meeting minutes. Barbara Mainster Rollason requested that Felecia McClendon’s name be removed from the member attendance portion, as her attendance only pertains to the Board of Directors meetings. Additionally, Barbara requested that the language on page 2 regarding the Immokalee Community School charter renewal contract be updated to reflect that the contract has been submitted and is being reviewed, but it has not been approved yet.

Motion: Al J. Hinson made a motion to approve the January minutes to include the requested changes. Michael T. Bayer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Call for Public Comment

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

V. Charter School Committee Report – Linda Miles-Adams

Linda Miles-Adams provided a summary of the discussions held at the Charter School Sub-Committee meetings, which included topics such as fundraising and the alumni support coordinator position at Wimauma Community Academy.

a. Director of Charter Schools Report – Juana Brown

1. Legislative Session Education Highlights

Juana Brown provided a summary regarding bills and proposals as presented in her Director of Charter Schools report. Information provided included the education budget, teacher salary budget proposal, a study conducted by the HR. Department to assess teacher staff turnover, Schools of Hope and an Emergency Order released by the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE).

b. Wimauma Community Academy (WCA) – Mark Haggett

1. School Performance Dashboard

Mark Haggett presented the WCA school performance data for the past quarter/semester which included information on attendance, enrollment, COVID-19 cases and trends, parent involvement and reading and math results. A discussion ensued surrounding COVID-19 vaccinations and possible changes to policies and procedures.

2. 2021-2022 Proposed School Calendar – *Action*

Mark Haggett presented the 2021-2022 school calendar.

Motion: Linda Miles-Adams made a motion to approve the Wimauma Community Academy 2021-2022 School Calendar as presented. Larry Salustro seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Financial Statements – *Action*

Larry Salustro reported on the WCA financial statements which were discussed during the most recent Finance Committee meeting. Larry added that the way we operate our charter schools (with added enrichment) puts us into a position where there are not enough funds to cover additional expenses. The fundraising that is happening and being discussed during Charter School Sub-Committee meetings is very valuable.

Motion: Linda Miles-Adams made a motion to approve the Wimauma Community Academy financial statements. Larry Salustro seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

c. Immokalee Community School (ICS) – Zulaika Quintero

1. School Performance Dashboard

Zulaika Quintero presented the ICS school performance data for the past quarter/semester which included information on attendance, enrollment, COVID-19 cases and trends, parent involvement and reading and math results.

2. 2021-2022 Proposed School Calendar – *Action*

Zulaika Quintero presented the 2021-2022 school calendar.

Motion: Michael T. Bayer made a motion to approve the Immokalee Community School 2021-2022 School Calendar as presented. Ansberto Vallejo seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Financial Statements – *Action*

Larry Salustro reported on the ICS financial statements which were also discussed during the most recent Finance Committee meeting. Additionally, Larry mentioned the renovations that are needed for 7th grade next school year, as well as the continuation of securing additional funding to cover enrichment expenses.

Motion: Larry Salustro made a motion to approve the Immokalee Community School financial statements. Sandra Hightower seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. Old Business

a. Immokalee Community School Charter School Renewal & Expansion

Larry Salustro briefly touched on the topic of renewal during the ICS financial statement report, however, he also added that our attorney was in dialogue with the Collier school district to finalize the contract, which would include minor changes as well as the name change of the school to Immokalee Community Academy.

b. Other

None.

VII. New Business

a. Other

Mark Haggett introduced Laura Gaston, the new WCA Alumni Support Coordinator. Laura took a few minutes to share about herself and the systems she is using to track and prioritize students.

VIII. Adjournment

Medora Krome requested that Michael. T. Bayer chair the meeting due to technical issues.

The meeting adjourned at 2:18pm.

Motion: Medora Krome made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda Miles-Adams seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Misty Smith
Executive Administrative Manager