

The Renaissance

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APPROVED

November 8th, 2023

The Renaissance Charter School

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

HONORARY MEMBERS

Sandra Geyer, 1941-2019

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Francine Smith, 1949-2021

Hon. Rudolph Greco, Esq.

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1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes

- a. Monte Joffe provides welcome message at 3:37pm

2. Roll Call – 2 minutes

- a. Monte Joffe, Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier, Rebekah O., Dan Fanelli, Raymond Johnson, Chester Hicks, Absent: Dr. Rachel Mandel

3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes

- a. Minutes approved by acclamation

4. Annual Report - 10 minutes

- a. Our annual report was submitted on time November 1st 2023. This was one of the best annual reports in years 97.7% of goals were met. The one goal we did not meet was for our students with IEPs to achieve a 75 on the math regents, all students passed but didn't achieve the 75, we will continue to work on this. We have 52 goals in the annual report, we set 3 of those goals: student leadership,

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science, and math courses for students, and the CSG. Great work with summer school and all the work from all staff throughout the year.

- b. The board of trustees is hereby resolved to thank the school leadership team, staff, students, and families in their achievement of these successes.

5. Certified Financial Report – 10 minutes

- a. Three of the goals are financial goals on the annual report. We have met all 3 of the financial goals. We are in a very good place; we have 3 months of reserves we would like to get to 6 months. There are no material findings. 90% of our money goes directly into programs. This report will be posted on the website.

6. Public Announcement of Chester's and Ray's Board Appointments. – 10 minutes

- a. Monte we accepted the appointment of Chester and Ray's board appointments.

7. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes

- a. Stacey – Huge congratulations to the success of Rensizzle this year, thank you to everyone. Thank you to Meredith Hinshaw for all her work.
- b. Dwayne Andrews shared with Stacey that CSA's president will put us in there budget testimony. We wanted to thank them for their willingness to advocate for us to get some budgetary relief. We received the two years ago money, we will be getting last years money, and we will continue to ask for additional money.
- c. Renewal – They were looking to come the week of Thanksgiving, but because of short days, they will likely come the first week of December.
 - i. They want to see our 7th grade ELA, our 8th grade Math class and few other classes
 - ii. They would like us to share with them a classes that represent how we educate students with Disabilities, ELL, Class of Celebration, and an area

of growth.

- iii. They have asked for the schedule of 3 students with IEP's and they plan to follow those students throughout the day. We think is a great idea as we also want to make sure that our students are getting all their services. We just completed a SPED audit and did very well
- iv. They are requesting a quorum of the board to have a zoom meeting for 30 minutes. We will know more once we have a date
- v. The public hear is planned for November or December. We think we will be through most of it by the end of the calendar year
- vi. They will focus on teaching and learning for a full day.

8. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes

- a. Principal review, the initial reflections, little by little, Monte will be meeting with Stacey so they can have a meeting to discuss the report.

9. Public Speaking – TBD

- a. None.

10. Executive session

11. The motion was made to reopen the public meeting.

12. Public announcement of Rebekah S. Appointment Decision – 5 minutes

- a. Due to an ongoing active investigation the board has decided to push the vote until the investigation has concluded.

13. Adjournment of Public Meeting

- a. 4:59pm