

MINUTES

Governing Board Reading Edge Academy, Inc.
November 15, 2022 Samsula Academy 6:00 PM

Governing Board Members Roll Call:

Staff Members Roll Call:

Arlene Lowery	Chair /Secretary	P	Peggy Comardo	Principal	P
Sandy Kent	V Chair (by Phone)	P	Sue Smith	AP Reading Edge	P
Marianne Stanley	Treasurer	P	Maryann Roberts	AP Samsula	P
Samantha Higbee	Member	P			
Jamelle Wachuku	Pending Member	EX			

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

This meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM at Samsula Academy by Arlene Lowery, Chair. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call was taken. Mr. Wachuku was excused.

Mrs. Lowery welcomed James Halleran, CPA with James Moore, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants. She also acknowledged Toni Hunt with Central Florida ESE Advocates (CFEA) Both gave presentations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Both teachers and staff were present at this meeting. Also attending was an interested community member, and a Reading Edge Academy parent, Victoria Still, who was interested in becoming a Governing Board member.

AUDITOR’S REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

Mr. James Halleran, CPA, presented the June 30, 2022 audit reports that were conducted by James Moore, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, Peggy Comardo and Kim Bonfield, Reading Edge Academy, Inc. for both Reading Edge Academy and Samsula Academy.

A motion was made to accept the Reading Edge Academy June 30, 2022 audit report by Mrs. Stanley and seconded by Mrs. Kent. The motion carried 4 – 0 with Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Higbee voting approval.

A motion was made to accept the Samsula Academy June 30, 2022 audit report by Mrs. Stanley and seconded by Mrs. Higbee. The motion carried 4 – 0 with Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Stanley, and Mrs. Higbee voting approval.

PRESENTATION OF 5 YEAR LEGACY PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR BOTH SCHOOLS

Mrs. Toni Hunt, Central Florida ESE Advocates (CFEA), presented a detailed proposal that would restructure the leadership of both schools and update our ESE plan for compliance with the law. She explained that the purpose of the proposal was to identify the leaders and compliance officers in exceptional student education. She proposed that an executive board should be added to the dynamics of the Reading Edge Academy and Samsula Academy organizational systems. Also, added professional positions would be included.

After discussion, the Governing Board members accepted this proposal, and voted on the following changes and/or additions of the Reading Edge Academy, Inc. 5 Year Legacy Project:

An Addition of an Executive Board, with Peggy Comardo as Executive Director for both schools, a Director for ESE/Unique Abilities and existing staff to fill other positions

Mrs. Stanley made a motion to accept an Executive Board Implementation effective November 16, 2022. Mrs. Kent seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 – 0, with Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Stanley, and Mrs. Higbee voting approval.

School Leadership which would include School Administration and two new Guidance Counselors

Mrs. Higbee made a motion to accept the School Leadership Implementation effective November 16, 2022. Mrs. Kent seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 – 0, with Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Stanley, and Mrs. Higbee voting approval.

Faculty and Staff which would include ESE Teachers-SLP/OT/Psych and ESE Case Manager

Mrs. Kent made a motion to accept the ESE Department Organization and Dynamics Implementation effective November 16, 2022. Mrs. Stanley seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 – 0, with Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Stanley, and Mrs. Higbee voting approval.

Reading Edge Academy and Samsula Academy Implementation Intervals to be effective immediately and for the 2023-2024 School Year within up to five calendar school years.

Mrs. Lowery made a motion to accept Immediate Implementation Intervals of this proposal up to five calendar school years effective November 16, 2022. Mrs. Stanley seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 – 0, with Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Stanley, and Mrs. Higbee voting approval.

ESE Department Organization and Dynamics addition effective November 16, 2022 for Charter Amendment for both schools

Mrs. Lowery made a motion to add an ESE Department Organization and Dynamics to be effective on November 16, 2022 to amend the Charter for both schools. Mrs. Kent seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 – 0 with Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Higbee approving the motion.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The October 18, 2022 minutes written by Mrs. Lowery were previously sent to the board online and presented for approval. A motion was made by Mrs. Kent to accept the minutes and seconded by Mrs. Stanley. The motion carried 4– 0 with Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Higbee approving the motion.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Reading Edge Academy **October** Financial Report was presented by Mrs. Stanley for approval. A motion was made by Mrs. Kent to accept this report and seconded by Mrs. Higbee. The motion carried 4– 0 with Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Higbee approving the motion.

The **October** Samsula Academy Financial Report was presented by Mrs. Stanley for approval. A motion was made by Mrs. Lowery to accept the report and seconded by Mrs. Kent. The motion carried 4 – 0 with Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Higbee approving the motion.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORTS

Due to the length of this meeting, both AP reports from Maryann Roberts and Sue Smith were tabled until the January meeting.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Due to the length of this meeting, comments from Peggy Comardo were tabled until the January meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Candidates Interested in Becoming Governing Board Members

Mr. Jamelle Wachuku was unable to attend due to not feeling well. It was reported that he was still in the process of taking the online training and completing his background check.

Mrs. Victoria Still, a parent from Reading Edge Academy, was introduced as interested in becoming a Governing Board member. She was accepted by the Board as a Pending Member but could not vote until she took the online training and background checks were completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Vote on split for School Recognition Money

Samsula Academy was awarded \$33,514 for the Florida School Recognition Program for earning a “B” for a school grade in the school year 2022 – 2023.

Mrs. Stanley made a motion to accept the suggested breakout of this money to 65% for 12 teachers, 15% for 3 admin staff members, 10% to 3 para/café workers, and 10% for 3 office workers. Mrs. Lowery seconded the motion. The motion carried 4– 0 with Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Higbee approving the motion.

NEXT MEETING: January 17, 2023 at Reading Edge Academy at 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arlene Lowery, Secretary

Governing Board, Reading Edge Academy, Inc.