



# RCMA Regular School Board Meeting

June 5, 2023

University of Florida/IFAS Southwest Florida Research & Education Center

Immokalee, FL

12:30PM – 2PM



Virtual:

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## MINUTES

Attendance				
	Board Members-At-Large	Present	Absent	Staff Present In-person
1.	Bayer, Michael T.	In person		Brown, Juana
2.	Bizerra, Susanne A.		X	Garcia, Isabel
3.	Dowling, Aedan J.	Online		Maldonado, Elizabeth
4.	Gaffney, Donna		X	Moorman, Gloria
5.	Hightower, Sandra	Online		Quintero, Zulaika
6.	Hinson, Al. J.	Online		Sepulveda, Catalina
7.	Krome, Medora	Online		Sigala, Abbigail
8.	Miles, Linda A.	In person		Smith, Shantelle
9.	Negrini, Mirta		X	Vega, Kathy
10.	Perez, Joaquin		X	
11.	Pringle, Richard	Online		<b>Guest Present</b>
12.	Robles de Melendez, Wilma	Online		Ferrari, Bill (Online)
13.	Rollason, Barbara Mainster	Online		Vigoa-Cardet, Lissy (Interpreter)
14.	Salustro, Larry	In person		Headley, Eletisha
15.	Tighe, Sonia	Online		Masum, Wendy
16.	Vallejo, Ansberto	Online		Wilson, Sheron
17.	Weisinger, Jaime	In person		

### 1) Meeting Opening

#### a. Roll Call

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

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

Linda A. Miles, President, called the meeting to order. The meeting began at 12:34 p.m.

### 2) Call For Public Comment

Linda A. Miles made a call for public comment. No public comments were made.

### 3) Consent Agenda – Meeting Minutes

#### a. School Board Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2023

#### b. Charter Committee Meeting Minutes

i. Immokalee Community Academy Committee Minutes

ii. Wimauma Community Academy Committee Minutes

### 4) Consent Agenda – Academic

#### a. Academic Dashboards

i. Immokalee Community Academy

ii. Wimauma Community Academy

### 5) Consent Agenda – Finance

#### a. Financial Statements

i. Immokalee Community Academy

- ii. Wimauma Community Academy
- b. 2023-2024 School Lease Agreements
  - i. Immokalee Community Academy
  - ii. Mulberry Community Academy
  - iii. Wimauma Community Academy
- c. 2022-2023 School Lease Agreement Amendment
  - i. Immokalee Community Academy

**6) Consent Agenda Approval**

- a. Approval of the Full Consent Agenda  
Linda A. Miles asked if there was any interest in withdrawing Consent Agenda items. Linda A. Miles requested to move items 5.b. [2023-2024 School Lease Agreements] and 5.c. [2022-2023 School Lease Agreement Amendment] to New Business.

***Motion: Larry Salustro made a motion to approve the Full Consent Agenda with the noted change. Jaime Weisinger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

**7) Leadership Reports**

- a. Charter School Committee Chair  
Linda A. Miles shared the current and exciting time to recognize all Charter School scholars as they celebrated their class graduations, noting Wimauma Community Academy’s recent migrant program graduates along with other moving graduate stories. Overall, sharing lovely examples of the educational importance behind RCMA’s mission and the positive impact community partners create for future leaders. Concluded by thanking all Board members.
- b. Director of Charter Schools  
Juana Brown noted the minutes of the previous Charter meetings, available in BoardDocs. as more granular work ties into those meetings and then allowed Principals to continue with their reports.
- c. Principals  
Mark Haggett shared an overview of the Wimauma Community Academy (WCA) performance dashboard with State data, pointing out that there were no major changes since the last School Board meeting. Mark highlighted different grade level gains and progression in Math, Reading and Science, all due to wonderful teaching and supporting coaches. Mark discussed the missing data in specific assessments due to reports not yet scored. Mark shared photos of the college reveal day for the five WCA scholars and thanked the partnership with Cristo Rey, then concluded with sharing WCA graduation photos.  
  
Zulaika Quintero highlighted the speech of the first Immokalee Community Academy (ICA) 8<sup>th</sup> grade valedictorian, Orlando Jimenez. Zulaika shared 20 ICA students have been accepted to the Immokalee Foundation as tutors and 10 ICA students applied to Tutor Corps. Zulaika shared an overview of the Immokalee Community Academy performance dashboard, with a focus on Parent workshops, Mental health, Reading and Math proficiency. Jaime Weisinger asked about the scholarship programs and requested for a follow up. Barbara Mainster Rollason recommended for the Board Chair to create a letter to the tutor programs requesting reports. Sonia Tighe asked a question about families who chose not to migrate, Zulaika responded and a discussion ensued.  
  
Dani Higgins shared a brief overview of the construction and upcoming opening of Mulberry Community Academy (MCA) in August 2023. Dani shared the forthcoming partnerships such as Central Florida Health Care that will host health events, Farmworker Job and Education programs, and GED/ESOL courses for the MCA families. Dani shared a story and a few photos of the ongoing recruitment. Barbara Mainster Rollason made note of the recent RCMA Facebook post of the community team effort with Wish Farms and MCA.
- d. SAC Parent Presidents  
None.

**8) Old Business**

- a. Other

None.

**9) New Business - Action**

a. 2023-2024 School Lease Agreements

Larry Salustro introduced the Immokalee Community Academy, Mulberry Community Academy and Wimauma Community Academy upcoming school lease agreements. The lease is similar for all Academies with exception of the amount which is a function of the capital outlay.

***Motion: Medora Krome made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Wimauma Community Academy School Lease Agreement. Michael T. Bayer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

***Motion: Sonia Tighe made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Immokalee Community Academy School Lease Agreement. Michael T. Bayer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

***Motion: Medora Krome made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Mulberry Community Academy School Lease Agreement. Ansberto Vallejo seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

b. 2022-2023 School Lease Agreement Amendment

Larry Salustro provided a brief overview on the Immokalee Community Academy current school lease agreement.

***Motion: Medora Krome made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Immokalee Community Academy School Lease Agreement Amendment as presented. Al J. Hinson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

c. 2022-2023 School Budget Adjustment

Larry Salustro provided a brief overview of the Immokalee Community Academy and Wimauma Community Academy budgets. A discussion ensued.

***Motion: Barbara Mainster Rollason made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 School Budget Adjustment for Immokalee Community Academy. Sonia Tighe seconded motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

***Motion: Barbara Mainster Rollason made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 School Budget Adjustment for Wimauma Community Academy. Medora Krome seconded motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

d. 2023-2024 School Budgets (Original)

Larry Salustro provided a brief overview of the budget for the upcoming school year. A discussion ensued.

***Motion: Sandra Hightower made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Original School Budget for Immokalee Community Academy. Medora Krome seconded motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

***Motion: Jaime Weisinger made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Original School Budget for Wimauma Community Academy. Aedan Dowling seconded motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

***Motion: Sandra Hightower made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Original School Budget for Mulberry Community Academy. Michael T. Bayer seconded motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

e. Mulberry Bus Purchase

Larry Salustro asked Juana Brown to discuss the three quote for the Mulberry Bus purchase. A discussion ensued.

***Motion: Barbara Mainster Rollason made a motion to approve the Mulberry Bus Purchase. Michael T. Bayer seconded motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

f. Other

None.

**10) General Discussion**

a. Mulberry Charter Capital Campaign

Isabel Garcia, Juana Brown and Gloria Moorman presented the Mulberry Charter Capital Campaign PowerPoint as they discussed the following topics: Charter School Growth, Schools of Hope, opening date, staffing, student recruitment, Polk County approval, operations, Ring the Bell Capital Campaign status report, marketing, communication infrastructure and facilities updates. Gloria Moorman reminded all Board members of the opportunity of the dollar per dollar match until the end of the fiscal year. A discussion ensued.

b. Other  
None.

**11) Closing**

a. Adjournment

The School Board meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

*Motion: Larry Salustro made the motion to adjourn the School Board meeting. Sonia Tighe seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Maldonado*

Elizabeth Maldonado  
Executive Administrative Manager