



**Board Minutes  
August 12, 2021**

**Zoom Link** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83622044784>

**5:30pm**

Meeting called to order at 5:31 pm

Roll Call Present: Michael Lane, David Taber, Monica Smith, Giye Filipowicz, Joshua Binning, Rebecca Denzer, Jon Lippitz

Absent: none

Public Comment

- Public Comment- None
- Review of May 19, 2021 Minutes- Minutes Approved
- Glows (Puckett, Ratani, Carifio, Oliver)
  - Puckett- Cadence Summer Programming was very engaging for ELA
  - Ratani- Out due to surgery
  - Carifio- Crew training
  - Oliver- Staff is back and enthusiastic for a new school year
- Financial Reports (Lane)
  - Financials through June 30
    - Key changes- two loans matured at the end of June- we rolled them over for another 5yr
    - Made an advanced payment of \$140,000 on our third IFF loan
    - Increased payments to Vanguard
  - 2021-22 Budget
    - 6M budget (up 20%)
    - ESSR II and III Funding Plan
      - \$400,000 for new staff positions
      - \$39,000 Consulting
      - \$154,000 Technology
      - \$62,000 Enrichment Programming
      - \$530,000 Building Improvements
  - Review of Capital Improvements 2021-22
- Summer Programming Summary (Puckett)- nearly 95 scholars participated in one of the following summer programs
  - Summer Fellows (Intervention)
  - Cadence Program (On Grade Level)
  - Northwestern Program (Above Grade Level)
  - Africa Conference (two alum)
- Academic Goals 2021-22 (Puckett and Ratani)
  - 90% of all scholars will have 1 years of growth



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- Attendance Goals 2021-22 (Carifio and Oliver)  
7% increase in overall attendance in Q1
- Discipline Goals 2021-22 (Carifio and Oliver)  
30% decrease in suspensions for the year
- Staffing (Boeddeker)  
Three instructor positions to hire for- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, UA Enrichment
- Enrollment Report (Kenney)  
92% to goal, 30 seats to fill

**Reminders and Quick Updates**

- Board Trainings (Lane)
- Any Additional Board Business  
Creation of a finance and CEO committee

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Galapagos Rockford Charter School is dedicated to preparing scholars to be responsible, productive, college-educated adults capable of adapting and prospering in the changing global economy.

Core Values of Galapagos: Grit Drive Growth Mindset

**Next Board Meeting – November 16, 2021 at 5:30 pm**

**2605 School St. Lower Academy or Zoom (TBD)**