

# FLINT CULTURAL CENTER ACADEMY

## Board of Education

March 6, 2023

5:30 AM

Flint Cultural Center Academy

## APPROVED MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Renita Bingham  
Tracee Glab  
Rodney Lontine  
Lamont Richardson  
Kay Schwartz  
Todd Slisher

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Karirna Amlani-Bostick

**ADMINISTRATION:** Eric Lieske

**STAFF:** Amy Tamalunas, Chris Bilkos, Ryan Castiglione, Kathy Lee, Heather Cichon, Chelsey Nolan,

**OTHER GUESTS:** Matt Cawood, Amy Strang, Kotey Gibson, Deneen Gibson, Hannah Lessner, Zack Lessner

### **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.
- B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Todd Slisher.
- C. **ROLL CALL:** Amy Tamalunas read the roll. Members present: Renita Bingham, Tracee Glab, Rodney Lontine, Lamont Richardson, Kay Schwartz, Todd Slisher.
- D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by Rodney Lontine, supported by Lamont Richardson, to approve the agenda. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.
- E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Moved by Kay Schwartz, supported Renita Bingham, to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2023, meeting. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

## **F. COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. **Flint Cultural Center Academy Updates:** Flint Cultural Center Academy CEO Eric Lieske provided an update on the happenings at the Academy.
  - Mrs. Nolan introduced the 4th grade crew and they shared student projects.
  - Enrollment applications received: 867
  - Enrollment lottery: May 2 @ 5:30 p.m.
  - Genesee Early & Mott Middle College Presentation Tuesday, March 7 @ 6:00 p.m.
  - “Black History Month” Family Night Wednesday, March 8 @ 5:30
  - March is Reading Month: March Madness is in full swing.
  - Spring Break: March 27-31
  - MDE CSP Grant Update
    - Laptop carts
    - Chargers
    - Instruments
    - Camera (Digital and Document)
    - Screenbeams for casting
  - VEX Robotics State Competition @ Monroe Community College Sunday, March 12 (6 students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - M-STEP Assessments begins April 10 (new this year PSAT 8)
  - Plans underway to celebrate the end of the school year.
  - MSU Teacher Fair March 13
  - School Social Worker Appreciation Week March 5-11
  
2. **Grand Valley State University Update:** Grand Valley State University, charter school authorizer for FCCA, Matt Cawood will provide a brief update.
  - Reappointment of Todd Slisher, Rodney Lontine and Kay Schwartz
  - Virtual board training, March 27<sup>th</sup>: Understanding the Board Contract
  - Acceptance of the academic grant
  - GVSU board president retreat in Grand Rapids on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - Save the Date: Board reception held in Grand Rapids on May 8<sup>th</sup> and in Detroit on May 11<sup>th</sup>.
  
3. **Committee Reports:** Finance Committee chair Kay Schwartz provided an update on the Finance Committee meeting that met on February 20, 2023.
  
4. **From the Public:** None
  
5. **Correspondence:** None

## **G. ACTION ITEMS:**

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

- a. **Recommendation Reappointment of Board Members:** Board member terms for Todd Slisher, Rodney Lontine and Kay Schwartz are scheduled to expire at the end of this school year. Each board member has indicated they would like to be reappointed for an additional term and have completed the necessary paperwork. **It is recommended that Todd Slisher, Rodney Lontine and Kay Schwartz be reappointed to Serve an additional board term on the Flint Cultural Center Academy Board of Directors. Moved by Lamont Richardson, supported by Renita Bingham to approve the reappointment of board members. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.**
- b. **Approval of Flint Cultural Center Academy Budget Amendments:** In an effort to stay focused on the Academy's finances, a budget amendment has been completed for the General Fund and Food Services Funds. The Finance Committee has reviewed the amendment recommendations and supports the budget amendments for the General Fund and Food Service Fund. **We recommend approval of the Flint Cultural Center Academy Budget Amendment. Moved by Rodney Lontine, supported by Lamont Richardson to approve the budget amendments. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.**
- c. **Approval of the 2021-2022 Academy Grant Award** We recently received communication from Don Cooper, Assistant Vice President for Charter Schools at GVSU, that the Flint Cultural Center Academy has been awarded \$7740 for the K-8 Academic Grant. This grant is based upon board members attending training and student assessment performance. **We recommend that the GVSU K-8 Academic Grant in the amount of \$7,740 be approved. Moved by Kay Schwartz, supported by Lamont Richardson, to approve the 2021-2022 Academy Grant Award. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.**
- d. **Approval of Policy Updates for the Second Reading:** FCCA CEO Eric Lieske worked with Peggy Yates from the National Charter School Institute to review updates to board policies. The Board Development Committee met on January 6 to review the recommendations to the following policies:
- **6108** Authorization to Use Electronic Transfer of Funds and Automated Clearing House Arrangements
  - **6460** Vendor Relations
  - **9150** Academy Visitors

The Board Development Committee and the committee supports the policy revisions. **It is recommended that the policies brought forward**

**this evening be approved for a second reading. Moved by Renita Bingham, supported by Lamont Richardson to approve the policy updates for the second reading. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.**

**e. Offered seats available Approval of Anticipated Seats Available for 2023-2024 School Year:** The number of anticipated students seats available for the upcoming school year are listed below:

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

**It is recommended that the board approve the estimated number of open seats for the upcoming student enrollment process. Moved by Lamont Richardson, supported by Kay Schwartz to approve the anticipated seats available for the 2023-2024 school year. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.**

**f. Acceptance of Contributions:** The following contributions have been made to the Academy:

- Bruce and Lynn Koplin made a monetary donation in honor of their family members Robert and Mary VanDuyne. This generous donation of \$150.00 has been deposited in the Student Activity Account. **We recommend you accept the contributions and direct the CEO to express the Board's gratitude in writing. Moved by Rodney Lontine, supported by Lamont Richardson to approve the contribution. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.**

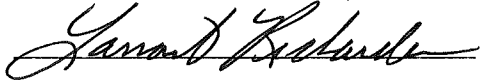
**H. Other Matters Which May Properly Come Before the Board (from Board Members):** None

**I. Future Meeting Date:**

Next Meeting: May 8, 2023, 5:30 pm

J. **ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Rodney Lontine, supported by Kay Schwartz on, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully Submitted;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lamont Richardson".

Lamont Richardson, Board Secretary

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