

# FLINT CULTURAL CENTER ACADEMY

## Board of Education

January 10, 2022

5:30pm

Flint Cultural Center Academy Conference Room

## APPROVED MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Henry  
Rodney Lontine  
Lamont Richardson  
Kay Schwartz  
Todd Slisher

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Renita Bingham

**ADMINISTRATION:** Eric Lieske

**STAFF:** Amy Tamalunas

**OTHER GUESTS:** Matt Cawood, Karima Amlani-Bostick, Troy Finkbeiner, Shannon Peters, Dallche Wilson, Kitty Byron, Tiffany Daraiseh, Waleed Samarah, Candice Bender, Lenae Chambers

### **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 5:30 pm.
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by a group of first-grader FCCA scholars.
- C. ROLL CALL:** Amy Tamalunas read the roll. Members present: Karima Amlani-Bostick, John Henry, Rodney Lontine, Lamont Richardson, Kay Schwartz, Todd Slisher
- D. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Moved by Rodney Lontine, supported by John Henry, to keep the current officers in place. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.
- E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by Kay Schwartz, supported Lamont Richardson, to approve the agenda. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.
- F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Moved by Rodney Lontine, supported Lamont Richardson, to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2021, meeting. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.

## G. COMMUNICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. **School Board Member Recognition Month:** The month of January is identified as “School Board Member Recognition Month” and tonight a group of first grade scholars provided a presentation recognizing the great work and leadership the board members of the Flint Cultural Center Academy provide to our school. The students read the book “The Most Magnificent Thing” and presented the board members with artwork and gifts of appreciation.
2. **Flint Cultural Center Academy Updates:** Flint Cultural Center Academy CEO Eric Lieske will provide an update on the happenings of the Academy.
  - Temporary Virtual Learning Transition
  - MDE CSP Grant Update
  - Family Teacher Connection Crew Jan. 19
  - Report Cards/Second Semester
3. **Grand Valley State University Update:** Grand Valley State University, charter school authorizer for FCCA, Matt Cawood will provide a brief update.
  - The results from the school performance report are in and will be shared at the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - Academic grant money will be distributed later this month.
  - GVSU is continuing to offer board member training virtually.
- Board terms for John Henry and Lamont Richardson will expire in June.
4. **From the Public:** Visitors who wish to address the Board, and who are not already on the evening's agenda, may do so at this time.

*Individuals wishing to address the Board of Directors during the public comment period of this meeting are requested to sign in before the start of the meeting. Public comment is limited to no more than three (3) minutes per individual comment and thirty (30) minutes total. The Board will not verbally respond to public comments but may follow up in the most appropriate and time-effective manner. In general, issues raised by speakers will be referred to the CEO for investigation, study, and recommendation or designated as a future agenda item for board consideration.*

- Troy Finkbeiner – Troy is the Food Services Director at the Academy; he presented the board with a gift basket and expressed his appreciation of the leadership of the school board.

5. **Correspondence:** Mrs. Tamalunas will read correspondence for the Board which has been received in the past month.

## H. **ACTION ITEMS**

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

- a. **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 Kay Schwartz, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.
- b. **Adoption of Designated Principal Print Media Sources:** 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 John Henry, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.
- c. **Approval of Authorized Signatures:** Each year the Board must authorize the signatures of those persons who may sign checks upon the various accounts of the Academy. Personal, facsimile, and electronic signatures may be used as authorized by the Board. **We recommend authorizing the Treasurer and CEO to sign Academy checks, either by personal, facsimile, or electronic signature.** Moved by Rodney Lontine, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.
- d. **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 Karima Amlani-Bostick, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.
- e. **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 Flint Cultural Center Academy Board meeting calendar be approved.** Moved by Rodney Lontine, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.
- f. **Appointment of Title IX, Freedom of Information, 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, Freedom of Information, and Civil Rights Coordinators be to the CEO and/or his/her designee.** Moved by Kay Schwartz, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.

- g. Reappointment 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 the Thrun Law Firm, P.C. to serve as Legal Counsel for the Flint Cultural Center Academy be approved.** Moved by Lamont Richardson, supported by John Henry. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.
- h. 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 CPAs and Business Consultants be reappointed to serve as the External Auditor for the Flint Cultural Center Academy be approved.** Moved by John Henry, supported by Kay Schwartz. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.
- i. 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 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!

**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 virtual instruction be approved.** Moved by Rodney Lontine, supported by Kay Schwartz. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.

- j. Approval of Full Time Status:** Grades K-8: Grades kindergarten through seven are taught largely in self-contained classes, without specifically identified courses. Grade eight will be added upon the start of the 2022-2023 school year. 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 Rodney Lontine, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.

**k. Approval of Anticipated Seats Available for 2022-2023 School Year:** The number of anticipated students seats available for the upcoming school year are listed below:

- Kindergarten: 75
- First Grade: 0
- Second Grade: 2
- Third Grade: 1
- Fourth Grade: 3
- Fifth Grade: 0
- Sixth Grade: 0
- Seventh Grade: 0
- Eighth Grade: 0

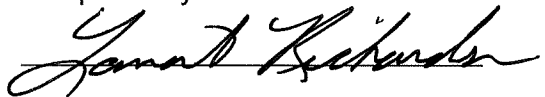
**It is recommended that the board approve the estimated number of open seats for the upcoming student enrollment process.** Moved by John Henry, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.

**I. OTHER MATTERS WHICH MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD**  
(from Board members)

**J. FUTURE MEETING DATE**  
Regular Scheduled Board Meeting: Monday, February 14, 2022, at 5:30 pm

**K. ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Lamont Richardson, supported by Kay Schwartz on, to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 pm. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully Submitted:



Lamont Richardson, Board Secretary

Flint Cultural Center Academy

