

FLINT CULTURAL CENTER ACADEMY

Board of Education

April 12, 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.

Approved Minutes

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATION: Eric Lieske

STAFF: Amy Tamalunas

OTHER GUESTS: Matt Cawood, Janice Tooson, Nikki Tell, Michael Fordham, 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 5:32 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, Rodney Lontine, Lamont Richardson, Kay Schwartz, Todd Slisher

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Lamont Richardson, supported by Rodney Lontine, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-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 7-yes, 0-no.

F. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Flint Cultural Center Academy Updates:

- **Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Update**
- **Attendance:**
 - March 8 93.67% (virtual) 94.59% (in-person)
 - March 15 90.74 (v) 90.41% (in-person)
 - March 22 94.45% (v) 91.54 (in-person)
 - April 5 88.39% (v) 88.28 (in-person)
- **Student Enrollment Application Lottery:** May 4, 2021 5:00 pm. Virtual. Zoom link will be sent ahead of time.
- **Better World Day March 7, 2021**
- **Kindergarten Round-Up:** June 2, 3, & 4
- **Summer Programming**
- **MDE CSP Grant Update:** Musical instruments are out for bid to include band, orchestra, steel drum and acoustic guitar club. April 15 progress report is underway and will be submitted this week. Drawing down of funds is underway.
- **M-STEP State Level Assessments**
- **Governor Whitmer's Key Investments in K-12 Education:** The Governor has proposed the COVID Recovery Plan, as well as her 2022 budget recommendations to the legislature, which calls for the largest investment in children and public education in Michigan's history. Mr. Lieske attended a virtual meeting that included representatives from the Governor's staff to better understand the Governor's proposed investments.
- **Spring Policy Updates:** Mr. Lieske is currently working on updating policy recommendations from the National Charter Schools Institute.

2. Grand Valley State University Update: Matt Cawood gave the update from Grand Valley State University.

- Board training for board members needs to be completed by June 30, 2021.
- The GVSU Board Reception is virtually scheduled for May 13, 2021. Zoom invitations have been sent.

- Across the State of Michigan, the School Operations Survey results showed that teachers are satisfied with their school. More than 80% of the Flint Cultural Center Academy teachers completed the survey with very positive results.
 - The technology reimbursement from GVSU of \$1,000.00 is given to the board to purchase equipment making board meeting more accessible to board members and the public virtually.
3. From the Public:
- Janice Tooson voiced her concern over the rising COVID-19 numbers in the area and asked if the school is considering extending the virtual option as it currently is. Mr. Lieske stated he would call Ms. Tooson the following day to discuss.
4. Correspondence: None

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 Kay Schwartz, supported by John Henry. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.
- b. Approval of the contract with Chartwells Dining Services for Flint Cultural Center Academy for the 2020-2021 school year.** Moved by Karima Amlani-Bostick, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.
- c. Acceptance of Contributions:** The following contributions/donations have been offered to the Academy:
- Kathleen Jae, a local author, donated 30 copies of her newest book, Elanora and the Salt Marsh Mystery to Ms. Lee's fourth grade students at the Academy.

We recommend you accept the contributions and direct the CEO to express the Board's gratitude in writing. Moved by Kay Schwartz, supported by Rodney Lontine. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

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

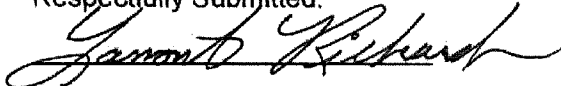
I. Future Meeting Date:

Next Regular Meeting: May 10, 2021
5:30 pm

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

J. ADJOURNMENT: Moved by John Henry, supported by Lamont Richardson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 pm. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully Submitted:



Lamont Richardson, Board Secretary

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