

**RISING STARS ACADEMY**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**MARCH 17, 2022**

1. Call to Order Time: 6:35 pm  
Attendance: Bob Nowak, Sue Uhl, Annette Duda, Mark Prentiss, Debbie Prentiss, Marsha Salome, Joe Haynes (CL-Superintendent), Emily Bregier  
ABSENT: Charisse Cossu-Kowalski and Robert Spada
2. Citizen Non-Agenda Items: None.
3. Communication: None.
4. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting February 17, 2022
  - a. Motion by Bob Nowak
  - b. Supported by Annette Duda
  - c. Roll Call: 3 Yes 0 No – approved by Bob Nowak, Annette Duda, and Sue UhlABSENT: Charisse Cossu-Kowalski and Robert Spada

**FINANCIAL**

5. Acknowledgement of receipt of check register February 17, 2022
  - a. Motion by Bob Nowak
  - b. Supported by Sue Uhl
  - c. Roll Call: 3 Yes 0 No – approved by Bob Nowak, Annette Duda, and Sue UhlABSENT: Charisse Cossu-Kowalski and Robert Spada
6. Business Manager Report – Lori Mochty ABSENT.  
Bob asked about the \$100K, having received \$50K now and will receive \$50K later. 11T funds – still no application provided yet per Debbie Prentiss. She was told should be here and done for May.
7. Building and Grounds Report  
Debbie stated building appraisal was for \$1,470,000 from Huntington. Moving forward to finish deal for mortgage on building. Gardens look good and approval was granted for goats from city of Center Line to use them to maintain/get rid of thistle in garden.
8. Superintendent Report  
Large amount of tours. Parents notified that no online education will be offered in fall. No adverse. Electives are going well. The play (“Lord of the Pies”) was last week on Friday. New play has started with Ms. Stephanie leading the way. Ms. Jenni is taking six or seven students to Livonia all day Friday (March 18) for robotics competition. End of April, another competition coming up.

Student/staff retention: Application for Grow Your Own Teachers grant to be utilized: Two teachers will have their BAs within the next month. Once received, they can be enrolled in Innovative Teachers program through MAAPSA, a CI endorsement program. This will result in them being able to teach at RSA. Will have to take the basics skills test before they can start the program. The grant is \$7,500 per individual; however, the grant allows to recoup \$10K of the \$15K spent.

Leadership Outreach: bowling fundraiser March 18, 2022 w/100 bowlers, baskets for raffles. Shrine Circus on 3/31/22. Article in Hour Magazine to come out in May. Social media is doing well. People are enjoying the electives. Newsletters coming out.

Debbie Prentiss is putting in for a Michigan State Policy security grant at end of week for new front doors. Asking for lockdown drill-type locks for classrooms. Asking for walkie talkies with more power/ability to block out unwanted conversations as well as more outside cameras. Can apply for up to \$250K with the grant.

Debbie Prentiss asked to move the May meeting from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> because she and Mark are out of town. It will go on the April agenda for approval.

Pupil Accounting went well. Certified.

Job Sites: still only Henry Ford.

9. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Moved by Bob Nowak

Supported by Sue Uhl.

Meeting ended: 7:14 pm