



# RISING LEADERS ACADEMY

## Governing Board Minutes – April 23, 2015

### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A public meeting of the Governing Board was called to order by Dr. Eren Ozgen, President, at 12:00 p.m.

Other Board members present included: Mrs. Chelsea Holmes, Mr. Osama Albibi, Dr. Ahmed Rezk, Mr. Todd Zaborski, Dr. Ahmed Baker, Mr. Tarone Watley

Administrative staff present: Mrs. Suha Jaber, Principal

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of March 18, 2015 were unanimously approved by the Board.

### FACILITY CONTRACT

The Board discussed what action they should take to fix the facility contact with Bay District Schools. During the last Board meeting, Mr. Bozarth stated he remembers that the agreement was that 50% of the rent goes towards purchasing but does not know how that did not get put in the contract. Mr. Husfelt recommended RLA have an attorney talk to Mr. Franklin Harrison, the District attorney. Mr. Steinbrecher, a parent at RLA and attorney, said that he knows Mr. Franklin Harrison personally and can talk to him. Dr. Ozgen informed Mr. Steinbrecher that they need to know how much it would cost up front and have the details of the communications and time spent working to resolve the issue.

### FINANCIAL OPTION FINANCING by MS. HOLMES and MRS. JABER

Board Member, Mrs. Chelsea Holmes, presented the financing option from Regency Bank, which would include around 4% interest rate.

Suha Jaber presented a financing option through a charter school financing company, which would provide RLA with 200k and only 4,000 administrative fees, but it must be paid in 4 months. Suha is waiting on another charter school company, Charter School Capital, to provide their financing option.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Paychex is now doing payroll, health insurance, Workers' Comp and HR for RLA. By joining the big group of Paychex, the health insurance coverage is more affordable. There is an administrative fee of \$50 per full time employee and \$17.50 for part time.

2. Accreditation: Review Committee will be here Monday and Tuesday, April 27 & 28. Meeting with Board members is Tuesday, April 28 from 9:00-9:45. Dr. Ozen and Mr. Zaborski volunteered to attend.
3. TED talk, May 28, by 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Sponsored by Gulf Coast State College and Bay County Health Department.
4. Adding 7<sup>th</sup> grade next year. In the process of hiring new teachers and may offer one online class.

### **PUBLIC PARTICPATION**

No action needed