

RENAISSANCE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Board of Trustees

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 12:30 PM

Location: 299 Kirk Road Rochester, New York

MEETING MINUTES

Mission: *Renaissance Academy Charter School of the Arts will provide children an enriched and rigorous educational experience through the infusion of the humanities and arts rooted in a culture of high academic standards leading to success in college and careers.*

Welcome/Call to Order and Introductions

- **Members Present:** Steve Gordon, Bert Brinkerhoff, Lou Spiro, Alan Caine, Linda Dickey, Amy Reingold
- **Members Absent:** Natalie Washington, Tom Merkel, Aaron Rosen
- **Others Present:** Donna Marie Cozine, Craig Eichmann, Harry Marino, Alan Lockwood

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

[Note: *Single items can be removed from the list and considered separately at the request of a Board of Trustees member***]**

- **Motion 74.4 to approve Consent Agenda for Items listed below:**
- **(Motion to approve: February 26, 2020 Agenda.)**
- **(Motion to approve: Minutes from January 15, 2020 Board Meeting.)**
- **Motion to approve: Alan Caine Seconded: Lou Spiro**
- **Ayes: 6 Nays: 0**

Chief Educational Officer Report [Dr. Donna Marie Cozine]

- **Motion 74.5** to approve the Memorandum of Understanding to retain the Empire Charter Consultants (ECC) to provide a written renewal application for submission to the NYSED/NYS Board of Regents in alignment with the NYED's renewal
- **Motion to approve:** Bert Brinkerhoff **Seconded:** Lou Spiro
Roll call:
Steve Gordon – Yes
Lou Spiro – Yes
Bert Brinkerhoff – Yes
Alan Caine – Yes
Linda Dickey – Yes
Amy Reingold - Yes
- **Ayes: 6 Nays: 0**

Mrs. Kristin Loftus presented on the Key Design Element: A focus on numeracy and the eight mathematical practices followed by a brief Q&A.

Dr. Cozine provided the CEO report. A committee of staff will be assembled to look at K-2 ELA program, a number of which will be attending a workshop provided by the LIT institute in NYC.

At present, we have over 200 applications for enrollment next year. We anticipate many more before the lottery which will be in April.

Academic Committee Report [Tom Merkel]

Mr. Lou Spiro reported that the committee is taking data and determining the best method for showing data on a chart. The next time, a target line will be added to include Greece and RCSD scores. Both iReady and Math are represented in the data charts as well as data over time, by grade level, benchmark and interim assessments.

Development Committee Report [Ms. Amy Reingold]

Mrs. Amy Reingold reports that we are on track for all our goals. The Reach for the Stars Gala committee is working diligently to secure donations for the silent auction. Sponsors are coming along.

Finance Committee Report (Mr. Bert Brinkerhoff)

Mr. Bert Brinkerhoff reviewed the financials. We are right on target. The Nichols Team loan is presently at \$294,000 and our goal is to pay this obligation in full this fiscal year.

Human Resources Committee Report [Ms. Natalie Washington]

Mr. Lou Spiro reported that the committee is finishing up the CEO review. The committee would like Mr. Craig Eichmann to attend the next committee meeting to provide an overview of operations and human resources.

Governance Committee Report [Dr. Aaron Rosen]

- Motion 74.6: *The Renaissance Academy Charter School of the Arts Board of Trustees, having conducted a thorough criminal history record check via fingerprinting which is deemed acceptable by NYSED, and having discovered no State or federal criminal history, or having provided information regarding such history to NYSED, if found, and having verified that any academic and/or professional credential or qualification presented by the proposed member is genuine, and having reviewed the application in its entirety, has voted to select Cheryl Hayward as a member to its Board of Trustees, with a term expiring on February 26, 2024, pending approval by NYSED. The resolution approving CHERYL HAYWARD is adopted upon NYSED's approval.*
- **Motion to approve:** Bert Brinkerhoff **Seconded:** Amy Reingold
- **Ayes: 6 Nays: 0**

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Public Comments

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Gordon called for a motion to adjourn at 1:45 p.m.

Motion 74.7 to approve adjournment:

- **Motion to approve:** Alan Caine **Seconded:** Mr. Alan Caine
- **Ayes:** 6 **Nays:** 0