

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc.

Board Meeting: June 25, 2021

School(s):

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

Palms West Charter School

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

Duval 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 Hunters Creek

Renaissance Charter School at Crown Point

Renaissance Charter School at Cypress

Renaissance Charter at Chickasaw Trail

Renaissance Charter School at Tradition

Four Corners Upper School

Renaissance Charter School at Goldenrod

Renaissance Charter School at Tapestry

The minutes of Sunshine Law meetings need not be verbatim transcripts of the meeting. These minutes are a brief summary of the events of the meeting.

Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
June 25, 2021	10:03am	10:53am	June 25, 2021	10am	R. Weaver
Meeting Location:					
Schools listed above.					
Attended by:					
Board Members: Ken Haiko, Chairman Dennis Clark, Vice-Chairman Billie Miller, Director Paul Sallarulo, Director Pat Smith, Director Tom Wheeler, Treasurer			Other Attendees: Dr. David Christiansen, Chief of Schools, CSUSA Dr. Eddie Ruiz, State Director of Florida Rita Weaver, Board Governance Director, CSUSA Levi Williams, Board Attorney Rachel Windler-Freitag, Area 1 Deputy Director Myrna Laine Hypolite, Sr. Vice President, FP&A Penny Walcott, State Finance Director Lechyana Knight, State Finance Director		
Absent: John O'Brien, Director					

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 10:03am with a Call to Order by Chairman Ken Haiko. Roll call was taken, and quorum established.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Meeting Minutes

- The board reviewed the meeting minutes for the May 25, 2021 Renaissance Charter School, Inc. board meeting.

MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the May 25, 2021 meeting of the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. board, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 1 absent)

II. CSUSA REPORTS

State Director Update

- Dr. David Christiansen, Chief of Schools, reported to the board CSUSA has had some staffing changes and discussed the Principal at Keys Gate Charter High School will be Daniel Verdier, formerly at Renaissance Charter School at Pines, and that he will be over the 6-12 grades which include grades under the Florida Charter Education Foundation, Inc. governing board.
- Dr. Eddie Ruiz updated the board on the staffing of other staff member, Steve Epstein, David McKnight, and April Williams who will be Directors of School Support supporting talent acquisition specifically targeting the goal of 100% certified teachers at schools. Additionally, Nate Mariano will be the Director of ELL. Dr. Ruiz announced also that CSUSA is expanding Areas and adding a 5th Deputy and those Area Deputies will be as follows: Area 1 Rachel Windler-Freitag, Area 2 Dr. Patrick Galowtowitsch, Area 3 Jodi Evans, Area 4 Dr. Sara Capwell, and Area 5 Christina Hamlin.
- The Board had a robust discussion regarding certified teachers and ELL students/teachers and asked to bring back the following: Julie Alm to present, Certified Teacher Report: those teachers with a 4-year degree, statement of eligibility, fully certified, and out of field.

Innovative Education Model

Innovative Learning Pilot

- Rita Weaver reviewed with the board the new legislature from the session which should be signed by July 1, 2021, by Governor DeSantis. Senate Bill 1028 provides for curriculum changes to align with what is being done under the current Executive Order. Senate Bill 1108 creates the Innovative Blended Learning and Real-Time Student Assessment Pilot Program, which involves the combination of in-person and remote students in the same

classroom environment. Mrs. Weaver outlined that CSUSA intends to leverage its best teachers and Principals to implement blended learning to enhance its core curriculum.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve and education model that has a blended learning element, for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 1 absent)

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Tom Wheeler to direct CSUSA to apply on behalf of Renaissance Charter School, Inc., for the Innovative Blended Learning Pilot with the Florida Department of Education, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (5-0, 1 absent)

Spring Surveys

- Yolanda Thomas, Director of Strategy, reviewed the Spring Survey results for CSUSA as a network, and the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools. The board requested year to year comparison percentages in the survey results moving forward.
- The Board reviewed the surveys, and all questions were answered by Ms. Thomas.

III. FINANCIALS

Q3 Financial Review

- The Board reviewed the Q3 Financial Review with Penny Walcott.
- Ms. Walcott reviewed the financials with Treasurer Dennis Clark at a separate meeting and Mr. Walker reiterated he met with the finance team and they reviewed the financials line by line item, discussing revenue and expense, and the shortfall in enrollment by school, and all questions were answered by Ms. Walcott.

MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Pat Smith to approve the Q3 FY21 Financial Review of the Renaissance Charter School, Inc., as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 1 absent)

FY21 Support Center Cost Reimbursement

- The board reviewed with Myrna Laine-Hyppolite the FY21 Support Center Cost Reimbursement schedule.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Pat Smith to approve the FY21 support center cost reimbursement schedule for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 1 absent)

FY22 Budget Review

- Penny Walcott reviewed the FY22 Budgets for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools. Mr. Clark, the Board's Treasurer, reviewed the budgets in a prior pre-call and reviewed the projections and assumptions for each school, as well as capital outlay and teacher salaries.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Billie Miller to approve the FY22 Budget Review for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 1 absent)

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Charter Growth Funding Memorandum of Understanding

- The Board reviewed the MOU and GEER School allocations for their schools and discussed filing the MOU on time.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Tom Wheeler to ratify the Charter Growth Funding Memorandum of Understanding for Renaissance Charter School, Inc. eligible schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 1 absent)

Teacher Certificate Extensions

- The Board reviewed the extension letters for teacher certificates that were expiring to determine warranting an extension of the expiration date.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Paul Sallarulo to ratify the teacher certificate extension letters for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 1 absent)

FDFC 2013 Bond Letter

- The Board reviewed the FDFC 2013 Bond Letter.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Dennis Clark to ratify the FDFC 2013 Bond Letter for Renaissance Charter School, Inc., as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 1 absent)

ESSER II Grant Budgets

- The Board reviewed the ESSER II Grant Budgets submitted.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Paul Sallarulo to ratify the ESSER II budget allocations for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 1 absent)

V. NEW BUSINESS

Renaissance Middle Charter School Expansion

- Rachel Windler-Freitag and Principal Maria Torres presented to the board Renaissance Middle Charter School #13-6028 has met all conditions necessary for high-performing charter school status under §1002.331, F.S., to serve up to 1,050 students in grade 6 - 12 for the 2022-23 school year. In order to accommodate this expansion, the school will relocate

to a new campus located at 1501 Northwest 110th Avenue, Sweetwater, FL 33172. With these changes we are also going to change the official name of the school to Renaissance Upper Charter School.

- This request is based on FS 1002.331 which states that a high-performing charter school can expand grade levels within kindergarten through grade 12 to add grade levels not already served. The board requested to see a parent survey.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the expansion of Renaissance Middle Charter School from 5-8 grades served to grades 6-12 for the 2022-2023 school year under FS1002.331 high-performing status, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 1 absent)

Prodigy ELC Enrollment Agreement

- Rita Weaver updated the board of legislation, Senate Bill 1028 that allows for and enrollment preference with a contracted ELC (early learning center). The board reviewed the enrollment agreement with Prodigy ELC.
- The Board discussed University authorizers also in Senate Bill 1028.

MOTION: Motion was made by Pat Smith and seconded by Billie Miller to approve enrollment agreement with Prodigy ELC and Renaissance Charter School, Inc., portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 1 absent)

Mental Health Plan

- The board reviewed the mental health plan and the updates in accordance with 2021 legislation.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the Mental Health Plan for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc., portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 1 absent)

Parent/Student Handbook

- The Board reviewed the Parent/Student handbook and the policies contained within.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Pat Smith to approve the Parent/Student handbook for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc., portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 1 absent)

Security Policies

- The board reviewed the security policies which include threat assessment policy, which includes compliance with the involuntary evaluation language in FS590, requirements, and documentation, the mobile tool (Alyssa's law-using AT&T Mutualink, one of the state's pre-approved vendors), School Environmental Safety Incident Policy, and Active Assailant Policy and the Master Security Policy which meets and exceeds the requirements set forth in FS1006.12 (MSD Legislation).

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the Security Policies in accordance with FS1006.12 for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc., portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 1 absent)

Reading Plan

- The board reviewed the CSUSA Reading Plan.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billy Miller and seconded by Pat Smith to adopt CSUSA Reading Plan for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc., portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 1 absent)

2021-2022 Board Meeting Schedule

- The Board reviewed the 2021-2022 Board Meeting Calendar. The board added July 14, 2021 at 9a to the meeting schedule.

MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the 2021-2022 Board Meeting Calendar for Renaissance Charter School, Inc., as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 1 absent)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- The board chair called for public comments. There were no public comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Chairman Haiko adjourned the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. June 25, 2021 board meeting at 11:42am.



Ken Haiko, Chairman

Date: _____

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