

**RIISING LEADERS ACADEMY BOARD MINUTES**  
**April 30, 2025 BOARD MEETING**

**Board Members Present via Zoom:** Dr. ElZawahery, Mr. Zawahry, Dr. Bakr, Mr. Steinbrecher, Dr. Mazloun, Mr. Hinson, Mrs. Khan, Dr. Garman, and Mr. Rasheed

**Administrators Present:** Dr. Jaber, Principal Perryman

**Consultant Present:** Mr. Isaac, Dr. Arza

Dr. Mazloun Call for meeting at 12:03 pm.

Call to approve the minutes for March 26, 2025. Mr. Rasheed - Motion to approve. Second by Mr. Steinbrecher. All in favor. Motion passed.

Request by Dr. Jaber to make an addition to the agenda for an update by our consultant. Mr. Zawahry - Motion to approve agenda and addition, seconded by Dr. Garman. All in favor. Motion passed.

Dr. Jaber presented the newest board member, Dr. Hoda Elzawahery, and shared the election results.

Dr. Jaber presented the written agreement with the Church on parking and modifications to parking lots. Board members suggested some updates and to consult with Mr. Hinson and Mr. Zawahry and present final agreement at the next board meeting.

Dr. Jaber & Principal Perryman discussed the need for the school to add new classrooms to accommodate the school growth. The school will have an additional 7<sup>th</sup> grade class as well as an additional kindergarten class. Given the timeline and budget, they suggested to install two modular classrooms that will allow the school to add another additional two classes vertically in the future. The mobile units will meet Miami stringent code, insurable in built in passes. The cost per class is approximately \$175,000. Board asked for an architectural/facilities commission to investigate. Dr. Mazloun, Ms. Khan & Mr. Rasheed volunteered to be on the committee. The committee will meet and make a recommendation at the next meeting, as these units need to be installed prior to the next school year.

Principal Perryman presented new information on the type of turf that the landscapers can install and asked board members to come and check the samples provided by the vendor. The Board asked for further investigation on the quotes to compare the same turf and get information on the turf used in Bay County soccer fields. The decision was tabled to the next meeting.

Dr. Arza updated the board on what was done by them thus far, including the completion of the initial assessment, and completed meetings with board, administration and teachers. They will have a presentation ready at the next board meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Jaber presented BDS field transportation policy allowing private vehicle use in field trips. The board was asked to approve the policy to be implemented at RLA. Dr. Zawahry motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Hinson. All in favor. Motion passed.

Dr. Mazloun presented the Lead in Schools program run by Florida Rural Water Association (FRWA). The association will sample for lead at the school free of charge. FRWA will also help with communication with parents if lead is found at any fixtures and would assist the school in determining best remediation strategy. Being involved in the program will allow the school to be proactive in prioritizing student health. Dr. Mazloun asked the board approve participation in the program and to allow school administrators to contact FRWA to get the process started. Mr. Steinbrecher motion to approve. Seconded by Mr Zawahry. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.**