

FLINT CULTURAL CENTER ACADEMY

Board of Education

July 20, 2020

5:30pm

Flint Cultural Center Academy Conference Room

This meeting will be held virtually in compliance with COVID-19 Executive Orders from the State of Michigan.

APPROVED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karima Amlani-Bostick
Renita Bingham
Rodney Lontine
Lamont Richardson
Kay Schwartz
Todd Slisher

ADMINISTRATION: Eric Lieske

STAFF: Amy Tamalunas

OTHER GUESTS: Janice Toonson, Matt Cawood

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Flint Cultural Center Academy Board of Education was called to order by President Todd Slisher at 5:35 pm in the Flint Cultural Center Academy Conference Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Todd Slisher

ROLL CALL: Amy Tamalunas read the roll. Members present: Karima Amlani-Bostick, Renita Bingham, Lamont Richardson, Kay Schwartz, Todd Slisher, Rodney Lontine

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: President Slisher discussed the need to elect officers for the upcoming school year. Board Development Chairperson Rodney Lontine expressed the need for consistency with the upcoming school year and the possibility to continue the slate of officers for the 2020-2021 school year with the addition of Lamont Richardson to serve as Secretary. Moved by Todd Slisher, supported by Kay Schwartz. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

Officers for the 2020-2021 School Year:

President: Todd Slisher

Vice-President: Rodney Lontine

Secretary: Lamont Richardson

Treasurer: Kay Schwartz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Karima Amlani-Bostick, supported by Lamont Richardson, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Karima Amlani-Bostick, supported by Lamont Richardson, to approve the consent agenda which included items below:

- 1. Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting of June 22, 2020. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Flint Cultural Center Academy Updates:
 - FCCA's COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan is nearly complete and will be sent to GVSU this week for approval. The plan covers how the Academy will operate in each phase of the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - The MDE CSP Grant continues to be revised and should be ready to resubmit to the MDE in the near future.
 - Discussion took place on modes of communication that will occur to ensure parents are provide necessary information for the safe return to school.
 - Professional development begins on July 28 and nine days are scheduled prior to the start of the school year.
2. Grand Valley State University Update: Matt Cawood provided an update from GVSU
 - FCCA's COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan or the plan must be approved by GVSU prior to Board approval.
 - The governor has extended the Open Meetings Act to continue to meet virtually through the COVID crisis.
3. Board Development Committee Update: Rodney Lontine gave the update from the Board Development Committee. They discussed the "Return to Learn" plan and the appointment of the Thrun Law Firm, which will be discussed further in the agenda under Action Items.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

FROM THE PUBLIC:

Janice Toonson voiced her concern of what returning to school may look like; how many students will be in each classroom, how will FCCA handle social distancing, what if a student has a confirmed case of COVID and what the classroom will look like. Mr. Lieske addressed her questions with some options that the Academy is considering for returning to school. More information will be forthcoming so that families have a full understanding of the upcoming school year.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ACTION ITEMS:

Reports, Recommendations, Resolutions:

1. **Approval of Depository:** The board authorized the continuation to approve Huntington Bank as the Academy's depository. Moved by Renita Bingham, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.
2. **Adoption of Designating Principal Print Media Source:** It was approved that the Flint Journal will be utilized as the print media source for the Flint Cultural Center Academy. Moved by Kay Schwartz, supported by Rodney Lontine. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.
3. **Authorized Signatures:** The recommendation to authorize the Treasurer and CEO to sign all district checks, either by personal, facsimile, or electronic signature was approved. Moved by Rodney Lontine, supported by Karima Amlani-Bostick. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.
4. **Adoption Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer and/or Other Personnel Authorized to Negotiate and Implement Contracts with Service Providers (vendors):** The recommendation that the Chief Executive Officer of the Flint Cultural Center Academy be authorized to negotiate and implement contracts with service providers (vendors) was approved. Moved by Kay Schwartz, supported by Renita Bingham. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.
5. **Adoption of Calendar for Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Dates and Times:** The recommendation that the 2020-2021 Flint Cultural Center Academy Board meeting calendar was approved. Moved by Lamont Richardson, supported by Rodney Lontine. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

- 6. Approval of the 2020-2021 School Year Calendar: The recommendation that the 2020-2021 Flint Cultural Center Academy school calendar was approved.** Moved by Kay Schwartz, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.
- 7. Appointment of Title IX, Freedom of Information, and Civil Rights Coordinators:** The recommendation that the appointment of Title IX, Freedom of Information, and Civil Rights Coordinators be the CEO or his/her designee was approved. Moved by Rodney Lontine, supported by Renita Bingham. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.
- 8. Reappointment and Appointment of Legal Counsel:** The recommendation that the reappointment of Collins & Blaha, P.C. and the appointment of the Thrun Law Firm, P.C. to serve as Legal Counsel for the Flint Cultural Center Academy was approved. Moved by Kay Schwartz, supported by Rodney Lontine. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.
- 9. Reappointment of External Auditor:** The recommendation that the reappointment Yeo & Yeo to serve as the External Auditor for the Flint Cultural Center Academy was approved. Moved by Kay Schwartz, supported by Rodney Lontine. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.
- 10. Approval of Courses/Curriculum.** The following curriculum/courses were recommended to meet the state level standards for teaching and learning at the Flint Cultural Center Academy:

Grades K through 6: Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, Physical Education, Art, and Music, all of which will be aligned with content standards adopted by the Michigan Department of Education and taught by a Michigan certificated teacher or a person holding a valid substitute permit. These courses may be supplemented with additional curricular resources, including: Eureka Math, Zearn Math, Amplify Science, EL Education, LearnZillion, Microsoft Teams, Explorations in Art, Music for Little Mozarts, Alfred's Group Piano Course, Essential Elements for Strings, and Vocalize!

The recommendation that the list of courses to be offered to students enrolled in the Flint Cultural Center Academy either face to face (in-person) or through remote instruction (online as asynchronous and/or synchronous) was approved. Moved by Lamont Richardson, supported by Rodney Lontine. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

- 11. Approval of Full Time Status:** Grades K-6: Grades kindergarten through six are taught largely in self-contained classes (typically cohort), without specifically identified courses. The Board considers a student to be full time if the student is scheduled to attend at least 80% of each day at the Flint Cultural Center Academy (in-person) or through remote instruction (online as asynchronous and/or

synchronous) provided by the Flint Cultural Center Academy staff and receives instruction in the core subject areas of Math, Science, Social Studies, and Language Arts. The recommendation for determining a student's full-time status was approved. Moved by Kay Schwartz, supported by Renita Bingham. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

Other Matters Which May Properly Come Before the Board (from Board Members): Renita Bingham asked about the overall participation from online learning at the end of the 19-20 school year and what was learned through that process. Eric Lieske stated that on average we had 70% online attendance. FCCA staff transitioned quickly. Moving into the 20-21 school year all teachers will be using the same online platforms and there may be eight to nine students in each virtual classroom.

Future Meeting Date:

Next Regular Meeting: August 10, 2020
5:30 pm
Flint Cultural Center Academy
Conference Room
1200 Robert T. Longway Blvd.
Flint, MI 48503

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Renita Bingham, supported by Lamont Richardson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 pm. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully Submitted:

Todd K. Slisher

Todd K. Slisher, Board President

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