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MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTING MEETING

August 17, 2023 - 7:00 PM

Google Meet link:

[August Meeting Link](#)

Google Slides Link:

[August Board Agenda Slides](#)

1. **Call to order - 7:11 pm**
2. **Opening Matters**
 - **Pledge of Allegiance - [Flag](#)**
 - **Attendance - (virtual, where noted)**

Board of Trustees (attending virtually)

Elizabeth Falcone (President - Presiding);
Greg Queen, (Vice-President)
Monica Reynolds (Secretary)
~~Mark Greiner~~
Sujaya Narahari (attending virtually)
Yvan Francois
~~G. Anne Waskiewicz~~
Gwendolyn Supplee (attending virtually)
~~Seyi Akinfenwa~~
Jonathan Duncan
Moujan Toloubadei (attending virtually)
Christopher Canale
Connor McLaughlin

Administration: (attending virtually)

Dr. Gina Guarino-Buli
David Cosme, Jr.
Harold Smith
Jordan Miller
Tara Webber
Michelle Boyd
Carol Schaeffer (attending virtually)
Heather Rinker
Kendra Gruber
Jon Kandrick

- **Opening statements – E.Falcone**
 - Public Comment procedure: If not submitted as an email, please use the “Raise Hand” feature and you will be called upon - publiccomment@rak12.org.
 - Executive Session held before this meeting relating to real estate
 - Working Session held on held on July 19 and July 20, 2023 and July 30, 2023

3. **Consent Agenda**

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:
 - May 18, 2023 - [Meeting Minutes](#)**
 - June 15, 2023 - [Meeting Minutes](#)**
- Acceptance of Administration Reports

- Staff Roster by Business Manager

Any objections Consent Agenda items? None.

Result: Items in Consent Agenda are approved and accepted.

4. **Public Comment - No emails, no persons present or virtually made a public comment.**
5. **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' Reports** – Ms. Boyd provided a summary of her report with regard to the high school, as reflected in the slide deck. Ms. Rinker provided a summary of her report with regard to the middle school, as reflected in the slide deck. Ms. Gruber provided a summary of her report with regard to the middle school, as reflected in the slide deck.
 - **Student Achievement Report** - Mr. Cosme's report was contained in the slide deck.
 - **Deans of Students Report**– Tara Webber provided a summary of the elementary school reports as reflected in the slide deck. Harold Smith's high school report and Jordan Miller's middle school report is contained in the slide deck.
 - **CEO Report** – Dr. Buli – [CEO Report](#) Dr. Buli's report is included within the slide deck.
 - [Enrollment | August 1, 2023](#)
 - [Wait List | August 1, 2023](#)
6. **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** – Mark Greiner provided summary and highlights of the report contained in the slide deck.
 - **Climate and Culture** – Mark Greiner provided a summary of his report.
 - **Curriculum & Achievement** – No meeting was held.
 - **Standing Executive Session on HR** – Greg Queen provided summary of report.
 - **Finance Committee** – Written report was shared in Google slide deck.
 - **Strategic Planning Committee** – Written summary shared in Google slide deck. Jonathan Duncan provided a summary.
 - **Legislative Committee** – Written report was shared in Google slide deck.
 - **Equality and Equity Committee** - Sujaya Narahari provided summary of her report.
 - **Business Manager's Report** – Carol Schaeffer. Reports were in folder.
7. **Policy Reviews/Resolutions** –
- [HS Student/Parent Handbook 2023-2024](#)
 - Motion to adopt the High School Student/Parent Handbook made by G.Queen; Seconded by M.Reynolds.

	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
E.Falcone	√		
M.Reynolds	√		
G.Queen	√		
S.Narahari	√		

Y.Francois	√		
G.Supplee	√		
J. Duncan	√		
M.Toloubadei	√		
C.Canale	√		
C.McLaughlin	√		
Totals:	10		

Result: All in favor, none opposed and no abstentions; Motion carries. **The High School Student/Parent Handbook for 2023-24 is ADOPTED.**

- [MS Student/Parent Handbook 2023-2024](#)

- Motion to adopt the middle school student/parent handbook made by G.Queen; Seconded by J.Duncan.

	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
E.Falcone	√		
M.Reynolds	√		
G.Queen	√		
S.Narahari	√		
Y.Francois	√		
G.Supplee	√		
J. Duncan	√		
M.Toloubadei	√		
C.Canale	√		
C.McLaughlin	√		
Totals:	10		

Result: All in favor, none opposed and no abstentions; Motion carries. **The Middle School Student/Parent Handbook for 2023-24 is ADOPTED.**

- [Elementary Student/Parent Handbook 2023-2024](#)

- Motion to adopt the Elementary Student/Parent Handbook for 2023-2024 made by G.Queen; Seconded by M.Reynolds.

	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
E.Falcone	√		
M.Reynolds	√		
G.Queen	√		
S.Narahari	√		
Y.Francois	√		
G.Supplee	√		
J. Duncan	√		

M.Toloubadei	√		
C.Canale	√		
C.McLaughlin	√		
Totals:	10		

Result: All in favor, none opposed and no abstentions; Motion carries. **The Elementary School Student/Parent Handbook for 2023-24 is ADOPTED.**

8. New Business -

- **Renewal of Open Board Seats:** Seat 3 - Christopher Canale, Seat 4 - Gwen Supplee, Seat 6 - Yvan Francois, Seat 8 - Anne Waskiewicz, and Seat 10 - Connor McLaughlin
 - Motion to renew Christopher Canale's term as Trustee for Seat 3 made by G.Queen; Seconded by S.Narahari.

	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
E.Falcone	√		
M.Reynolds	√		
G.Queen	√		
S.Narahari	√		
Y.Francois	√		
G.Supplee	√		
J. Duncan	√		
M.Toloubadei	√		
C.Canale	√		
C.McLaughlin	√		
Totals:	10		

Result: All in favor and none opposed; Motion carries. **Christopher Canale's term as RA Board Trustee is RENEWED for 2 years for Seat 3.**

- Motion to renew Gwen Supplee's term as Trustee for Seat 4 made by J.Duncan; Seconded by S.Narahari.

	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
E.Falcone			√
M.Reynolds	√		
G.Queen		√	
S.Narahari	√		
Y.Francois	√		
G.Supplee	√		
J. Duncan	√		

M.Toloubadei	√		
C.Canale		√	
C.McLaughlin	√		
Totals:	6	2	1

Result: 6 in favor, 2 opposed and 1 abstains; Motion carries. **Gwen Supplee's term as RA Board Trustee is RENEWED for 2 years for Seat 4.**

- Notice from Y.Francois not interested in renewal – seat 6 will be vacant at the end of this month
- Motion to renew Anne Waskiewicz's term as Trustee for Seat 8 made by M.Reynolds; Seconded by G.Queen.

	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
E.Falcone	√		
M.Reynolds	√		
G.Queen	√		
S.Narahari	√		
Y.Francois	√		
G.Supplee	√		
J. Duncan	√		
M.Toloubadei	√		
C.Canale	√		
C.McLaughlin	√		
Totals:	10		

Result: All in favor and none opposed; Motion carries. **Anne Waskiewicz's term as RA Board Trustee is RENEWED for 2 years for Seat 8.**

- Motion to renew Connor McLaughlin's term as Trustee for Seat 10 made by G.Queen; Seconded by M.Reynolds.

	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
E.Falcone	√		
M.Reynolds	√		
G.Queen	√		
S.Narahari	√		
Y.Francois	√		
G.Supplee	√		
J. Duncan	√		
M.Toloubadei	√		

C.Canale	√		
C.McLaughlin	√		
Totals:	10		

Result: All in favor and none opposed; Motion carries. **Connor McLaughlin's term as RA Board Trustee is RENEWED for 2 years for Seat 10.**

9. New Business:

- Review, Discuss and Vote on the adoption of a [Resolution for Hearing Officers](#) (2023-1) and form of oath [Hearing Officer Oath of Office](#).
 - Motion to adopt resolution 2023-1 respecting Hearing Officers and the form of oath to be taken by any hearing officer made by G.Queen; Seconded by S.Narahari.

	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
E.Falcone	√		
M.Reynolds	√		
G.Queen	√		
S.Narahari	√		
Y.Francois			√
G.Supplee	√		
J. Duncan	√		
M.Toloubadei	√		
C.Canale	√		
C.McLaughlin	√		
Totals:	8		1

Result: All in favor and none opposed; Motion carries. **Resolution 2023-1 respecting Hearing Officers and the form of oath to be taken by any hearing officer is ADOPTED.**

- **Vote for Treasurer**
 - Nomination of Christopher Canale to serve as Treasurer of the RA Board of Trustees made by G.Queen; Seconded by M.Reynolds.

	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
E.Falcone	√		
M.Reynolds	√		
G.Queen	√		

S.Narahari	√		
Y.Francois	√		
G.Supplee	√		
J. Duncan	√		
M.Toloubadei	√		
C.Canale	√		
C.McLaughlin	√		
Totals:	10		

Result: All in favor and none opposed; Motion carries. **Christopher Canale is NOMINATED to serve as Treasurer of RA Board of Trustees.**

□ Motion to elect Christopher Canale to serve as Treasurer of the RA Board of Trustees made by G.Queen; Seconded by G.Supplee.

	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
E.Falcone	√		
M.Reynolds	√		
G.Queen	√		
S.Narahari	√		
Y.Francois	√		
G.Supplee	√		
J. Duncan	√		
M.Toloubadei	√		
C.Canale	√		
C.McLaughlin	√		
Totals:	10		

Result: All in favor and none opposed; Motion carries. **Christopher Canale is ELECTED Treasurer of RA Board of Trustees.**

- 10. Adjournment.** Motion to Adjourn made at 8:49 p.m. by G.Queen, Seconded by M.Reynolds. All in favor and none opposed. Motion carries. **Meeting ADJOURNED.**

Monica Mathews Reynolds

Monica Mathews Reynolds, Trustee and Recording Secretary