



**RCMA Regular School Board Meeting  
(Online only due to impacts of Hurricane Ian)  
October 3, 2022  
12:30PM – 2PM**



Virtual:

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**MINUTES**

<b>Attendance</b>				
	<b>Board Members-At-Large</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Staff Present Online</b>
1.	Bayer, Michael T.	Online		Barbara Carey
2.	Bizerra, Susanne A.		X	Beatriz Coronado
3.	Dowling, Aedan J.	Online		Catalina Sepulveda
4.	Gaffney, Donna	Online		Edith Gomez
5.	Higgins, Dani		X	Elizabeth Maldonado
6.	Hightower, Sandra	Online		Gloria Moorman
7.	Hinson, Al. J.	Online		Irma Chappa
8.	Kendrick, Gloria		X	Isabel Garcia
9.	Kirk, Steven		X	Juana Brown
10.	Krome, Medora	Online		Kathy Vega
11.	Miles-Adams, Linda	Online		Marbelia Zamarripa
12.	Negrini, Mirta	Online		Mark Hagggett
13.	Perez, Joaquin	Online		Noemi Vasquez
14.	Pringle, Richard		X	Olivia Chopra
15.	Robles de Melendez, Wilma	Online		Pamela Way
16.	Rollason, Barbara Mainster	Online		Rosalinda Avellaneda
17.	Salustro, Larry	Online		Scott Olson
18.	Tighe, Sonia	Online		
19.	Vallejo, Ansberto	Online		<b>Guests Present Online</b>
20.	Weisinger, Jaime		X	Carr, David (interpreter)
				Martin, Betty (auditor)

**1) Meeting Opening**

**a. Roll Call**

Roll call was conducted by Elizabeth Maldonado. A quorum was reached.

**b. Call to Order/Opening Remarks**

Medora Krome, President, called the meeting to order. Medora asked Linda Miles-Adams, Vice-President, to chair the meeting. The meeting began at 12:48 p.m.

**2) Call For Public Comment**

Linda Miles-Adams made a call for public comment. Hearing none, Isabel Garcia, *Executive Director*, and Gloria Moorman, *Director of Development*, shared an update of the current standing of RCMA’s child development centers and Charter academies that were directly impacted by Hurricane Ian.

**3) Consent Agenda – Meeting Minutes**

**a. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

- 4) **Consent Agenda – Academic**
  - a. 2022-2023 Charter Academic Dashboards
- 5) **Consent Agenda – Finance**
  - a. Financial Statements
  - b. 2022-2023 Budget Adjustments

- 6) **Consent Agenda Approval**
  - a. Approval of the Full Consent Agenda  
Linda Miles-Adams asked if there was any interest in withdrawing Consent Agenda items. Michael T. Bayer had a few questions under the Finance Consent Agenda. He asked if his questions could be discussed during item 9.b. 2022 WCA School Bus Purchase under New Business.

***Motion: Barbara Mainster Rollason made a motion to adopt the Full Consent Agendas with the understanding that Michael’s questions will be answered in New Business. Al J. Hinson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

- 7) **Leadership Report**
  - a. Executive Director  
Isabel Garcia congratulated and thanked the leadership team of Charter Schools for their successful teacher training/pre-service in Ellenton. Isabel elaborated on the details the leadership team enthusiastically shared with Charter staff as they prepared for the new school year.
  - b. Charter School Committee Chair  
Linda Miles-Adams shared her report by congratulating the Charter School teams and shared great news aside of the many challenges, recently faced. In addition, Linda, briefly shared the creativity the team has used along with the teachers from Spain resulting in an increased interest and parent involvement during parent meetings and family engagement nights. Linda also shared a bit about her work with the Steering Committee and the current progress of our Mulberry Capital Campaign packet. She emphasized the importance and support expected from the Board during the phases of the Mulberry Campaign.
  - c. Director of Charter Schools  
Juana Brown began her report by sharing the direct impact Hurricane Ian has severely caused to eleven community teachers, who experienced any or all the these; flooding, wind damage, no power, damaged roofs, water on a boil notice and limited resources. Juana transitioned to how graceful she is for having funding for a principal-in-residence for upcoming Mulberry Community Academy. The funding allows the ability to train for a year before the schools starts and so on. In addition, Juana, shared Immokalee Community Academy (ICA) and Wimauma Community Academy’s (WCA) FSA School Grades for 2022.
  - d. Principals  
Due to the absence of the ICA principal, who is on maternity leave, Mark Haggett reported for both ICA and WCA schools by briefly discussing their individual dashboards. Overall, he shared achievement levels by subject, gains, total points and school grades. Mark shared that the dashboard holds a baseline of information to use on the new progress monitoring tool that the State Board of Education has established. This will enhance the process towards the goal in converting the overall school grade from B to A. A discussion ensued.

- e. SAC Parent Presidents – *(no parents were in attendance)*

## **8) Old Business**

- a. 2022-2023 School Safety Plan and Procedures  
Mark Haggett recapped that the school safety plan and procedures was a request from the last School Board meeting. He shared and discussed the safe school inspection checklist for WCA and ICA. The checklist involves the Sheriff’s department, School Resource Officer, Plant Manager and Principals as they answer specific questions about the safety and security of the campus. He elaborated on the FSAT questionnaire and what it entailed, such as a school visitor screening process (Safe Visitor) and other important information about the safety and security of the campus. Juana Brown added safety procedures ICA is using and improvements and renovations that are taking place. A discussion ensued.
- b. Other  
None.

## **9) New Business - Action**

- a. 2022 Audit Reports  
Betty Martin of ZOOMA Group, LLC presented the Wimauma Community Academy (WCA) and Immokalee Community Academy (ICA) audit reports. She noted one final change under disclosure in the WCA report. The final WCA audit report was shared during the meeting by Betty and available in BoardDocs after the meeting. Overall, both schools received a non-modified opinion, meaning there were no issues, finding or deficiencies as stated in the independent auditors’ report and compliance reports. Barbara Mainster Rollason and Larry Salustro asked questions, Betty answered and a discussion ensued.

***Motion: Larry Salustro made a motion to approve the 2022 Immokalee Community Academy Audit Report as presented. Sonia Tighe seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

***Motion: Larry Salustro made a motion to approve the 2022 Wimauma Community Academy Audit Report as presented. Sonia Tighe seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

- b. 2022 Wimauma Community Academy School Bus Purchase  
Michael T. Bayer asked Juana Brown to further explain the estimates of the bus purchase presented. Juana provided a brief overview of the two school bus estimates, including additional safety and convenience features noted. She also stated that the estimates will be reviewed by an RCMA Transportation staff member to make recommendations as to which bus to purchase. A discussion ensued.

Michael T. Bayer asked a second questions regarding the Immokalee Community Academy Budget Adjustment from the Finance Consent Agenda about the increase in insurance fees and property damage and liability insurance. Juana Brown, Pamela Way and Edith Gomez responded and a discussion ensued.

***Motion: Barbara Mainster Rollason made a motion to approve the 2022 Wimauma Community Academy School Bus Purchase. Al J. Hinson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

- c. 2022-2023 Out of Field Teacher Notification  
Mark Haggett provide a brief overview of the notification of out of field teachers for the upcoming school year. A discussion ensued.

The out of field teachers at Immokalee Community Academy (ICA) are as listed: Bernice Abrigo, Sarah Anzualda, Laysa Castaneda, Suaidy Cheo Cruz, Ozgur Dursun, Maria Esquijarosa, Michael Gonzalez, Filiberto Gorosquieta, Liliana Vazquez.

The out of field teachers at Wimauma Community Academy (WCA) are as listed: Nubia Yaruro, Margarita Rozalen, Celso Mendez, Susan Reyes, Noelia Segovia, Katelin Loo, and Laura Torrano. Susan Marty is no longer with WCA.

***Motion: Ansberto Vallejo made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Immokalee Community Academy Out of Field Notification as presented. Larry Salustro seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

***Motion: Michael T. Bayer made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Wimauma Community Academy Out of Field Notification as presented. Larry Salustro seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

d. 2022-2023 Teacher Salary Allocation

Mark Haggett briefly explained the teacher salary allocation plan for Wimauma Community Academy and Immokalee Community Academy. Teacher increases were performance based for both schools. Mark elaborated on additional details in the plan.

***Motion: Sandra Hightower made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Teacher Salary Allocation Plan for Wimauma Community Academy. Mirta Negrini seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

***Motion: Michael T. Bayer made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Teacher Salary Allocation Plan for Immokalee Community Academy. Mirta Negrini seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

- e. Other  
None.

**10) General Discussion**

- a. Other  
None.

**11) Closing**

- a. Adjournment  
The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

***Motion: Michael T. Bayer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Medora Krome seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Elizabeth Maldonado  
Executive Administrative Manager**