

# Rochester Academy Charter School

## **Minutes**

**Board Meeting** 

Date and Time Friday May 20, 2016 at 6:00 PM

## Location

APPROVED

Portland

Trustees Present D. Calder, G. Aktas, J. Santos, M. Gedemenli, M. Guler, W. Middleton, Y. Bilgic

Trustees Absent
None

**Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened** J. Santos

**Guests Present** D. Ozcan, M. Demirtas

## I. Opening Items

## A. Record Attendance and Guests

## B. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Gedemenli called a meeting of the board of trustees of Rochester Academy Charter School to order on Friday May 20, 2016 at 6:05 PM.

#### C. Approve Minutes

M. Guler made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 04-15-16 Board Meeting on 04-15-16.

G. Aktas seconded the motion.

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

#### II. Academic Excellence

#### A. AEC Recommendations

Discussion of AEC recommendations:

1) Elementary School extension will be added to our renewal application

2) What kind of metrics can we use for assessing performance and accomplishments in STEM education: enrollment and activities

J. Santos arrived.

Joann tells us that there aren't a lot of specific metrics aside from participation in the program

#### **B.** Director's Report

343 Students; average will be 355 for the entire year, so we have maintained our metric

#### C. Student Directory

Discussion of creating a student directory; Strong sentiment against creating such a directory, especially if it contains students' address and telephone numbers. The Board decided not to create a directory.

#### D. New Daily Schedule

Staff will be working 1/2 hour less next year than they do this year: There will be 8 47 minute periods MTThF, \* 33 minute periods on Wednesday, with meetings from 1:51 until 4:00.

Teachers will work from 8AM-4PM.M. Guler made a motion to approve the new school schedule.D. Calder seconded the motion.The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### III. Finance, Facilities & Audit

#### A. Financials

We have received 92% of our budgeted income. We have expended 82% of our budgeted expenses. Currently we have \$375,312 surplus. By end of the year we will exceed our budget \$137,941 (from account surplus). We have spent \$344,588 on technology improvements. We will have \$870,000 on hand at the end of the year. \$2,231,502 assets including \$500k fixed assets. Total liabilities of \$344,456. 6/30 we will have \$870,000 on hand.

#### B. SUNY Research Program

RACS has a partnership with SUNY Oswego Summer High School research program; the program will continue. RACS pays \$7500 dollars for six students staying for four weeks.

#### **IV. Governance**

#### A. Board Member Renewal

Yusuf and Gungor's terms will expire at the end of this academic year.

M. Guler made a motion to renew for three years the appointments of Yusuf and Gungor to the board.

J. Santos seconded the motion.

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

#### B. Board Retreat 2016

First Saturday of August (6 Aug.) for retreat; venue will be determined

#### V. Other Business

#### A. New Hire/Resignations

Spanish Teacher resigned and had to be replaced, hired a social media specialist M. Guler made a motion to approve the new hires of substitute Spanish teacher and social media specialist.

D. Calder seconded the motion.

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

#### **VI. Closing Items**

#### A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, W. Middleton