

RISING STARS ACADEMY
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

1. Call to Order: 6:36 p.m.
 - a. Attendance: Bob Nowak, Susan Uhl, Sean McGillen, Annette Duda, Charisse Cossu-Kowalski
 - b. Others Present: Debbie Prentiss, Mark Prentiss, Marsha Salome, Lori Monti, RSA Staff: LuAnn Jones, Nancy Forster, Chef Ryan Porter, Emily Bregier, Che'Terrah Phillips, Maria Maples, Nicole Lambert, Sarah Grzebyk, Diane King, and Charlie Roddis (Center Line Schools).
2. Citizen Non-Agenda Items: None.
3. Communication: none; however, Bob Nowak requested that all in attendance introduce themselves.
4. Presentation: Linda Smith (Online/Virtual): Debbie Prentiss introduced the COWS (Computers On Wheels) to the school board. Each school board member was given a computer to use. School board members then attended an online tutorial via Zoom of the virtual classroom by Linda Smith. It started at 6:46 p.m. and ended at 7:10 p.m. Questions/Discussions entailed information about the schedule, meeting pupil accounting requirements, and computer/hotspot availability for students who need same.
5. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 19, 2021
 - a. Motion made by Annette Duda
 - b. Seconded by Charisse Cossu-Kowalski
 - c. Roll Call vote: 5 Yes 0 No – approved by Bob Nowak, Susan Uhl, Sean McGillen, Annette Duda, Charisse Cossu-Kowalski
6. Approval of Motion to award window bid to: Bradford Glass of St. Clair Shores, Michigan. Discussion about what would be provided (glass only, not windows) and the amount of same (approximately 185 pieces of glass total).
 - a. Motion made by Bob Nowak
 - b. Seconded by Annette Duda
 - c. Roll Call vote: 5 Yes 0 No – approved by Bob Nowak, Susan Uhl, Sean McGillen, Annette Duda, Charisse Cossu-Kowalski

7. Acknowledgement of check register August 2021

Questions were asked about Convergent Technology, M.L. Schoenherr, Bumler Mechanical, Magic Graphics, and More Clean/Less Dirty.

a. Motion made by Sue Uhl

b. Seconded by Charisse Cossu-Kowalski

c. Roll Call vote: 5 Yes 0 No – approved by Bob Nowak, Susan Uhl, Sean McGillen, Annette Duda, Charisse Cossu-Kowalski

8. Business Manager Report

Lori Monti provided information concerning the Business Manager Report. Discussions concerned state aid, checks in, checks out, payroll, and per pupil funding amounts. Lori stated health care and payroll costs have risen. Some board members inquired about cost of improvements to the school and if accounted for in the budget. Lori stated yes, already accounted for in budget and in her report. Lori was asked to provide her financials earlier to the board and she said she would get them out on or before the Friday before each board meeting.

9. Building and Grounds Report

Debbie Prentiss spoke about the parking lot and vans parking behind fence. Stated garden looks good. Discussed GM volunteers being here week of 9/20-9/24/21.

10. Approval of Operational Plan

a. Motion made by Charisse Cossu-Kowalski

b. Seconded by Sean McGillen

c. Roll Call vote: 5 Yes 0 No – approved by Bob Nowak, Susan Uhl, Sean McGillen, Annette Duda, Charisse Cossu-Kowalski.

11. Superintendent Report

Debbie Prentiss discussed school culture, student/staff retention, financial stability, and leadership outreach.

12. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

a. Motion made by Bob Nowak

b. Seconded by Sean McGillen

c. Roll Call vote: 5 Yes 0 No – approved by Bob Nowak, Susan Uhl, Sean McGillen, Annette Duda, Charisse Cossu-Kowalski.

Meeting ended: 8:39 p.m.