

6.0 BOARD PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Enrollment Update - Robin Nellis

7.0 COMMITTEE UPDATES

7.1 Update from the Academic Committee

***8.0 PERSONNEL**

***8.1 RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of the Head of School that the Board of Trustees** votes to accept the following resignations:

*8.1.1 Name: Jaime Peters
 Position: Classroom Teacher
 Appointment: 10 Month Position – 1.0 FTE
 Status: Exempt - Salary
 Effective: August 23, 2021
 Reason: To accept a position in a district closer to her home

9.0 OLD BUSINESS

9.1 **RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees** votes to designate Amie Caster and Lee Pierce as additional official Bank Signatories for REACH Academy Charter School for the 2021-2022 school year. This item was tabled at the previous meeting.

Moved by: Chris Arnold Seconded by: Susan Dunkle Vote: 5-0-1

9.2 **RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees** votes to accept the resignation of Trustee and Board Treasurer Ryan Caster, effective August 31, 2021. This item was tabled at the previous meeting.

Moved by: Susan Dunkle Seconded by: Dolores Prezyna Vote: 5-0-1

10.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

10.1 **RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of the Head of School that the Board of Trustees** votes to approve submission of the attached application for a Five Year Renewal of the Initial Charter for REACH Academy Charter School to the New York State Charter School Office.

Moved by: Chris Arnold Seconded by: Heather Speakes Vote: 6-0

10.2 **RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of the Head of School that the Board of Trustees** votes to approve submission of the following Material and Non-Material revisions to the Charter of REACH Academy Charter School.

Material Revisions:

1. The REACH Academy Charter School’s Board of Trustees respectfully requests that the Regents approve a material revision to its charter to allow the School, which currently serves 480 scholars in grades Kindergarten through Grade 5, to increase total authorized enrollment for grades K-5 by 120 scholars, bringing the maximum authorized enrollment grades K-5 to 600 scholars. This would allow the school to have approximately 100 Scholars at each grade level, instead of 80 as previously approved for the first charter.
2. The REACH Academy Charter School Board of Trustees respectfully requests that the Regents approve a grade level expansion request taking RACS initial K-5 grade level configuration, and expanding the grade level span to include grades 6-10, with an increase in authorized enrollment of 500 scholars. This would bring the grade level span from kindergarten through grade 5, to kindergarten through grade 10, and the total authorized enrollment from 480 to 1100 scholars, respectively. RACS will fill open seats at the lowest grades first until all openings have been filled. This material revision would not go into effect until the initial charter concludes at the end of 2021-2022 school year.

Non-Material Revisions:

1. The REACH Academy Board of Trustees respectfully requests the following non-material revision. A modification to the Initial Charter By-laws. See Attachment in this Section 4 for a red-lined version of the proposed changes to the By-Laws.
2. The REACH Academy Charter School Board of Trustees respectfully requests approval for a new and/or renovated brick and mortar facility, that will be located in close proximity to the present Charter School at 115 Ash Street in Buffalo, New York. This additional site will house RACS Middle School Scholars in Grades 5 through 8 beginning September of the 2022-2023 school year, and will include Grade 9 and 10 Scholars, until a third building is acquired.

Students, teachers, support staff and administrators are currently housed in one 90,000 square foot facility which nears capacity. This present facility will lack a sufficient size cafeteria and auditorium to accommodate for the increase in student enrollment. RACS plans to acquire an existing brick and mortar school facility, and/or build out an existing structure, will meet the aforementioned demands, and initially accommodate scholars in Grade 5 through Grade 10. The new facility will provide opportunities, including but not limited to, theme-based and curriculum specific classroom designs, a state-of-the-art science laboratory and a music auditorium to advance middle school programming. A decision will be made as to the need to acquire a third building toward the end of the 2025-2026 school year in order to house the high school.

Moved by: Chris Arnold Seconded by: Ryan Caster Vote: 6-0

10.0 ADJOURNMENT – 6:53 PM

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees votes to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Chris Arnold Seconded by: Sarah Pearson Collins Vote: 6-0

The next meeting of the BOT is scheduled for Thursday, August 26, 2021 **at 6:15 P.M.**