

# MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc.

Board Meeting: March 7, 2018

## School(s) Present:

Renaissance Charter School at Wellington

Renaissance Charter School at Pines

Renaissance Charter at University

Hollywood Academy of Arts/Science School

Renaissance Charter School at Plantation

Renaissance Charter School at Palm West

Renaissance Charter School at West Palm Beach

Renaissance Elementary Charter School

Keys Gate Charter High School

Duval Charter Scholars Academy

Duval Charter High at Bay Meadows

Duval Charter School at Bay Meadows

Duval Charter School at Coastal

Duval Charter at Mandarin

Duval Charter at Southside

Duval Charter at Westside

North Broward Academy of Excellence

North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School

Renaissance Charter School at Flagler Center

Renaissance Charter School at Central Palm  
Governors Charter Academy

Renaissance Charter School at Boggy Creek  
Hollywood Academy of Arts/Science Middle

Renaissance Charter School at Poinciana

Renaissance Charter School at Summit

Renaissance Middle Charter School

Renaissance Charter School at St. Lucie

Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs

Renaissance Charter School at Cooper City

Renaissance Charter School at Crown Point

Renaissance Charter at Chickasaw Trail

Renaissance Charter School at Tradition

Four Corners Upper School

Renaissance Charter School at Goldenrod

Renaissance Charter School at Tapestry

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Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
March 7, 2018	10:34am	12:05pm	April 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	10:30am	R. Weaver
<b>Meeting Location:</b>					
Renaissance Charter School at Boggy Creek, 4480 Boggy Creek Road. Kissimmee, FL 34744					
<b>Attended by:</b>					
<b>Board Members:</b>		<b>Other Attendees:</b>			
Ken Haiko, Chairman		Levi Williams, Board Attorney			
Dennis Clark, Vice-Chairman		April Williams, Regional Director of Education			
Tom Wheeler, Director		Rita Weaver, Board Governance Manager			
John O'Brien, Director		Vanessa Suarez, Principal			
Absent:		Jodi Evans, Principal			
Margaret (Peggy) Wells, Director		Bianca Brown, Principal			
Shane Strum, Director		Nate Mariano, Principal			
		Priscilla Mendez, Principal			
		Alma Lazarini, Principal			
		Denise Thompson, Principal			
		Brett Taylor, Principal			
		Hilary Daigle, VP Finance CSUSA			

	Lindsey Lennon, Controller, CSUSA Bill Poirer, CIO, CSUSA Mike Dorman, Dir. Of Security, CSUSA Rachel Windler-Frietag, VP Education, CSUSA Richard Page, CIO, CSUSA
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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 10:34am with a Call to Order by Chairman Ken Haiko. Roll call was taken and quorum established.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Tom Wheeler to amend the agenda and add item "Early Learning Development" to the agenda under New Business and move School Security to CSUSA Reports. Motion was passed unanimously. (4-0, 2 absent)**

### **I. ADMINISTRATIVE**

- Approval of the January 10, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the February 14, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

**MOTION: A motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the February 7, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes for Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Motion passed unanimously. (4-0, 2 absent)**

**MOTION: A motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by John O'Brien to approve the February 14, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes for Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Motion passed unanimously. (4-0, 2 absent)**

### **II. CSUSA REPORTS**

#### School Security

- Bill Poirer and Mike Dorman introduced themselves and their qualifications for security.
- Mr. Dorman reviewed the existing security plan with the board for each school, as well as advised the board on where policies could be found in addition to specific training Mr. Dorman presented to the Principals of the South Florida Region. Mr. Wheeler suggested that the training not be upon request, but rather be a mandatory training for all Principals.
- Mr. Dorman reported that due to recent events in Parkland, the security team is taking a deep dive, school-by-school and putting together a comprehensive security upgrade plan for each school and will bring the plan back to the board once it is completed.
- Mr. Wheeler and the rest of the board requested that the schematics of each school be delivered to local law enforcement. Also, that any funding that comes down from the state will be monitored closely.

#### NWEA Winter Results

- Meredith Ross presented an overview of the NWEA Winter results for the board's portfolio of schools by region. The results indicated lowered test results in Math across



the school portfolio as well as the CSUSA network of schools. The Regional Directors and CSUSA are aligned with the areas within Math and areas of Professional Development.

#### ASAP Schools Update

- Mr. Jackson Self, Principal at Renaissance Central Palm, reported to the board the winter to fall NWEA results. Opportunities for improvement include expanded tutoring and professional development for students and instructors, respectively.
- Ms. Vanessa Suarez, interim Principal of Renaissance Charter School at Chickasaw Trail presented the NWEA Winter results in comparison to the Fall Results, and will utilize the 21<sup>st</sup> Century grants and instructional software to improve results.
- Jim Simpson, Principal at Governors Charter Academy, reported NWEA winter results including his goals for improving results which involve specific and individualized student instruction and very small group sessions.
- Mr. Rodney Hull, Principal at Keys Gate Charter High School, reported to the board that the High School didn't test on the NWEA platform this year, but has taken the PSA and that data indicates growth in science and ELA, and based on the scores they will be targeting small groups to provide additional instructions. The scores also indicated high growth in 12<sup>th</sup> grade which will assist in the graduation rate.
- Mr. Sheriffe Humphrey, Principal at Renaissance Charter School at Plantation, presented the winter NWEA results and his focus based on the data is to ensure that targeted students focus on reading comprehension of the math word problem and utilize critical thinking skills in addition to computation skills to solve and improve results.

### **III. FINANCIALS**

#### Q2 Financial Review

- Damon Schnurr presented the Q2 financial review for the board's portfolio of schools. HB 7069 funds have been included in the financials and note that many of the deficits are caused by a decrease in enrollment. All questions were answered by Mr. Schnurr.

**MOTION: A motion was made by John O'Brien and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the Q2 2018 Financial Review, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### FY18 Amended Budgets

- The board was presented the following SY2017-18 Budgets for amendment:
  - Governors Charter Academy
  - Renaissance Charter School at Central Palm
  - Renaissance Charter School at Cypress
  - Renaissance Charter School at Palms West
  - Renaissance Charter School at Summit
  - Renaissance Charter School at West Palm Beach

The board discussed the proposed amended budgets and all questions were answered by Mr. Schnurr.

**MOTION: An in globo motion was made by John O'Brien and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the list amended budgets, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

##### Early Learning Development

- Richard Page, CIO CSUSA, presented to the board an opportunity to implement Early Learning Development programs in some of the board's schools and CSUSA and the board, would partner with a third-party to run the early learning program on the schools' property. This type of partnership is beneficial to the board in that it assists in creating an enrollment pipeline and ensures that the incoming students are better prepared. The board attorney will work with CSUSA to draft the appropriate lease agreements and ensure appropriate liability coverages. The schools that will initially be a part of this program are:
  - Renaissance Charter School at Central Florida
  - Renaissance Charter School at Boggy Creek
  - Renaissance Charter School at Palms West
  - Renaissance Charter School at Cypress
- All questions were answered by Mr. Page.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by John O'Brien to authorize CSUSA to finalize terms and conditions with Kid Orange Tech to implement an Early Learning Program at the above-mentioned schools and to authorize Chairman Haiko to execute the required documents. Motion passed unanimously.**

##### CSP Manual Approval

- Rita Weaver presented the CSP Manual that includes documents approved at previous meetings. This was a specific request from the Florida DOE and is approval of the manual format with cover pages for each school. The schools included for this approval are: Renaissance Charter School at Boggy Creek and Renaissance Charter School at Crown Point. All questions were answered by Ms. Weaver.

**MOTION: Motion was made by John O'Brien and Dennis Clark to approve the CSP Manual for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

##### Lease Amendment, Renaissance Charter School at Boggy Creek

- Levi Williams, board attorney, presented to the board an amendment to the lease agreement with Renaissance Charter School at Boggy Creek and Red Apple Development. The fee structure is being reduced to assist with the school's budget deficit. All questions were answered by Mr. Williams.

**MOTION: Motion was made by John O'Brien and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the Lease Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Renaissance Charter School at Boggy Creek and Red Apple Development, Inc., as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

- There was no Old Business.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Mrs. Milena Szebo, parent of a student from Renaissance Charter School at Wellington addressed the board.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Dennis Clark to adjourn the Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc. March 7, 2018 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**



Ken Haiko, Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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