

FLINT CULTURAL CENTER ACADEMY

Board of Education

December 14, 2020

5:30pm

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

APPROVED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karima Amlani-Bostick
John Henry
Rodney Lontine
Lamont Richardson
Kay Schwartz
Todd Slisher

MEMBERS ABSENT: Renita Bingham

ADMINISTRATION: Eric Lieske

STAFF: Amy Tamalunas

OTHER GUESTS: Matt Cawood, Janice Tooson, Nikki Tell, Mark Sinila

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Flint Cultural Center Academy Board of Education was called to order by President Todd Slisher at 5:33 pm. This meeting was held virtually in compliance with COVID-19 Executive Orders from the State of Michigan.
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Todd Slisher
- C. ROLL CALL:** Amy Tamalunas read the roll. Members present: Karima Amlani-Bostick, John Henry, Rodney Lontine, Lamont Richardson, Kay Schwartz, Todd Slisher
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by Kay Schwartz, supported by Rodney Lontine, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Moved by John Henry, supported by Lamont Richardson, to approve the consent agenda which included items below: The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

F. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Flint Cultural Center Academy Updates: Eric Lieske gave an update for the Academy:
 - Transition to virtual learning effective Nov. 18, 2020 through Jan. 18, 2021 which is the start of second semester.
 - Attendance last four weeks:
 - Nov. 16 - 92.72%
 - Nov. 23 - 90.75%
 - Nov. 30 - 93.75%
 - Dec. 7 - 94.69%
 - Student materials, a special thanks to FCC educators for delivering to the school.
 - Class Dojo communication (837 messages sent home, 1390 skills celebrated, 100% positive feedback, 537 stories shared)
 - Teacher cadet program through partnership with Grand Blanc High School
 - Update on meal distribution (2,100 each of the last two weeks)
 - HVAC, sneeze guards, solar panel updates
 - Winter break begins at the end of the day Dec. 19 and school resumes virtually Jan. 4, 2021
2. Grand Valley State University Update: Matt Cawood provided updates from GVSU. There are talks in legislation regarding extending the board's ability to continue to meet virtually. Information regarding board member professional development will be available in January.
3. Committee Report: Kay Schwartz brought an update from the Finance Committee and General Fund revisions that are up for approval later in the agenda.
4. From the Public: No comments
5. Correspondence:

Mrs. Tamalunas read correspondence from Eric & Emily Lieske thanking the board for a gift in memory of Mrs. Betsy Harrison. Mrs. Tamalunas also read communication from Ms. Andrea Barton, grandmother of FCCA students Enara and Draven VanHorn, and how happy and pleased they are with the FCCA staff.

G. ACTION ITEMS:

Reports, Recommendations, Resolutions:

1. **Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan 30 Day Reconfirmation:** On September 14, 2020 the Board approved the Academy's Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan. Section 98a(1)(c) of the revised school code states: Thirty days after the approval of the plan under subsection (2), and every 30 days thereafter, the district must, at a meeting of the board or board of directors, as applicable, of the Academy, reconfirm how instruction is going to be delivered during the 2020-2021 school year. **It is recommended to reconfirm the Flint Cultural Center Academy Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan.** Moved by Rodney Lontine, supported by Kay Schwartz. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

2. **Approval of Flint Cultural Center Academy Budget Amendment:** In an effort to stay focused on the Academy's finances, a budget amendment has been developed. The Finance Committee has reviewed and supports the budget amendment recommendations. **We recommend approval of the Flint Cultural Center Academy Budget Amendment.** Moved by John Henry, supported by Kay Schwartz. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

3. **Approval of Policies for a Second Reading:** CEO Eric Lieske has met with representative Peggy Yates from the National Charter Schools Institute to review policies:
 - 2266 Non-Discrimination on the Bases of Sex in Education Programs and Activities (new)
 - 5517.02 Sexual Violence (delete)
 - 5610 Emergency Removal, Suspension, and Expulsion of Students (revised)
 - 5611 Due Process Rights (revised)
 - 7440 Facility Security (revised)

These policies have also been reviewed by the Board Development Committee and the committee supports the policy revisions. **We recommend approval and acceptance of the second reading of these policies** Moved by John Henry, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

4. **CEO's Annual Performance Evaluation and Employment Contract:** The Board recently completed the CEO's annual performance evaluation. CEO Eric Lieske received an overall rating of "Highly Effective" utilizing a state approved evaluation instrument. Based on the results, it is recommended that the CEO's employment contract be extended one year to cover the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. **We recommend approval of the CEO's annual performance evaluation and employment contract.** Moved by Karima Amlani-Bostick, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

