

Rainbow Dreams Academy Charter School

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

The meeting was called to order via teleconference at 6:04 pm by the Board Chair, Diane Pollard and Roll Call was taken.

PRESENT: DaWanda Thomas, Theodore Parker, III, Jackie Ingram, Todd McGuire and Eric Cole.

GUESTS: Janice Henry, Executive Director-Rainbow Dreams Early Learning Academy and Jason Haywood.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - N/A

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - It was moved by Theodore Parker, III and seconded by DaWanda Thomas to adopt the agenda; motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – It was moved by Theodore Parker, III and seconded by Eric Cole to approve the minutes from the previous meeting (11/09/21) with no additions/corrections; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 'S REPORT - Janice Henry reported on the following operational areas:

- **Celebrations**
 - Monthly Awards Ceremony
 - Safety Star Award – 4 Kindergarten students fully vaccinated and given gift cards to Wendy's.

- **Student Updates/Achievement Information**
 - Current Enrollment: 53
 - WIDA** (World Class Instructional Design & Assessment) Testing (February 1-4, 2022)
 - Nevada Reading Week (February 28, 2022-March 4, 2022)
 - NWEA** (North West Educational Assessment) Kindergarten Test Prep (February 21-28, 2022)
 - MAP** (Measure of Academic Progress) Testing (March 7-25, 2022)

- **COVID -19 Updates/Protocol**
 - 10 day quarantine for unvaccinated – CDC High-risk recommendations.
 - *Students may have immune-compromised family members or underlying conditions.
 - *Many are too young for vaccinations.
 - *5 day Quarantine for Fully vaccinated (within the last six months) or COVID-19 recovered (within last 2 months) per CDC recommendations.
 - *Maintaining high sanitation standards using products approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
 - *COVID Testing every Monday administered by *BEECHTREE LABORATORIES*.

- **Human Resources**
New Hire: Kaley Cross – Teaching Assistant
Additional Aides needed to cover Lunch Periods and Teacher Prep Time
- **Professional Development Series/Curriculum**
Training offered during the five (5) day Quarantine & Isolation Guidance mandated by Clark County School District (CCSD):
 - *Gender Diverse Identities and Expression
 - *AB 371 Training: Race based discrimination
 - *NARCAN Training (use of Naloxone Nasal Spray)
 - *Using Positive Guidance for an Inclusive, Collaborative Classroom
 - * Understanding Emotional Development
 - *Understanding and Responding to Challenging behaviors
 - * Encouraging and Supporting Learning at home
- **Facilities Update** – Lighting in playground and parking lot areas not functioning. Requests for price quotes have been submitted for repair/replacement – awaiting response.
- **Equipment** – No action
- **Technology** – No Action
- **Title 1 Funds** – Allocation for 2022-23: \$25,816.00, 1% Parent Involvement Set Aside \$258.16
2022-2023 Title 1 Budget Allocation Meeting – January 28, 2022
2022-2023 Final Title 1 Budget Allocation Meeting – January 31, 2022
- The Executive Director has requested security for the building and grounds.

FINANCIAL REPORT – After some discussion, it was moved by Jackie Ingram and seconded by Theodore Parker, III to table the financial report to next meeting; motion carried.

HOLD HARMLESS REPORT

The impact of COVID-19 on the Clark County School District in particular and our nation in general has been devastating. The hardship created by the pandemic relating to teacher and staff retention has made it difficult to complete repayment within the timeframe originally agreed upon. To date, we have repaid \$192,632.98 with a remaining balance of \$160,265.96.

The Board submitted a letter to James Kirkpatrick, Director, District Support Services, Nevada Department of Education (NDE) requesting an extension or deferment to repay monies resulting from overpayment of DSA funds. A request to grant an extension for payment to April 30, 2022 has been made.

HOLD HARMLESS REPORT cont'd.

We have applied for several Covid Recovery Assistance Grants and anticipate a response in the coming weeks. If grants are received, we will be able to pay the remainder of our outstanding balance in full by April 30, 2022.

With the request for a change in repayment dates, Dan Tafoya of the Charter School Office, has stated he cannot recommend that our Charter be renewed on February 28, 2022. Rainbow Dreams Academy has met three (3) of the four (4) criteria: Academics, Organizational, and Plan for Charter School for the next charter term. We will not be able to meet the Financial criteria until April 30, 2022.

The Board Chair has had discussion with William Barton, Chief Academic Officer (CCSD) to determine if RDA could be added to the Charter Renewal Packet following the April payment. It was understood and agreed that during the heart of the pandemic in 2020, CCSD requested RDA to retain teachers and staff in an effort to reduce financial hardship for their families. RDA honored that request and now faces the dilemma of having to repay the State Department of Education who has denied our request for a Hold Harmless Agreement.

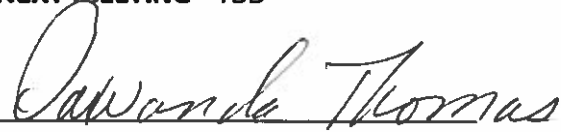
William Barton has been granted permission to address these special circumstances with the State Department of Education officials. Once a written report is received, the document will be shared with the Governing Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - N/A

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/CONCERNS - N/A

With no further business to discuss, it was moved by Todd McGuire and seconded by Jackie Ingram to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 pm.

NEXT MEETING - TBD


DaWanda Thomas, Secretary

January 31, 2022