

FLINT CULTURAL CENTER ACADEMY

Board of Education

March 8, 2021

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.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karima Amlani-Bostick
Renita Bingham
John Henry
Lamont Richardson
Kay Schwartz
Todd Slisher

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rodney Lontine

ADMINISTRATION: Eric Lieske

STAFF: Amy Tamalunas

OTHER GUESTS: Matt Cawood, Janice Tooson, Nikki Tell, Rawlan Lillard, Dana Taylor

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 5:32 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, Renita Bingham, John Henry, Lamont Richardson, Kay Schwartz, Todd Slisher
- D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by Kay Schwartz, supported by John Henry, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Karima Amlani-Bostick, supported by John Henry, 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: Mr. Eric Lieske shared the following updates for the Academy:

- **Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan:** Shared the most Genesee County Health Department health metrics from 3.3.2021. Student attendance week of Feb. 8 (93.68% virtual, 94.49% F2F), Feb. 15 intersession, Feb. 22 (92.84% virtual, 93.44% F2F), Mar. 1 (94.47% virtual, 94.59% F2F).
- **Zoom Meeting for Parents of Virtual Learners:** Held two virtual meetings on 2.25.2021. Good attendance. Updated parents on health status of county, FCCA, survey results and next steps. Planning to return additional students to in-person learning on April 19.
- **Enrollment Application Update:** Concluded on Friday, March 5. 501 student application received. Lottery to be held on Tuesday, May 4 time yet to be determined.
- **Michigan Charter School Program (CSP) Grant:** Implementation I is complete and much of the technology has been received. Waiting for budget approval for Implementation II, which will be mainly focused on musical instruments.
- **Employment Opportunities:** Positions for the 2021-2022 school year have been posted. We are scheduled to participate in the MSU Virtual Job Fair on Tuesday, March 16
- **Early Release Wednesday, March 17:** Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) will engage in learning focused on curriculum/instruction and crew/culture.
- **Spring Break Approaching:** Spring break begins Friday, March 26 and school resumes on Monday, April 5.
- **FCCA Teachers Nominated for Michigan Association of Public School Academies Teacher of the Year:** First grade teacher Anh Tran, Second grade teacher Chelsey Nolan and fifth grade teacher Jennifer Wilcox have been nominated for teacher of the year through MAPSA. This is very well-deserved recognition and good luck to each of them!
- **Celebrating School Social Worker Week:** Gabby Holmes-Scott is a superstar and we are fortunate to have her on the FCCA Crew. We will be celebrating her throughout the week.
- **CREW Celebrations:** On March 22 we will be celebrating our character traits of "Perseverance" and "Empathy" by recognizing students that portray these wonderful traits.

2. Grand Valley State University Update: Mr. Matt Cawood gave the update from Grand Valley.
 - Beginning April 1st, 2021 Board of Education meetings can be held in person with a virtual option available.
 - Board member training offered by GVSU is currently available.
 - The School Operations Survey that was conducted resulted in 41% of participants from all GVSU charter schools.
 - The legislative budget process is underway.
 - ESSER2 (Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief) anticipated funding has been announced.
 - Applications have been completed by Karima Amlani-Bostick and Renita Bingham for reappointment to the school board.
3. Flint Cultural Center Academy Committee Reports: Ms. Kay Schwartz provided an update from the Finance Committee meeting. The general budget has been revised and is up for approval later in the agenda.
4. From the Public:

Nikki Tell currently has a student that is a virtual learner and asked what student drop off and pickup looks like, and if returning students will have the opportunity to participate in the afterschool program. Mr. Lieske addressed her questions explaining before and after-school procedures and stated that he would get in touch with Mr. Fordham regarding the after-school program.
5. Correspondence: Mrs. Amy Tamalunas read an email received from the parent of Clarence and Clarissa Ruffin, Ashley Strozier.

G. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Reports, Recommendations, Resolutions:

- a. **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 John Henry, supported by Karima Amlani-Bostick. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

b. **Approval of Budget Amendment:** The General Fund budget has been revised to represent changes that need to be updated since last amendment. The Board Finance Committee has reviewed and supports the amendment of the Flint Cultural Center Academy General Fund. It is recommended that the budget amendment be approved. Moved by Kay Schwartz, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

c. **Reappointment of Flint Cultural Center Academy Board Members Karima Amlant-Bostick and Renita Bingham:** Board member terms for Karima Bostick and Renita Bingham are scheduled to expire at the end of this school year. Both board members have indicated they would like to be reappointed for an additional term and have completed the necessary paperwork. It is recommended that Karima Bostick and Renita Bingham be reappointed to serve an additional board term on the Flint Cultural Center Academy Board of Directors. Moved by John Henry, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 4-yes, 0-no.

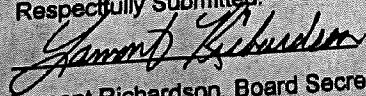
H. **Other Matters Which May Properly Come Before the Board (from Board Members):**

I. **Future Meeting Date:**

Next Regular Meeting: April 12, 2021
5:30 pm

J. **ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Lamont Richardson, supported by Renita Bingham, to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 pm. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully Submitted:



Lamont Richardson, Board Secretary

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