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July 2nd, 2025

The Renaissance Charter School

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes

- a. Vice Chairperson provides welcome message at 9:04

2. Roll Call – 2 minutes

- a. Present: Stacey Gauthier, Chester Hicks, Raymond Johnson, Everett Boyd, Rebekah Oakes, Monte Joffee, Dan Fanelli, Jose Mane
- b. Absent: Dr. Rachel Mandel

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

- a. Minutes approved by acclimation

4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes

- a. The attorney general in New York State is going to sue the federal government to not take away the mental health grant.
- b. This year we didn't get any conversation money. There is the billing time, the

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- big ugly, we hope to receive this money still. They still owe us about 400k
- c. Good news we are getting our PreK money
 - d. Dan Wiseburge is resigning the end of August; we are worried about who will replace him and what their views on charter schools will be
 - i. This may affect our SPED funding. We have always been underpaid for special ed.
 - ii. Stacey is on an Special Education committee, the committee is pushing for the DOE (DOE initiated this) to give us the business rules as it relates to funding for SPED, all things related to SPED costs. DOE owes us money for services we have provided.
 - iii. They presented a Whole DOE school budget, but its really apples to oranges. DOE schools don't pay for the health coverage so their budget look nothing like ours.
 - iv. Matthew and Stacey will connect further.
 - e. ICE took a student from Ren 2 that was at a hearing for their immigration status. The student and father has been deported back to their home country. ICE was across the street from Ren 2, they didn't come into the building.
 - f. ICARD at Ren 2. A Detective presented the ICARD at Ren 2 saying that he can arrest a student. We spoke with our lawyer; we need a judicial warrant. They were saying that they can arrest a student using this card, but that will not suffice. If anyone shows up, the school needs to contact our lawyers first.
 - g. Finance committee meeting recommended the budget for the board to approve. The pensions are staying level for now. We have contractual costs so we have some good numbers.
 - h. Summer School – Summer school is at 2 sites, HS is at Ren 1 for Ren 1 and Ren 2 students and K-8 is at Ren 2 for Ren 1 and 2 students. Total number of students in summer school is 595 students. The K-8 program is 5 days a week

with Friday being an enrichment program that runs from July 7th to August 8th. Students take a pre and post-test and teachers are teaching a scripted curriculum that targets priority standards. At the end of the program, we will share with the board the results of the program. We will have a Coach from Lavinia who will support observation and feedback around our priority standards and Network wide goals of student discussion and progress monitoring. This year, HS teachers have a scripted curriculum with a textbook to support it that will target the key standards for students. The HS program will have academic programming and during a lunch period students will have the ability to take a combination of college bound, health, and lunch, all students will get lunch. We want to thank the teachers from Ren 1 & 2, teaching artists, office staff, and administrators who have been working on this for months. A huge thank you to Dan and all the staff that made this happen from Montee. Lastly a special thank you to Dawn, who we would not be able to do without her support.

- i. Funded through our Boost program K-8, Operating budgets for HS, the Mental Health grant, the Project prevent grant, the innovated approaches to literacy, by school food, and NYC transportation as students take trips. It's a multi-line item school.

5. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes

- a. None

6. Public Speaking – TBD

- a. None

7. Adjournment of Public Meeting

- a. 9:40am