

FLINT CULTURAL CENTER ACADEMY

Board of Education

July 12, 2021

5:30pm

Flint Cultural Center Academy Conference Room

This meeting was 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
Lamont Richardson
Kay Schwartz
Todd Slisher

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rodney Lontine

ADMINISTRATION: Eric Lieske

STAFF: Amy Tamalunas

OTHER GUESTS: Matt Cawood, 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 5:35 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: John Henry, Lamont Richardson, Kay Schwartz, Karima Amlani-Bostick, Todd Slisher
- D. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Moved by Kay Schwartz, supported by Renita, to keep the current officers in place. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

- Todd Slisher – President
- Rodney Lontine – Vice President
- Kay Schwartz – Treasurer
- Lamont Richardson – Secretary
- John Henry – Member
- Renita Bingham – Member
- Karima Amlani-Bostick – Member

E. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was amended to remove item “g” in Action Items due to a duplication. Moved by Todd Slisher, supported by Kay Schwartz, to amend the agenda. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.

F. **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 5-yes, 0-no.

G. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. **Flint Cultural Center Academy Updates:** Flint Cultural Center Academy CEO Eric Lieske provided an update on the happenings of the Academy.
 - Summer programming started today and will run Monday – Friday through July 30th.
 - Staff professional development is scheduled for August 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12 from 8-3 at the academy.
 - CSP Grant Update
 - Kudos to custodians, food service and secretarial staff for their dedication over the summer.

2. **Grand Valley State University Update:** Grand Valley State University, charter school authorizer for FCCA, Matt Cawood provided a brief update.
 - The State of Michigan’s School Aid Budget passed.
 - The Board of Education training series continues, Mr. Cawood is open to suggestions for topics. He also stated that trainings will be virtual.

3. **From the Public:** None

4. **Correspondence:** None

H. **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Reports, Recommendations, Resolutions:**

- a. **Approval of Flint Cultural Center Academy Board Meeting Dates & Times:** A *draft* board meeting calendar was previously shared with board members. Typically, the board will meet on the second Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. with the exception of special meetings. **It is recommended to approve the 2021-2022 Flint Cultural Center Academy board meeting dates and times as presented.** . Moved by Kay Schwartz, supported by John Henry. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.
- b. **Approval of Posting Location for Calendar and Board Meeting Notices:** The Academy will post public notices and calendar information at the main entrance of the Academy and on the Academy's website at www.fccacademy.org. **It is recommended to approve notices to the public be posted at the Academy and on the Academy's website.** Moved by John Henry, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.
- c. **Approval of Depository:** The board must authorize agencies that may serve as depository(ies). **It is recommended that Huntington Bank continue to serve as the depository for the Flint Cultural Center Academy.** Moved by John Henry, supported by Karima Amlani-Bostick. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.
- d. **Adoption of Designating Principal Print Media Source:** Public schools are required to identify a print media source for posting pertinent information for public viewing. **It is recommended that the Flint Journal be utilized as the print media source for the Flint Cultural Center Academy.** Moved by Kay Schwartz, supported by John Henry. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.
- e. **Authorized Signatures:** Each year the Board must authorize the signatures of those persons who may sign checks upon the various accounts of the District. Personal, facsimile and electronic signatures may be used as authorized by the Board. **We recommend you authorize the Treasurer and/or CEO to sign all district checks, either by personal, facsimile or electronic signature.** Moved by Lamont Richardson, supported by John Henry. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.
- f. **Adoption Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer and/or Other Personnel Authorized to Negotiate and Implement Contracts with Service Providers (vendors):** Vendors with whom the Flint Cultural Center Academy works sometimes require evidence that the CEO is empowered by the Board to negotiate/implement contracts on behalf of

the Academy. **It is recommended that the Chief Executive Officer of the Flint Cultural Center Academy be authorized to negotiate and implement contracts with service providers (vendors).** Moved by Kay Schwartz, supported by John Henry. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.

g. Adoption of Calendar for Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Dates and Times: ~~A draft version of the proposed calendar for meeting dates and times for the Flint Cultural Center Academy Board meetings was distributed previously for review by board members. It is recommended that the 2020-2021 Flint Cultural Center Academy Board meeting calendar be approved.~~ Moved by _____, supported by _____. The motion was carried with a vote of _____ yes, 0-no.

h. Approval of the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar: A draft version of a proposed Flint Cultural Center Academy 2020-2021 school calendar was previously distributed to board members. The proposed school calendar meets/exceeds all statutory requirements set forth in the Michigan revised school code. **It is recommended that the 2021-2022 Flint Cultural Center Academy school calendar be approved.** Moved by Lamont Richardson, supported by Karima Amlani-Bostick. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.

i. Appointment of Title IX, and Civil Rights Coordinators: The Academy is required to appoint person(s) to fulfill the duties of these roles. **It is recommended that the appointment of Title IX and Civil Rights Coordinators be the CEO and/or School Social Worker.** Moved by Lamont Richardson, supported by Kay Schwartz. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.

j. Appointment of Freedom of Information Officer: The Academy is required to appoint person(s) to fulfill the duties of the Freedom of Information Officer. **It is recommended that the appointment of the Freedom of Information Officer be the CEO.** Moved by John Henry, supported by Kay Schwartz. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.

k. Reappointment and Appointment of Legal Counsel: We request that the board take action to approve the continuation of our affiliation with the law firm of Collins & Blaha, P.C. and the Thrun Law Firm, P.C. **It is recommended that the reappointment of Collins & Blaha, P.C. and Thrun Law Firm, P.C. to serve as Legal Counsel for the Flint Cultural Center Academy be approved.** Moved by Kay Schwartz, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.

I. Reappointment of External Auditor. The Board previously approved the appointment of Yeo & Yeo CPAs and Business Consultants to serve as the external auditor for the Flint Cultural Center Academy. **It is recommended that Yeo & Yeo be reappointed to serve as the External Auditor for the Flint Cultural Center Academy be approved.** Moved by Lamont Richardson, supported by Karima Amlani-Bostick. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.

m. Approval of Courses/Curriculum. The following curriculum/courses are utilized to meet the state level standards for teaching and learning at the Flint Cultural Center Academy:

- Grades K through 7: 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 credentials. 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!

It is recommended that the list of courses to be offered to students enrolled in the Flint Cultural Center Academy either face to face or through remote instruction be approved. Moved by Karima Amlani-Bostick, supported by John Henry. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.

n. Approval of Full Time Status: Grades K-7: Grades kindergarten through seventh are taught largely in self-contained classes, 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 or through remote instruction provided by the Flint Cultural Center Academy staff and receives instruction in the core subject areas of Math, Science, Social Studies, and Language Arts. **It is recommended that the adoption for determining a student's full-time status be approved.** Moved by Kay Schwartz, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.

I. **Other Matters Which May Properly Come Before the Board (from Board Members):** None

J. **Future Meeting Date:**

Next Regular Meeting: August 9, 2021, 5:30 pm

K. **ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by John Henry, supported by Todd Slisher, to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 pm. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully Submitted:



Lamont Richardson, Board Secretary

Flint Cultural Center Academy