

**RISING STARS ACADEMY**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 21, 2022**

1. Call to Order: 6:33 pm  
Attendance: Bob Nowak, Charisse Cossu-Kowalski, Annette Duda, Robert Spada, Debbie Prentiss, Mark Prentiss, Marsha Salome, Lori Mochty  
ABSENT: Susan Uhl, Board Member
2. Citizen Non-Agenda Items: None.
3. Communication: None.
4. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 20, 2022
  - a. Motion by Rob Spada
  - b. Supported by Charrise Cossu-Kowalski
  - c. Roll Call: 4 Yes 0 No – approved by Bob Nowak, Charisse Cossu-Kowalski, Annette Duda, and Robert Spada  
ABSENT: Susan Uhl

**FINANCIAL**

5. Acknowledgement of receipt of check register January, 2022
  - a. Motion by Charrise Cossu-Kowalski
  - b. Supported by Annette Duda
  - c. Roll Call: 4 Yes 0 No – approved by Bob Nowak, Charisse Cossu-Kowalski, Annette Duda, and Robert Spada  
ABSENT: Susan Uhl
6. Business Manager Report  
Lori Mochty of MMA reviewed January, 2022 state aid, millage check, checks that went out, fees, building and land contract costs, payroll, and the bank balance. All unpaid bills listed in financials. Discussion about \$100,000 grand (line 94) hoping to arrive in March. Discussion of 11(t) grant. Debbie Prentiss stated not yet applied for. Application comes out March 15, 2022. Grant purpose is to help remediate gaps in learning. It may have a timeframe to use. Have to continue “maintenance of effort”.
7. Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Refunding Bond
  - a. Motion by Rob Spada
  - b. Supported by Charisse Cossu-Kowalski
  - c. Roll Call: 3 Yes 1 No – approved by Charisse Cossu-Kowalski, Annette Duda, and Robert Spada. Bob Nowak voted No.  
ABSENT: Susan Uhl

Debbie Prentiss explained a resolution was needed to enter into purchasing the building. No mortgage/no approval. Appraisal was to be 2/18/22; however, school closed due to bad weather. Center Line’s appraisal was at \$1,000,000; Debbie and Mark

Prentiss' appraisal was at \$575,000. The building has to appraise for 70% value of the loan or \$890,000 per Mark Prentiss or Huntington Bank will not do the loan. Center Line would not authorize for residential purposes, only for a school; however, size and demographics of lot prohibits many being interested. Bob Nowak asked if board wants to commence with refinance. Debbie Prentiss stated that the appraisal will cost \$3,000. The board voted to support the continuation of the process for the resolution authorizing issuance of refunding bond.

8. Building and Grounds Report

Discussion ensued about the parking lot and Center Line caring for same during inclement weather.

9. Superintendent Report (Verbal)

Debbie Prentiss discussed snow days and waiver for state. Discussion of tours and how to retain/attract students. Debbie Prentiss stated she does not want online instruction in the fall. If someone would need same, she would want to provide homebound services. She also stated it would have to be for a medical reason. Debbie also discussed the cancellation of the spaghetti dinner due to weather, upcoming visit to the Shrine Circus, and monthly newsletters. She stated social media explodes when videos of students in action are posted. Debbie also discussed that she asked for approval of, and was granted, renting goats to consume the thistle in the garden.

10. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Moved by Charisse Cossu-Kowalski

Supported by Annette Duda

Meeting ended: 7:34 p.m.