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**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTING MEETING**

October 20, 2022 - 6:30 PM

Google Meet link:

<https://meet.google.com/dqs-baqp-mwz>

Google Slides Link:

[10-22 Board Meeting](#)

1. Call to order - 6:33 pm

2. Opening Matters

- **Pledge of Allegiance - [Flag](#)**
- **Attendance -**

Board of Trustees & Administration

Dan Rufo (President - Presiding);
Elizabeth Falcone (Vice-President);
Monica Reynolds (Secretary),
Greg Scott, (*joined meeting in progress*)
Greg Queen,
Mark Greiner,
Sujaya Narahari,
Yvan Francois,
G. Anne Waskiewicz,
Gwendolyn Supplee,
Seyi Akinfenwa

Administration:

Dr. Gina Guarino-Buli,
David Cosme, Jr.,
~~Harold Smith~~
~~Jordan Miller~~
Tara Webber,
Michelle Boyd (virtual);
Carol Schaeffer;
Heather Rinker (remote);
Kendra Gruber;

- **Opening statements – Dan Rufo**

- Executive Session held following September 2022 Board Meeting relating to ongoing litigation.
- Board Update – Due to work obligations, Dan will be stepping down as President of the Board at the end of 2022, he is providing the Board with notice to allow Board members to consider the opportunity for the position as we ass for transition planning.

3. New board members – Election and swearing in

- Seat 2 - Moujan Toloubadei – Moujan not present. Vote on his appointment deferred.

- Seat 5 - Jonathan Duncan
Motion to appoint Jonathan Duncan to the Board of Trustees for Seat 5, made by E.Falcone; Seconded by M.Greiner. Votes cast as follows:

	Yes	No	Abstained
D. Rufo	√		
E. Falcone	√		
M. Reynolds	√		
G. Scott	√		
G. Queen	√		
M. Greiner	√		
S. Narahari	√		
Y. Francois	√		
G. Anne Waskiewicz	√		
G. Supplee	√		
S. Akinfenwa	√		
Total	11	0	0

Result: All in favor and none opposed; Motion carries. **Jonathan Duncan is APPOINTED to Seat 5 on the Board of Trustees and was sworn in by E.Falcone.**

4. Consent Agenda -

- Approval of Agenda
- Review & accept minutes from past meetings
 - September 15, 2022 - [9.15.22 Board meeting Minutes](#)
- Administration Reports
- Staff Roster by Business Manager

Any objections to approval and acceptance of Consent Agenda items? None. Result: Items in Consent Agenda are approved and accepted.

5. Public Comment

- If not submitted as an email, please use the “Raise Hand” feature and you will be called upon - publiccomment@rak12.org. **None.**

6. Administration Reports – Outlines of Reports are now included in the google slide deck at the link provided above. See the slide deck linked above for details.

- Principals Report - Michelle Boyd provided a summary of her report with regard to the high school. Question asked about comparison from this year’s to prior year. Ms. Boyd explained that the purpose is to identify trends with regard to low scoring students. Ms. Rinker provided a summary of her report with regard to the middle school. Kendra Gruber provided summary of her report with regard to the elementary school.
- Student Achievement Report - Mr. Cosme provided a summary of his report.
- Deans of Students Report– Harold Smith, Jordan Miller and Tara Webber. Tara Webber provided summary.
- CEO Report – Dr. Buli - [October CEO](#). Dr. Buli provided a summary.

7. **Committees Meeting updates – Committee Chairs** - Outlines of Reports are now included in the google slide deck at the link provided above. *See the slide deck for details.*

- Development Committee –Dr. Buli provided summary and the slide deck has highlights of the summary.
- Curriculum & Achievement - Dan Rufo provided report.
- Standing Executive Session on HR – Beth Falcone provided report. Motion to approve staff bonus distribution made by D.Rufo, Seconded by Y.Francois. Votes cast as follows:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
D. Rufo	√		
E. Falcone	√		
M. Reynolds	√		
G.Scott	√		
G.Queen	√		
M. Greiner	√		
S.Narahari	√		
Y.Francois	√		
G.Anne Waskiewicz	√		
G.Supplee	√		
S.Akinfenwa	√		
J. Duncan	√		
Total	12	0	0

Result: All in favor and none opposed; Motion carries. **The Staff Bonuses previously authorized shall be distributed.**

- Finance Committee – Written report was shared in google slide deck. Yvan Francois provided a summary.
- Strategic Planning Committee – Written report was shared in google slide deck. Yvan Francois provided a summary.
- Legislative Committee – Written report was shared in google slide deck. Greg Queen provided report. Discussion was held regarding Legislative Conference held at RA with elected officials and candidates.
- Equality and Equity Committee - Sujaya Narahari provided report.
- Ad-Hoc Climate and Culture Committee - Mark Grenier/Dan Rufo provided report.
- Business Manager’s Report – Carol Schaeffer. Reports were in folder.

8. **Policy Reviews/Resolutions**

- Tuition Reimbursement – **Second Reading.** No comments or discussion.
- 2022 Meal Charging & Food Service Fee Collection.docx (2)- Reauthorization – Motion to reauthorize 2022 Meal Charging & Food Service Fee Collection Policy made by M.Greiner, Seconded by S.Narahari. Votes cast as follows:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
D. Rufo	√		
E. Falcone	√		
M. Reynolds	√		
G.Scott	√		
G.Queen	√		
M. Greiner	√		
S.Narahari	√		
Y.Francois	√		
G.Anne Waskiewicz	√		
G.Supplee	√		
S.Akinfenwa	√		
J. Duncan	√		
Total	12	0	0

Result: Motion passes. **The 2022 Meal Charging & Food Service Fee Collection Policy is Reauthorized.**

- **Legal Settlement Resolution** –

Motion to Approve Settlement and Adopt Board Resolution regarding settlement of civil action, made by E.Falcone; Seconded by M.Reynolds. Votes cast as follows:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
D. Rufo	√		
E. Falcone	√		
M. Reynolds	√		
G.Scott	√		
G.Queen	√		
M. Greiner	√		
S.Narahari	√		
Y.Francois	√		
G.Anne Waskiewicz	√		
G.Supplee	√		
S.Akinfenwa	√		
J. Duncan			√
Total	11	0	1

Result: Motion passes. **The Resolution is Adopted, Settlement Agreement Approved. Board Members and Staff are authorized to take such action as are necessary shall undertake such actions reasonably necessary to accomplish the purposes set forth in the Resolution.**

9. **New Business**

- Emergency situations – discussion held.

10. **Adjournment.** Motion to Adjourn made at 8:38 p.m. by G.Queen, Seconded by M.Greiner. All in favor and none opposed. Motion carries. **Meeting ADJORNED.**

11. Executive Session – CEO Rubric Review

Monica Mathews Reynolds

Monica Mathews Reynolds, Trustee and Recording Secretary