

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Riverview Charter School
June 18, 2020, 5:00pm, Zoom

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:

Mary Jordan Lempesis, Nicole Johansen, Vincent Brennan, Lamarr Cooler, Reece Bertholf, Joey Grice, Julia Wittchen-Price, Arthur O'Kelley

Leadership Team Present:

Alison Thomas, Liz O'Brien, AK Harper, Donna Haram, AnnMarie Bowden

Public Present: Megan Linacre, Sarah Cox

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:05.

Public Session

- (I) Agenda approved.
- (II) We are in compliance with Freedom of Information Act.
- (III) Public Comments: None.

Finance Committee:

- (I) May 2020 \$93K net favorable to budget.
- (II) Qualified for federal PPE loan: \$942K (qualified as a non-profit). Thanks to Liz O'Brien and BBT!
 - (I) 60% of loan must be spent on payroll expenses and all must be spent by the end of 2020. RCS anticipates using the entire amount and not sending any back.
- (III) Overall balance sheet positive.

Director's Report:

- (I) Lottery: Hosted on June 4, 2020.
 - (I) Outcomes are in compliance with OCR guidelines. Classes filled.
 - (II) 65 Kindergarten seats were filled by Priority Kids. Staff kids are a small percentage of the
 - (III) Zoom call was successful. Will likely video share future lotteries for ease in participation.
- (II) FY 20/21 Final Budget Reading
 - (I) Melissa Kiddy still agrees that revenue estimate is appropriate, albeit conservative.
 - (II) SCDE has sent 200 pages of guidelines for reopening schools in August in response to COVID-19.
 - (I) Districts can close independent of each other in response to any COVID-19 outbreaks.
 - (II) RCS will try to be similar to BCSD in such decisions.
 - (III) Personnel Expenses changes due to benefit decision and staffing choices.

(IV) Retirement rate increase was planned for state, but they have decided to not increase.

(V) Increase Custodial Service costs (e.g. midday classroom cleaning, more bathroom and lunchroom cleaning, etc), and a misting machine that sanitizes a room within an hour. Contract with ABM runs August 1 - July 31 annually. Can continue to modify contract until July 31.

(VI) Athletics

(I) Planning for it, albeit unsure whether it will happen. Covid could increase or decrease these expenses.

(VII) Addition of PPE gear cost.

(VIII) Removed some audiovisual expenses as RCS doesn't anticipate a lot of large gathering this coming year, and revisit these upgrade costs in future.

(IX) Bus expenses could increase or decrease depending on potential A/B schedule or intermittent closures, etc.

(X) Advertising required by OCR annually for new student enrollment.

(III) Questions: None

Executive Session

Public Session

(I) Motion presented to renew the charter contract as presented. Motion passed.

(II) Motion presented and passed to renew and ratify Alison Thomas as Director of RCS.

(III) How might COVID-19 affect the opening of school August 2020?

(I) Families with high risk students have concerns about going back.

(II) Facility space limits social distancing ability.

(III) It seems BCSD is currently not anticipating all student returning to campus in August.

(IV) Report from state department (SCDE) will be finalized June 20. State has required schools to let parents know plan by August 1. Alison would like to decide and inform parents of RCS plans regarding COVID-19 by July 15.

(V) RCS will try to mirror BCSD as much as possible.

(VI) Governor McMaster is looking to give counties and school districts the flexibility to open and close as needed in response to cases in their area.

(VII) Lunchroom policies will be modified.

(VIII) Guidelines recommend face shields for staff, but no face coverings for students. No volunteers or parents beyond front office.

Next Board Meeting:

July 16, 2020, Zoom, 5:30pm.

Adjorn:

Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.