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Rochester Academy Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Friday May 1, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Location
Central Office Conference Room

Trustees Present
C. Sampson, S. Al, T. Wright, W. Middleton

Trustees Absent
G. Tillery, J. Santos

Guests Present
D. Ozcan, J. Doyle, M. Demirtas, Z. Ercan

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

W. Middleton called a meeting of the board of trustees of Rochester Academy Charter School to order on Friday May 1, 2026 at 5:18 PM.

C. Public Comment Session

D. Approve Minutes

S. Al made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 03-27-26.
T. Wright seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Review the Renewal Report and Action Plan

W. Middleton presented the proposed action plan. Following this, M. Demirtas provided a comparative analysis of RACS growth rates against state averages, highlighting that the 2025 Cohort surpassed state benchmarks in all Regents subject areas.

II. Academic Excellence

A. Monthly Topic

J. Doyle presented the Wildly Important Goal (WIG) scoreboard and outlined the Professional Development Plan for the upcoming year. She noted that the plan was developed collaboratively, incorporating strategic input from both teachers and school leadership.

III. Community Outreach

A. Presentation of Monthly School Activities Report

Z. Ercan presented the monthly school activities report.

IV. Finance and Facilities

A. Enrollment

M. Demirtas provided current enrollment data, noting the school will achieve its target average.
Z. Ercan presented the outlook for the next academic year, highlighting ongoing recruitment efforts to ensure full enrollment.

B. Payroll Services vs. Insurance Quotes

M. Demirtas and D. Ozcan presented a cost-benefit analysis comparing potential savings from a broker change versus PEO services. The Board deferred a final decision until the May meeting, requesting additional information to further evaluate PEO option.

C. 26-27 Budget Process

The Board will continue its review of the budget. It was noted that the final budget remains pending as the state has not yet finalized the per-pupil aid figures.

D. Electrical Work for MS A/C System

C. Sampson made a motion to select CM Armitage to perform the required electrical work for the middle school cooling system installation.
T. Wright seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Windows Project Additional Cost

C. Sampson made a motion to approve the additional cost for the middle school windows project.
T. Wright seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. Furniture Proposals

C. Sampson made a motion to select Intivity for the procurement of furniture for the middle school classrooms.
S. Al seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

G. Financials

D. Ozcan presented the monthly financial report.

V. Governance

A. Discuss Professional Development Opportunities

The board decided to view the board recruiting and orientation training for the next month.

B. Review the Proposed School Calendar for the 2026-2027 School Year

C. Sampson made a motion to approve the proposed academic calendar for the 2026–27 school year.
S. Al seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Other Business

A. Employee Changes Review

C. Sampson made a motion to approve the staffing changes.
S. Al seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VII. Closing Items

A. Board Meeting Evaluation

The meeting was well-paced and concluded within the allotted time. The interpersonal dynamics and informal exchanges fostered a positive and productive environment.

B.

Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Demirtas