

**RCMA School Board Meeting  
June 7, 2021**

**Physical Location:** UF/IFAS – Southwest Florida Research & Education Center  
2685 SR 29 N, Immokalee, FL 34142

**Virtual:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87068686931?pwd=QUtzTlZoWmFzaCsxUkZYM29pY0dQdz09>

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**MINUTES**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>				
	<b>Members-At-Large</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Staff Physically Present</b>
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		Gomez, Alberto
5.	Higgins, Dani	e-present		Quintero, Zulaika
6.	Hightower, Sandra	e-present		Resendiz, Elizabeth
7.	Hinson, Al. J.	e-present		Smith, Misty
8.	Kendrick, Gloria		X	Vega, Kathy
9.	Kirk, Steven	e-present		
10.	Krome, Medora	e-present		
11.	Miles-Adams, Linda	e-present		<b>Guests Virtually Present</b>
12.	Negrini, Mirta	e-present		Buerger, Michael
13.	Perez, Joaquin	e-present		Trevino, Marcela (interpreter)
14.	Pringle, Richard	e-present		
15.	Robles-Melendez, Wilma	e-present		
16.	Rollason, Barbara Mainster	e-present		
17.	Salustro, Larry	e-present		
18.	Tighe, Sonia	e-present		
19.	Vallejo, Ansberto	e-present		
20.	Weisinger, Jaime	e-present		

**I. Roll Call**

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

**II. Call to Order/Opening Remarks by the President**

Medora Krome, President, called the meeting to order. The meeting began at 1:06pm.

**III. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Action**

Medora Krome asked for a motion to approve the April 2021 meeting minutes.

***Motion: Michael T. Bayer made a motion to approve the April minutes as presented. Barbara Mainster Rollason 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 recap of the past year’s challenges including vaccines, training on the topic of stress, financial issues and acknowledged the hard work of all the staff and students. Linda invited all Board members and center staff to partake in the Charter School Committee meetings which typically discuss areas of improvement and updates. Linda also briefly talked about the alumni support coordinator position at Wimauma Community Academy.

**a. Director of Charter Schools – Overview – Juana Brown**

Juana Brown thanked the participants who have joined Charter School Committee meetings and then requested to show a PowerPoint presentation towards the end of the meeting under New Business.

**b. Wimauma Community Academy (WCA) – Juana Brown**

1. School Performance Dashboard/ Kindergarten Data

Juana Brown reported on behalf of Mark Haggett who was not able to attend the Board meeting. In addition to discussing school performance data for the past quarter/semester, Juana reported that there will be no online students next school year, only on-campus learning will take place. An updated data sheet was uploaded to BoardDocs during the meeting.

2. Financial Statements – *Action*

Larry Salustro provided a summary of the WCA financial statements adding that the statements were also reviewed by the Finance Committee beforehand. Larry further explained the purpose of capital outlay funds and the changes to capital outlay funds which will reflect in the budget adjustment and the lease amendment.

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

NOTE: At this point in the meeting, Michael T. Bayer began to chair the meeting. Medora Krome was experiencing technical difficulties.

3. 2020-2021 Budget Adjustment – *Action*

Larry Salustro explained the purpose of the budget adjustment which included an increase in capital outlay funds and an increase in lease payments.

***Motion: Larry Salustro made a motion to approve the Wimauma Community Academy 2020-2021 Budget Adjustment. Steven Kirk seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

4. 2020-2021 Lease Amendment – *Action*

Larry Salustro explained the purpose of the lease amendment which included an increase in the lease payment.

***Motion: Larry Salustro made a motion to approve the Wimauma Community Academy 2020-2021 Lease Amendment. Barbara Mainster Rollason seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

Larry further added that the current lease lacks specificity and lacks language pertaining to certain obligations between the landlord (RCMA as parent) and the tenant (RCMA charter schools). Larry has been reviewing the leases with a small working group and plans to develop a revised lease to present at the next School Board meeting scheduled for July 28, 2021.

NOTE: At this point in the meeting, Medora Krome began to chair the meeting again.

**c. Immokalee Community School (ICS) – Zulaika Quintero**

1. School Performance Dashboard/ Kindergarten Data  
Zulaika Quintero presented the ICS school performance data for the past quarter/semester. In addition, Zulaika reported having zero online students as of the month of April.
2. Financial Statements – *Action*  
Larry Salustro provided a summary of the ICS financial statements adding that the statements were also reviewed by the Finance Committee beforehand. Similar to WCA, there were changes to capital outlay funds which will reflect in the budget adjustment and the lease amendment.

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

3. 2020-2021 Budget Adjustment – *Action*  
Larry Salustro explained the purpose of the budget adjustment which included an increase in capital outlay funds and an increase in lease payments.

*Motion: Larry Salustro made a motion to approve the Immokalee Community School 2020-2021 Budget Adjustment. Sandra Hightower seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

4. 2020-2021 Lease Amendment – *Action*  
Larry Salustro explained the purpose of the lease amendment which included an increase in the lease payment.

*Motion: Larry Salustro made a motion to approve the Immokalee Community School 2020-2021 Lease Amendment. Linda Miles-Adams seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

**VI. Old Business**

- a. Immokalee Community Academy Approved Charter Renewal Contract (a.k.a. Immokalee Community School) – Juana Brown  
Juana Brown reported that the newly named Immokalee Community Academy charter school contract was approved and renewed for an additional five years.
- b. Other  
Medora Krome discussed the Krome Educational Fund setup by her late parents and inquired about the scholarship and the use of the funds and wanted to ensure that the scholarship is being promoted to our charter school students and staff. A discussion ensued.

**VII. New Business**

- a. Summer Programs– Mark Haggett & Zulaika Quintero  
A PowerPoint presentation was shown which contained several slides highlighting successes and activities happening throughout the two charter schools in addition to video footage of a WCA student news report and WCA Valedictorian speeches.
- b. Updates on ICS 7th and 8th Grade Expansion/Facilities – Juana Brown  
Zulaika Quintero shared updates on the renovations taking place at ICS to accommodate new learning spaces and classrooms. She also shared that the Dual Language will be modified in the future, but needs more research as it relates to the addition of the middle school grades.

- c. Other  
None.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:58pm.

*Motion: Linda Miles-Adams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steven Kirk seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,



**Misty Smith  
Executive Administrative Manager**