

FLINT CULTURAL CENTER ACADEMY

Board of Education

July 17, 2023

5:30 PM

Flint Cultural Center Academy

APPROVED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karima Amlani-Bostick
Renita Bingham
Tracee Glab
Rodney Lontine
Lamont Richardson
Todd Slisher

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kay Schwartz

ADMINISTRATION: Eric Lieske

STAFF: Amy Tamalunas

OTHER GUESTS:

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. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Tracee Glab made a motion to keep the slate of officers the same for the 2023-2024 school year; Todd Slisher – President, Rodney Lontine – Vice President, Kay Schwartz – Treasurer, Lamont Richardson – Secretary. The motion was supported by Lamont Richardson with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.
- C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Todd Slisher.
- D. **ROLL CALL:** Amy Tamalunas read the roll. Members present: Karima Amlani-Bostick (arrived 5:36), Renita Bingham, Tracee Glab, Rodney Lontine, Lamont Richardson, Todd Slisher.
- E. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by Karima Amlani-Bostick, supported by Lamont Richardson, to approve the agenda. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

F. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Moved by Renita Bingham, supported Lamont Richardson, to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2023, meeting. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

G. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. **Flint Cultural Center Academy Updates:** Flint Cultural Center Academy CEO Eric Lieske provided an update on the happenings at the Academy.

- Summer work
- MDE CSP Grant Update
- Professional Development (July 31, August 1, 2, 3, 7, 8 & 9)
- First Day of School August 14

2. **Grand Valley State University Update:** Grand Valley State University, charter school authorizer for FCCA, Matt Cawood will provide a brief update.

- Leadership transitions are taking place at GVSU
- Virtual board training will begin in September 2023. A full schedule will be available soon.

3. **From the Public:** None

4. **Correspondence:** None

H. **ACTION ITEMS:**

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

a. **Approval of naming Eric Lieske as Chief Administrative Officer:**

WHEREAS, Public Act 493 of 2000 amended certain budgeting-related sections of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act and made such sections applicable to a public-school academy established under Part 6A of the Revised School Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 2b of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (the "Act") requires the Board of Directors of a public school academy to designate, by resolution, a chief administrative officer for purposes of the Act with final responsibility for budget preparation, presentation of the proposed budget to the Academy Board and control of

expenditures under the adopted budget and general appropriations act; and

WHEREAS, the chief administrative officer under the Act is defined as “[a] person granted general administrative control of the public-school academy...or other person designated by the board of directors of the public-school academy” (MCL Section 141.422b);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Pursuant to the Michigan Uniform Budget and Accounting Act, the Board of Directors appoints Eric Lieske as the Academy’s Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the Academy.

All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

Moved by Karima Amlani-Bostick, supported by Lamont Richardson to approve the naming of Eric Lieske as Chief Administrative Officer. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-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 Karima Amlani-Bostick, supported by Rodney Lontine. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-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 Tracee Glab, supported by Karima Amlani-Bostick. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-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 Rodney Lontine, supported by Renita Bingham. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-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 President, Treasurer and/or CEO to sign all district checks, either by personal,**

facsimile or electronic signature. Moved by Renita Bingham, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

- f. Adoption Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer 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 Tracee Glab, supported by Karima Amlani-Bostick. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.
- g. 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 Coordinator(s) be the CEO and/or his/her designee.** Moved by Lamont Richardson, supported by Rodney Lontine. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.
- h. 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 Karima Amlani-Bostick, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.
- i. 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 Thrun Law Firm, P.C. to serve as Legal Counsel for the Flint Cultural Center Academy be approved.** Moved by Rodney Lontine, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.
- j. 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 Tracee Glab, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.
- k. 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-8: 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, Illustrative Mathematics, Zearn Math, Amplify Science, EL Education, LearnZillion, Microsoft Teams, Michigan Virtual, Stride Learning, Generation E-Sports, 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 Renita Bingham, supported by Karima Amlani-Bostick. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

- l. Approval of Full Time Status:** Grades K-8: Grades kindergarten through eighth 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 Karima Amlani-Bostick, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.
- m. Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Membership Approval:** The membership to the Michigan High School Athletic Association provides opportunities for student athletes throughout the state of Michigan. The membership is voluntary and free of cost but is necessary for our athletic teams to be eligible to participate in MHSAA-sponsored tournaments along with additional opportunities to form cooperative agreements with neighboring schools. **It is recommended that the MHSAA membership for 2023/2024 be approved.** Moved by Rodney Lontine, supported by Lamont Richardson. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.
- n. 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 Friday, June 23rd to review the recommendations to the following policies:

2623 Student Assessment
6325 Procurement-Federal Grants/Funds
7540.02 Web Accessibility, content, Apps, and Services
7540.03 Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
7540.04 Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
8305 Information Security
8315 Information Management
8390 Animals on Academy Property
8400 Academy Safety Information

The Board Development Committee supports the policy revisions. **It is recommended that the policies brought forward this evening be approved for a second reading.** Moved by Tracee Glab, supported by Rodney Lontine. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

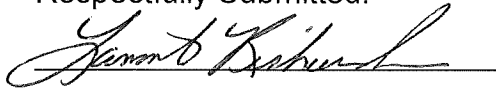
I. **Other Matters Which May Properly Come Before the Board** (from Board Members): None

J. **Future Meeting Date:**

Next Meeting: August 14, 2023, 5:30 pm

K. **ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Karima Amlani-Bostick, supported by Rodney Lontine on, to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 pm. The motion was carried with a vote of __ -yes, 0-no.

Respectfully Submitted:



Lamont Richardson, Board Secretary
Flint Cultural Center Academy