

**RISING STARS ACADEMY**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**JULY 21, 2022**

1. Call to Order: Start Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Attendance: Robert Spada, Susan Uhl, Jennifer Faunce, Charisse Cossu-Kowalski, Deborah Prentiss, Mark Prentiss, Lori Mochty, Joe Haynes, Marsha Salome  
ABSENT: Annette Duda  
Meeting ran by Charisse Cossu-Kowalski since no President (former retired) and no Vice President (ABSENT) were present.
2. Motion to Appoint Ms. Jennifer Faunce to the Vacant Board Seat
  - a. Motion made by Robert Spada
  - b. Supported by Susan Uhl
  - c. Roll Call Vote: 3 Yes 0 No – approved by Charisse Cossu-Kowalski, Robert Spada, Susan Uhl
3. ALL Board Members Take Oath of Office for 2022-23 School Year  
Robert Spada, Susan Uhl, Jennifer Faunce, and Charisse Cossu-Kowalski sworn in.  
Annette Duda was absent. Will be sworn in at the August 18, 2022 board meeting.
4. Motion to Elect School Board President
  - a. Motion made by Charisse Cossu-Kowalski to appoint Robert Spada as President for 22/23 school year
  - b. Supported by Susan Uhl
  - c. Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes 0 No – approved by Robert Spada, Susan Uhl, Jennifer Faunce, and Charisse Cossu-Kowalski
5. Motion to Elect School Board Vice President
  - a. Motion made by Susan Uhl to appoint Annette Duda as Vice President for 22/23 school year
  - b. Supported by Jennifer Faunce
  - c. Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes 0 No – approved by Robert Spada, Susan Uhl, Jennifer Faunce, and Charisse Cossu-Kowalski
6. Motion to Elect School Board Secretary
  - a. Motion made by Susan Uhl to appoint Charisse Cossu-Kowalski as Secretary for 22/23 school year
  - b. Supported by Robert Spada
  - c. 4 Yes 0 No – approved by Robert Spada, Susan Uhl, Jennifer Faunce, and Charisse Cossu-Kowalski

7. Motion to Elect School Board Treasurer
  - a. Motion made by Charisse Cossu-Kowalski to appoint Susan Uhl as Treasurer for 22/23 school year
  - b. Supported by Robert Spada
  - c. Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes 0 No – approved by Robert Spada, Susan Uhl, Jennifer Faunce, and Charisse Cossu-Kowalski
8. Citizen Non-Agenda Items: None.
9. Communication: None.
10. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 16, 2022
  - a. Motion made by Charisse Cossu-Kowalski
  - b. Supported by Susan Uhl
  - c. Roll Call Vote: 3 Yes 0 No – approved by Robert Spada, Susan Uhl, and Charisse Cossu-Kowalski  
Jennifer Faunce ABSTAINED because she was not a board member/not in attendance at the June 16, 2022 meeting.

## **FINANCIAL**

11. Acknowledgement of receipt of check register June 2022
  - a. Motion made by Susan Uhl
  - b. Supported by Jennifer Faunce
  - c. Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes 0 No – approved by Robert Spada, Susan Uhl, Jennifer Faunce, and Charisse Cossu-Kowalski
12. Business Manager Report – Lori Mochty reviewed financials.
13. Motion to Approve Rising Stars Academy Board of Education Meetings for 2022-23
  - a. Motion made by Jennifer Faunce
  - b. Supported by Charisse Cossu-Kowalski
  - c. Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes 0 No – approved by Robert Spada, Susan Uhl, Jennifer Faunce, and Charisse Cossu-Kowalski
14. Motion to Approve Resolution to Appoint Deborah Prentiss as Superintendent for Rising Stars Academy
  - a. Motion made by Susan Uhl
  - b. Supported by Jennifer Faunce
  - c. Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes 0 No – approved by Robert Spada, Susan Uhl, Jennifer Faunce, and Charisse Cossu-Kowalski
15. Motion to approve Board Resolution Appoint Midwest Management for Business Manager Services
  - a. Motion made by Jennifer Faunce
  - b. Supported by Charisse Cossu-Kowalski
  - c. Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes 0 No – approved by Robert Spada, Susan Uhl, Jennifer Faunce, and Charisse Cossu-Kowalski

16. Motion to approve Board Resolution Appointment Deborah Prentiss as the Freedom of Information Act Coordinator
  - a. Motion made by Jennifer Faunce
  - b. Supported by Charisse Cossu-Kowalski
  - c. Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes 0 No – approved by Robert Spada, Susan Uhl, Jennifer Faunce, and Charisse Cossu-Kowalski
17. Motion to approve Board Resolution Appointing Miller Canfield as Designated Legal Counsel
  - a. Motion made by Jennifer Faunce
  - b. Supported by Susan Uhl
  - c. Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes 0 No – approved by Robert Spada, Susan Uhl, Jennifer Faunce, and Charisse Cossu-Kowalski
18. Motion to approve Board Resolution approving 22/23 School Calendar/School Day Schedule
  - a. Motion made by Susan Uhl
  - b. Supported by Charisse Cossu-Kowalski
  - c. Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes 0 No – approved by Robert Spada, Susan Uhl, Jennifer Faunce, and Charisse Cossu-Kowalski
19. Motion to approve Board Resolution Approving Student Handbook
  - a. Motion made by Jennifer Faunce
  - b. Supported by Susan Uhl
  - c. Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes 0 No – approved by Robert Spada, Susan Uhl, Jennifer Faunce, and Charisse Cossu-Kowalski
20. Motion to approve Board Resolution to Advertise Rising Stars Academy Offers Year Round Enrollment, based on availability
  - a. Motion made by Jennifer Faunce
  - b. Supported by Charisse Cossu-Kowalski
  - c. Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes 0 No – approved by Robert Spada, Susan Uhl, Jennifer Faunce, and Charisse Cossu-Kowalski
21. Motion to approve Board Resolution Approving Naming Mark Prentiss and Emily Bregier as Male/Female Compliance Officers in Board Policies Regarding Harassment of Staff and Harassment of Students
  - a. Motion made by Jennifer Faunce
  - b. Supported by Susan Uhl
  - c. Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes 0 No – approved by Robert Spada, Susan Uhl, Jennifer Faunce, and Charisse Cossu-Kowalski

22. Motion to approve placement of “New Student Enrollment Information” for Rising Stars Academy on Website
  - a. Motion made by Susan Uhl
  - b. Supported by Jennifer Faunce
  - c. Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes 0 No – approved by Robert Spada, Susan Uhl, Jennifer Faunce, and Charisse Cossu-Kowalski
23. Motion to approve Lewis & Knopf as RSA’s School Auditors of 2022-23
  - a. Motion made by Charisse Cossu-Kowalski
  - b. Supported by Jennifer Faunce
  - c. Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes 0 No – approved by Robert Spada, Susan Uhl, Jennifer Faunce, and Charisse Cossu-Kowalski
24. Motion to approve accepting Huntington Bank as RSA’s Banking Institution for 2022-23.
  - a. Motion made by Jennifer Faunce
  - b. Supported by Susan Uhl
  - c. Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes 0 No – approved by Robert Spada, Susan Uhl, Jennifer Faunce, and Charisse Cossu-Kowalski
25. Motion to approve the Rising Stars Academy’s 2022 Annual Education Report
  - a. Motion made by Susan Uhl
  - b. Supported by Jennifer Faunce
  - c. Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes 0 No – approved by Robert Spada, Susan Uhl, Jennifer Faunce, and Charisse Cossu-Kowalski

26. Building and Grounds Report

Deborah Prentiss shared the following:

The garden is blossoming.

The new front doors are coming. Estimate is about 8 weeks.

Board members admired the new wall art in the café’.

27. Superintendent Report

Deborah Prentiss shared:

Special Education funding

Grant applications and information

Staffing

Positive You group/program

Base Camp in Flint

28. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

a. Motion made by Jennifer Faunce

b. Supported by Susan Uhl

Meeting ended: 7:40 p.m.