



Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School

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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 30, 2024

Present: Carmen Baez, Migdalia Concepcion, Marta Nieves, Jesus Padilla, Carmen Lebron, Daisey Herrera, Maria Camacho, Vincent Cozzarelli, Jaziel Rios, and Margartia Valentin

Not Present: Maritza Arauz and Carmen Camacho,

Staff Present: Jose Segarra, Eneida Perez, Teresa Segarra, Anne Heyward and Gynise Gotto

Visitors: Adam Herman

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.
- II. Roll call was taken and quorum was present.
- III. The minutes from August were approved. Motion to approve Ms. Herrera, seconded by Ms. Concepcion, and carried unanimously.
- IV. The student report was provided by Mr. Rios.
- V. The principal report was provided by Ms. Heyward.
- VI. The board motioned to enter into closed session. Motion to approve by Mr. Padilla, seconded by Ms. Nieves, and carried unanimously. Time 5:20 pm.
- VII. The board motioned to exit closed session and return to open session. Motion to approve Ms. Valentin, seconded Ms. Lebron, and carried unanimously. Time 5:40 pm.
- VIII. **Lead Person/Executive Director Report**
 - a. An update was provided on the operation of the school.
 - b. Board elections were presented. There are no changes or nominations from the floor. The executive board remains the same: Ms. Baez, Chairperson; Ms. Nieves, Vice-Chairperson; and Ms. Lebron Treasurer. Motion to approve Ms. Valentin, seconded Ms. Concepcion and carried unanimously.
 - c. The board committees were presented to the board for the upcoming school year.
 - d. The Grievance committee was presented to the board. Teachers: Mr. Brown and Ms. Gangala. Parents: Ms. Esther Perez-Tejada and Ms. Madeline Perez. Motion to approve by Ms. M. Camacho, seconded Ms. Concepcion, and carried unanimously.
 - e. The revised handbooks were presented to the board. Motion to approve Ms. Valentin, seconded Ms. Herrera, and carried unanimously.
 - f. The Chapter 27 Emergency Remote Plan was presented to the board. Motion to approve Mr. Padilla, seconded Ms. Nieves, and carried unanimously.
 - g. The submission of the CSP grant application was presented to the board. Motion to approve by Ms. Nieves, seconded by Ms. Herrera and carried unanimously.
 - h. The amendment to request a Pre-K expansion was presented to the board. Motion to approve by Ms. Concepcion, seconded by Ms. Camacho, and carried unanimously.
- IX. **School Business Administrator Report**
 - a. The August Financial Reports were presented to the board. Motion to approve by Ms. M. Camacho, seconded by Ms. Lebron, and carried unanimously.
 - b. The payroll was presented to the board. Motion to approve by Ms. Concepcion, seconded by Ms. Valentin, and carried unanimously.
 - c. The Fiscal Questionnaire was presented to the board. Motion to approve by Ms. Lebron, seconded by Ms. M. Camacho, and carried unanimously.
 - d. The acceptance of the FY 25 ESEA Funds was presented to the board. The allocated ESEA Title funds in total of \$655, 135.00 are as follows: Title I: \$552,520; Title II \$65, 181.00; Title III \$65, 181.00; Title III immigrant \$3, 309.00; and Title IVA \$11, 810.00. Motion to approve Mr. Padilla, seconded Ms. Lebron, and carried unanimously.
 - e. The acceptance of the FY 25 IDEA Funds was presented to the board. The allocated IDEA Funds in total of \$146,203.00 are as follows: IDEA Basic \$143, 627 and IDEA Preschool \$2,576. Motion to approve Ms. Nieves, seconded Ms. Herrera, and carried unanimously.

f. The Title I contracted staff for afterschool was presented to the board. Motion to approve Ms. Nieves, seconded Ms. Valentin, and carried unanimously.

Program Coordinator \$50 per hour 20-231-100-100-003-096	Group Teachers \$45 per hour 20-231-100-100-001-096	Enrichment Teachers \$45 per hour 20-231-100-100-001-096	Social Worker \$45 per hour 20-231-200-100-001-096
Aldercy Batista	Amanda Delacruz- Stephanie Heim Aimee deRonde Angel Quiles Evan Anderson Alex Victorino Gabriel Quiles	Natalia Tadros Dale Legones	Ruby Galarza

g. The Title I contracted staff for parent engagement nights was presented to the board. Motion to approve Ms. Lebron, seconded Ms. Herrera, and carried unanimously.

Topic	Lead (\$300 per event not to exceed 4 events per year) 20-231-100-100-005-096	Support Staff (\$200 per event not to exceed 4 events per year) 20-231-100-100-006-096
ELA	Tina McComick	Samantha Sanchez, Amanda Gonzalez, Jeanette Raftery, Natalia Tadros
SEL:	Jennifer DelValle	Nina Jones, Maria Fascia, Christine Connolly
STEM:	Evan Anderson	Jessica Harkness, Steven Posten, Christa Jasinski
MATH:	Lisa Gangala	Rahjvic Clarke, Richard Chodes, Brett Kreiger, Anthony Mignogni

h. The possibility of acquiring an additional location via lease through the archdiocese for expansion was presented to the board.

X. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm. Motion to adjourn Ms. Lebron, seconded Ms. Camacho and carried unanimously.