

MINUTES
Governing Board Reading Edge Academy, Inc.
January 17, 2023 Reading Edge Academy 6:00 PM

Governing Board Members Roll Call:

Staff Members Roll Call:

Arlene Lowery	Chair /Secretary	P	Peggy Comardo	Executive Director	P
Sandy Kent	V Chair	P	Sue Smith	Principal REA/SULA	P
Marianne Stanley	Treasurer	P	Maryann Roberts	School Admin Mgr/SULA /On Leave	EX
Samantha Higbee	Member	EX	Toni Hunt	CFEA	P
Jamelle Wachuku	Member	P			
Victoria Still	Interested GB Member	NA			

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

This meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM at Reading Edge Academy by Arlene Lowery, Chair. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call was taken. Mrs. Higbee was excused. Mrs. Roberts was on a leave of absence, and also excused. Mrs. Victoria Still was not in attendance.

Mrs. Lowery welcomed Kim Bonfield, Angela Smart, Karen Plummer, Elizabeth King, and Nicole Wissel.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The November 15, 2022 minutes written by Mrs. Lowery were previously sent to the board online and presented for approval. A motion was made by Mrs. Stanley to accept the minutes and seconded by Mrs. Kent. The motion carried 4– 0 with Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Kent, Mrs, Stanley and Mr. Wachuku approving the motion.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

The **November** 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 Mr. Wachuku approving the motion.

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

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

Amended Budget

Mrs. Stanley announced that she would have an amended budget ready to vote on at the February board meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

Mrs. Comardo thanked her staff and teachers for all their hard work that they are doing at both schools.

Meetings to Explain the Five Year Legacy Plan to Parents and Interested Public

Mrs. Comardo announced that there would be a meeting to explain the Five Year Legacy Plan that was accepted by the Governing Board at the November 2022 meeting. The first meeting will be held at Samsula Academy at 6:15 P.M. on Wednesday, January 18, 2023. The meeting for Reading Edge Academy will be on the following week. The date and time will be announced later.

OLD BUSINESS

Candidates Interested in Becoming Governing Board Members

Mr. Jamelle Wachuku reported that he had passed the background check and had taken and passed the online training and was a certified member of the Governing Board.

Mrs. Victoria Still, a parent from Reading Edge Academy who had previously expressed becoming a board member, was not in attendance at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Portables Move

It was announced that four rental classroom portables will be removed from Samsula due to repairs that were needed. This will result in a savings to the school of \$5,000 monthly. The move will take place at the end of January, and classrooms will be changed where there is space at that time.

New Written Procedures for Charter School Parental Rights

In response to new state requirements for written procedures for certain unresolved student welfare disputes, Reading Edge Academy, Inc. will post their new policy on the school websites after it is written and approved by the Governing Board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at this meeting.

NEXT MEETING: February 21, 2023 at Samsula Academy at 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arlene Lowery, Secretary

Governing Board, Reading Edge Academy, Inc.