

# The Renaissance

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Charter School

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September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Renaissance Charter School

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

## HONORARY MEMBERS

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### 1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes

- a. Welcome message provided by Monte Joffe at 9:05am

### 2. Roll Call – 2 minutes

- a. Present: Rebekah Oaks, Chester Hicks, Raymond Johnson, Dan Fanelli, Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier. Monte Joffe.
- b. Guests: Matthew Delforte
- c. Absent: Dr. Rachel Mandel

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

- a. Minutes approved by acclimation.

### 4. Approval of Lawyer Retainer Agreement – 5 minutes

- a. Matthew Delforte – They have represented us for 24 years. For the past several years, they have given us \$55,000 dollar of time for \$50,000. Matthew partner

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rate is \$425/hour which is reduced from his normal rate of \$625/hour, Jake's standard rate of \$425/hour has been reduced to \$375/hour, they have further reduced it to \$350/hour because they care out our organization. After we reach the \$55,000 threshold, we will have to pay the overage at the reduced rates.

b. Motion to approve the legal retainer. Approved unanimously.

5. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes

a. Stacey Gauthier – the school safety plan and the district plan need to be approved.

i. Resolution to approve the school safety plan and district plan. Approved unanimously

b. Stacey Gauthier – We have had another school shooting in Georgia, thus we would like to convene the School Safety Committee earlier. We reviewed all the drills during our PD last week. Mary, Ali, Vinny, Raymond, and Stacey are on the committee. For Lock down drills, we need to provide 1 week notice to the school community.

c. Stacey Gauthier – A very big thank you to Dan for the Question and Discussion PD for all staff. Thank you to our teachers for showcasing their practice via videos, Bridget Current ES ELA, Ram Buenaventura MS Math, and Nicole Jollon HS ELA; it was an excellent PD and it was highly engaged by all teachers. That PD was complimented by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills PD. All the teachers were able to come up with different ways to formatively assess students. All teachers were engaged in both PDs and excited by it. We also had our Anet PD goal setting and PLC meetings for all our subjects, some led by administrators and other be teacher leaders. We also had Play Works, a structure recess program that can also be implemented in the classroom, as well as, restorative practice for the Elementary School.

d. Stacey Gauthier – We are fully enrolled and fully staffed up. Thank you to Suzanne and Dan for hiring several teachers.

- e. Stacey Gauthier – We still don't have district level data for our comparison of our scores. Once we do have that we will share that with the board, likely next meeting.
6. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
    - a. None
  7. Public Speaking – TBD
    - a. None
  8. Adjournment of Public Meeting
    - a. Meeting Adjourned at 9:28
  9. Executive Session