

RCMA School Board Meeting
July 28, 2021
 Scheduled Time: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Held via Zoom:
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 Dial-in: (929) 436-2866 US
 Meeting ID: 848 590 7072
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MINUTES

	Members-At-Large	Present	Absent	Staff Virtually Present
1.	Bayer, Michael T.	e-present		Brown, Juana
2.	Bizerra, Susanne A.		X	Call, Martin
3.	Dowling, Aedan J.		X	Coronado, Beatriz
4.	Gaffney, Donna	e-present		Flores, Gilbert
5.	Higgins, Dani	e-present		Garcia, Isabel
6.	Hightower, Sandra	e-present		Gomez, Alberto
7.	Hinson, Al. J.		X	Moorman, Gloria
8.	Kendrick, Gloria		X	Resendiz, Elizabeth
9.	Kirk, Steven		X	Smith, Misty
10.	Krome, Medora	e-present		Vega, Kathy
11.	Miles-Adams, Linda	e-present		Way, Pam
12.	Negrini, Mirta		X	
13.	Perez, Joaquin	e-present		
14.	Pringle, Richard		X	
15.	Robles-Melendez, Wilma	e-present		
16.	Rollason, Barbara Mainster	e-present		
17.	Salustro, Larry	e-present		
18.	Tighe, Sonia		X	
19.	Vallejo, Ansberto	e-present		
20.	Weisinger, Jaime		X	

- I. Roll Call**
 Roll call was conducted by Misty Smith. A quorum was reached.
- II. Call to Order**
 Linda Miles-Adams, Vice President, called the School Board meeting to order at 2:42pm.
- III. Call for Public Comment**
 Linda Miles-Adams made a call for public comment. No public comments were made.
- IV. Charter School Committee Report - Linda Miles-Adams/ Juana Brown**
 - (a) Annual Budgets
 Larry Salustro presented and reviewed the new school year annual budgets for both Wimauma Community Academy (WCA) and Immokalee Community Academy (ICA). Larry compared them to last year’s budgets. Additionally, the budgets were discussed in the most recent Finance Committee meeting. Larry explained that each school will receive ESSER funds which will be used to close the COVID educational gap and cover the cost of English as a Second Language (ESL) expenses, equipment, sanitation and other COVID related concerns. Furthermore, Juana Brown requested the approval of a new school bus for WCA.

Motion: Larry Salustro made a motion to approve the Wimauma Community Academy annual budget as presented. Medora Krome seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Larry Salustro made a motion to approve the purchase of new school bus for Wimauma Community Academy with the purchase of capital outlay funds. Barbara Mainster Rollason seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Larry Salustro made a motion to approve the Immokalee Community Academy annual budget as presented. Sandra Hightower seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

(b) Capital Outlay Plans – ***Action***

Larry Salustro explained the purpose of the capital outlay funds. Larry then summarized the needs and the qualifications for both WCA and ICA. He explained that the funds will be used differently at each charter school, aside from paying insurance premiums. Juana Brown added that the capital outlay plans have not been approved by the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) thus funding has not been received yet. The calculations are based on last year's child count. The proposed use of ICA capital outlay funds was also discussed.

Motion: Larry Salustro made a motion to approve the Wimauma Community Academy capital outlay plans as presented. Barbara Mainster Rollason seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Larry Salustro made a motion to approve the Immokalee Community Academy capital outlay plans as presented. Michael T. Bayer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

(c) School Lease Agreements – ***Action***

Larry Salustro summarized the purpose of the school lease agreements for both WCA and ICA. Larry stated that lease language was updated for both charter schools which added clarity for the exact obligations as well as outlining each party's responsibility.

Motion: Larry Salustro made a motion to approve the Wimauma Community Academy school lease agreement. Medora Krome seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Larry Salustro made a motion to approve the Immokalee Community Academy school lease agreement. Sandra Hightower seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

(d) Mental Health Assistance Allocation (MHAA) Plans – ***Action***

Mark Haggett presented the WCA MHAA plan and explained the overall purpose of the plan. He presented the full document to the Board. In Zulaika Quintero's absence, Mark presented the ICA MHAA plan and noted that the biggest difference between the plans are the different agencies they will work with which vary by district.

Motion: Sandra Hightower made a motion to accept the Mental Health Assistance Allocation (MHAA) Plan for Wimauma Community Academy. Barbara Mainster Rollason seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Medora Krome made a motion to accept the Mental Health Assistance Allocation (MHAA) Plan for Immokalee Community Academy. Ansberto Vallejo seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

(e) Other

1. Mask Requirements and Policies

Michael T. Bayer asked for clarification on mask mandates as it related to RCMA charter schools. Mark Haggett stated that the charter schools would continue to follow RCMA guidance which currently specifies that vaccinated staff are not required to wear a mask and unvaccinated staff must continue to wear a mask. Barbara Mainster Rollason, Donna Gaffney, Wilma Robles-Melendez and Dani Higgins asked questions and commented on the matter. A discussion ensued.

Beatriz Coronado then shared the most recent statistics of COVID cases within RCMA and explained that she continues to stay up-to-date with CDC guidance and recommendations. Mark Haggett added that the School District of Hillsborough County reached out to him asking for clarification on what RCMA planned to do in the new school year regarding quarantine situations. A discussion ensued.

Motion: Barbara Mainster Rollason made the following motion: The RCMA School Board is in support of and recognizes that RCMA has a duty of care to the children we serve. Furthermore, the RCMA School Board supports the measures and protocols set forth by management that take into account the wellbeing of children and staff while ensuring ethical responsibility. Donna Gaffney seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mark Haggett requested that a memo be drafted to be sent to staff to show the support of the School Board regarding the above motion.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35pm.

Motion: Michael T. Bayer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joaquin Perez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



**Misty Smith
Executive Administrative Manager**