

MINUTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Riverview Charter School
January 11, 2016, 6:00 pm
81 Savannah Highway, Beaufort, SC 29906

Mission:

Riverview Charter School's mission is to create a small, diverse learning community that actively engages students in meaningful and innovative learning experiences. Emphasizing "learning by doing," family and community involvement, and engaged citizenship, Riverview is committed to nurturing the whole child and preparing each student for a global society.

Members Present: Reece Bertholf, Cathy Hoogenboom, Lamarr Cooler, Jaime Dailey-Vergara, Denise Jones, Jim White, Gayle Carroll

Members Absent: Aileen Cangiano-Heath, LaShonda Scott, John Troutman,

Staff Present: Alison Thomas, AK Harper, Ann Marie Bowden, Natalie Wohlwend

Call to Order by Mr. Reece Bertholf at 6:05pm.

Mr. Bertholf welcomed new board member. Ms. Gayle Carroll was a History teacher and retired from RCS. Existing board members introduced themselves to Ms. Carroll. Aileen Cangiano-Health (absent) is also a new Board Member.

Mr. Bertholf moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Cooler second. Approved. Mr. Bertholf stated that the Board is in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Public Comments: none

Discussion and Action

Mr. Bertholf asked to begin the Election of Board Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer & Secretary). Per Ms. Thomas, we will nominate and elect by voting on ballots. Mr. Cooler nominated Mr. Bertholf, Ms. Hoogenboom second. Approved. Mr. White moved to elect Reece by acclamation. Ms. Jones second. Approved. Ms. Hoogenboom nominated Mr. Cooler as Vice-Chair, Ms. Dailey-Vergara second. Approved. Mr. Cooler nominated Ms. Hoogenboom as Treasurer, Ms. Dailey-Vergara second. Approved. Ms. Jones nominated Ms. Douglas as Secretary, Ms. Hoogenboom second. Mr. Cooler nominated Ms. Dailey-Vergara. Mr. White second. Voting was cast. Mr. Bertholf counted the ballots. Ms. Douglas was elected Secretary. Congratulations to the new Executive Team.

Selection of monthly board meetings

Mr. White stated he liked the 3rd Thursday of the month; it gives everyone the chance to review documents from the month prior. The majority of Board members agreed to 3rd Thursday of month. Mr. Bertholf motioned for 3rd Thursdays of each month. Mr. Cooler second. Approved. Mr. Bertholf to consult absent members regarding 3rd Thursday.

Selection of Board Retreat date

Mr. Bertholf suggested Jan 30th for all day board retreat and all agreed.

Discussion of Board Retreat Agenda

Mr. Bertholf suggested the purpose of the retreat is to set Board goals for upcoming year, evaluate last year goals and achievements, as well as, discuss the goal setting process. The Board will need to review FOIA (Freedom of Information Act). Ms. Thomas asked boards members let her know if there is anything specific to discuss. She also mentioned we will have documents to sign. Mr. Bertholf will discuss the reason for fund raising and how to move forward . Mr. Bertholf commented we do not need to consult Mike Freeman. Per Mr. Cooler, we will have finances to review and the monthly budget report. Ms. Hoogenboom suggested we need to reset the committees. Ms. Douglas suggested if we could develop a timeline for the year on all our goals/objectives. Mr. Bertholf mentioned board members will need to complete the annual training, the training will take about 2 hours online and Ms. Thomas will provide us the link. The date of each Board Member training will be reported in the Annual Report. Mr. Bertholf said we will discuss the structure of the lottery.

Mr. Bertholf announcement – Evy Trask invited us to Business After Hours. 5:30pm to 7pm at Habersham Park House. The event will be to promote BTR and gain sponsorships. Per Ms. Trask, we have received approximately \$50K in sponsorship and 207 registrants. Ms. Thomas stated the BTR had 1500 registrants last year.

Director's Report

Summary of Events and Happenings

- MLK Parade on 1/18 at 10am.
- Home basketball game against Bolden Academy on 1/19 at 4:30pm (Beaufort Middle School)
- High School Night for 8th graders on 1/20 at 5pm (Gym)
- Community Open House on 1/21 at 5:30 (Art Room)
- School Tours every Wednesday at 9am
- Home Basketball game against Thomas Heyward on 1/26 at 4:30pm (Beaufort Middle School)
- 100th day of school is 1/27 & National School Choice Week so our band and NJHS Students will be in Columbia that day for a rally on the statehouse steps!
- Ms. Thomas will be away from school on January 25th and 26th (Monday and Tuesday)

Student Outreach –

Enrollment – Ms. Thomas provided Enrollment goal and current applicant status. Current applicants provides only first 10 days of enrollment. 356 applicants as of 1/10/2016. Last year 200 to 250 applicants on day 10. Kindergarten is smaller than usual at 121. Ms. Thomas stated additional marketing strategies will be disbursed in the next few weeks which will make the applicant pool higher. Ms. Bertholf had two comments. We beat the market in black but we don't meet the OCR requirements because we over subscribe. Priority status numbers are insignificant to date; sibling priority is the same as last year. Ms. Thomas stated that 21 of the 76 seats are reserved for siblings as of Jan 10. Per Mr. Bertholf, we need the large pool to meet the OCR requirements in the lottery, to show we are not discriminating. Per Ms. Thomas the 2016-2017 % drop is because BCSD is listing Hispanic as the rising demographic. The reason OTHER is not in the goal is because Other was not written in the desegregation goal.

Ms. Jones asked members to post enrollment posters in the community and to please report where you posted the posters. Ms. Thomas is keeping track of all the marketing strategies for to show our good faith efforts.

Mr. Bertholf made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Hoogenboom second. Approved Adjourn at 7:03pm.

Next Board meeting January 30, 2016 at 8am.

Respectfully submitted by Susanne Douglas 1/12/2016