

**RCMA School Board Annual Meeting
January 25, 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		X	Vega, Kathy
9.	Kirk, Steven	e-present		
10.	Krome, Medora	e-present		Guests Physically Present
11.	Miles-Adams, Linda		X	Miranda, Patricia
12.	Negrini, Mirta	e-present		
13.	Perez, Joaquin	e-present		
14.	Pringle, Richard	e-present		
15.	Robles de Melendez, Wilma	e-present		
16.	Rollason, Barbara Mainster	e-present		
17.	Salustro, Larry	e-present		
18.	Tighe, Sonia	e-present		
19.	Vallejo, Ansberto		X	
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 October 2020 minutes. Juana Brown asked the Board for guidance to add a specific motion regarding the Immokalee Community School charter renewal contract which was discussed at the October 2020 School Board meeting. Richard Pringle provided the language and requested that Misty Smith add the motion to the October 2020 minutes.

Motion: Michael T. Bayer made a motion to approve the October 2020 minutes to include the additional motion discussed. Barbara Mainster Rollason seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Call for Public Comment – Action

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

V. Charter School Committee Report – Linda Miles-Adams

a. Director of Charter Schools Report – Juana Brown

1. Charter School Growth Fund Timeline (CSGF)

Juana Brown provided an update on the CSGF timeline, which consisted of upcoming dates and necessary tasks and preparations. Juana also reported on the strategic plan which had been accepted by Abacus. A discussion ensued regarding the specifics of the fund, RCMA's commitment and additional information and to ensure that the Board was fully aware and reminded of the process and purpose of the CSGF.

2. Immokalee Community School Charter Renewal

Juana Brown reported that the Collier school district has accepted the school renewal application and there will be a name change, Immokalee Community Academy, as previously discussed. The renewal is pending approval by the Collier school district School Board, slated for review in April.

b. Wimauma Community Academy (WCA) – Mark Haggett

1. School Performance Dashboard

Mark Haggett presented the WCA school data for the prior quarter. He reported the following: 26 students remain off campus for e-learning, letters and phone calls have been sent/made to parents whose children are struggling academically, to encourage the return to face-to-face learning, COVID cases have remained low in comparison to nearby schools and the purchase of additional PPE supplies has been beneficial.

2. Education Plan Update – Action

Mark Haggett discussed the assurances listed within the education plan, including: all schools will remain open, continue the full panoply of services, continue progress monitoring and interventions, innovative learning modality, truancy/attendance of students and continue professional development. Barbara Mainster Rollason suggested that Mark review the section pertaining to five or more unexcused absences, to add further description to the process.

Motion: Barbara Mainster Rollason made a motion to approve the Wimauma Community Academy education plan and assurances as presented. Richard Pringle seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Financial Statements – Action

Larry Salustro reported on the WCA finances, notifying the Board that the finances were previously reviewed and discussed at the Finance Committee meeting.

Motion: Larry Salustro made a motion to approve the Wimauma Community Academy financial statements. Richard Pringle seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Budget Adjustment – Action

Larry Salustro reported that there were a number of changes such as additional grants and salaries that required a budget adjustment.

Motion: Larry Salustro made a motion to approve the Wimauma Community Academy budget adjustment. Sandra Hightower seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Sports Pavilion
Mark Haggett shared that with fundraising and contributions from staff and parents, the sports pavilion was created and completed, however, the court is in need of a roof cover. Mark is currently seeking ways to acquire the roof cover.

c. Immokalee Community School (ICS) – Zulaika Quintero

1. School Performance Dashboard
Zulaika Quintero presented the ICS school data for the prior quarter. She reported the following: two students remain off campus for e-learning and they are performing academically well, additional PPE supplies were purchased with Collier CARES funding, there has been a low amount of COVID cases with some classroom closures, parent participation is still happening via Zoom.
2. Out-of-Field Teachers – **Action**
Zulaika Quintero presented the name of the 6th grade out-of-field teacher, Maria Plata who is not yet certified.

Motion: Steven Kirk made a motion to approve out-of-field teacher, Maria Plata. Michael T. Bayer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Education Plan Update – **Action**
Zulaika Quintero discussed the assurances listed within the education plan, including: all schools will remain open, continue the full panoply of services, continue progress monitoring and interventions, innovative learning modality, truancy/attendance of students and continue professional development, as well as the school name change..

Motion: Barbara Mainster Rollason made a motion to approve the Immokalee Community School education plan and assurances as presented. Al J. Hinson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Financial Statements – **Action**
Larry Salustro reported on the ICS finances, notifying the Board that the finances were previously reviewed and discussed at the Finance Committee meeting.

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

5. Budget Adjustment – **Action**
Larry Salustro reported that there were a numbers of changes such as additional purchases and salaries that required a budget adjustment.

Motion: Larry Salustro made a motion to approve the Immokalee Community School budget adjustment. Dani Higgins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. Old Business

- a. Other
None.

VII. New Business

a. Audit Reports – Action

Betty Martin of ZOMMA Group, LLC reported a clean opinion for all three schools (the reports are based on Wimauma Academy and Wimauma Leadership Academy which had not been combined into one school yet). Betty reported there were no deficiencies and no findings for all three schools.

Motion: Richard Pringle made a motion to approve the Wimauma Academy audit report. Mirta Negrini seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Richard Pringle made a motion to approve the Leadership Academy audit report. Michael T. Bayer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Richard Pringle made a motion to approve the Immokalee Community School audit report. Barbara Mainster Rollason seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Other
None.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:35pm.

Motion: Michael T. Bayer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Al J. Hinson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Misty Smith
Executive Administrative Manager