

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Riverview Charter School
July 16, 2020, 5:30pm, 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, Katherine Ferguson, Nicole Johansen, Vincent Brennan, Lamarr Cooler, Reece Bertholf, Joey Grice, Julia Wittchen-Price, Arthur O'Kelley, Mindy Farris

Leadership Team Present:

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

Public Present: Kerry Cosneau, Unknown

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:35.

Public Session

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

Finance Committee:

- (I) (I) As of June 30, 2020 Balance Sheet Cash was \$2,176,530.
- (II) (II) Current Liabilities total \$256,656 which includes Accounts Payable, Retirement Benefits Payable and Prepaid Student Fees.
- (III) (III) Total Revenue for the school year ended June 30, 2020 was \$7,771,673 vs. Budget of \$7,737,707.
- (IV) (IV) Total Expenses for the school year ended June 30, 2020 was \$7,285,778 vs. Budget of \$7,522,854.
- (V) Reserve Account Expenditures total \$31,945 vs. Budget of \$56,500 for the fiscal year.
- (VI) Net Income for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 was \$453,950.
- (VII) The financial statements will be audited and should be ready for presentation by end of November.

People & Programs Committee:

- (I) Recruitment & Election Timeline approved as follows.

October 1	Nomination Packet Complete
October 2	Current Board Members Begin Recruitment
October 5	Email Parents & Add Ad to Website
October Board Mtg	Brainstorm Nomination Candidates and Plan Contact

November 2	Informational Meeting
November 9	Nomination Submission Deadline
November 16-8	Candidate Interviews
November 30	Ballots Sent via Email
December 7	Deadline for Ballot Submissions
December 9	Newly Elected Members Emailed
December 11	Email to RCS Community Announcing New Board Members Sent

(II) Seeking two new board members for 2021-2023 term.

Director's Report:

(I) Resuming On-site Learning

- (i) Kids will return to school on campus for in-person learning at some point in time.
- (ii) BCSD will start to September 8. Should we also?
 - (a) We would likely cancel Fall Break and some random days off and push into June a week or so.
 - (b) Base Student Funding should not be impacted by delaying the start of school until September 8.
 - (c) Would give school more time to train teachers on health protocols, digital platforms, etc.
 - (d) Teachers compensation is already split evenly across 12 months, so delay doesn't affect their compensation.
 - (e) This would affect hourly staff income.
 - (f) Points to AAP statement that kids need to go back to school.
 - (g) There is a concern that a September 8 date could be postponed.
 - (h) Could we start K-3 and IEPs, ELLs, etc on August 12, and the rest of the school start Sept 8? It could be considered, but hasn't been yet. SCDHEC allows for these students to come back 5 days early. This would require coordination with BCSD to provide IEP services. Not sure if BCSD would be amenable to this.
- (iii) How would/will distance learning look different than it did during the spring? More face-time between teacher and student and also students and their peers.
- (iv) The state (SCDHEC) gives 3 possible scenarios: all virtual, all on-site, hybrid. This is during the pandemic only. These depend on county new case numbers.
 - (a) What would a hybrid look like? Could families and students manage such an irregular schedule?
 - (i) A/B Days could work for general elementary students.
 - (ii) A/B Days are much harder for middle school specialized students.
 - (iii) This would be as short as possible.
 - (iv) This could be an age split, giving on-site preference to younger students, K-3.
 - (b) Students cannot unenroll into virtual state charter school and come back when they are ready, because RCS has a wait list for empty seats.
- (v) Required protocol when a teacher has a possible exposure or positive case? If a student or teacher tests positive, if the school has limited volume of mixing with other schools, you quarantine the class, the student, the siblings of the positive case (but not the siblings of other classmates), and the specials teacher that was there in the class

that day. Class would engage in distance learning for that 2-weeks. Gathering substitutes will be challenging.

- (vi) Are we likely to follow BCSD's on-site or virtual regardless of our preferences? We would have to ask a lot of questions and vet a lot of things like special education and bus transportation, to see if it's even plausible.
- (vii) The index from SCDHEC publishes rolling average of county counts and level (high, moderate, low), every Monday.
- (viii) RCS Leadership Team advises opening Sept 8, which would hopefully allow us to achieve a moderate case number and be able to start a hybrid, so students can meet the students and be evaluated, etc.
- (ix) County mask initiative applies to students in school.
- (x) Motion to follow BCSD's lead and Leadership Team's recommendation, using SCDE guidelines and SCDHEC's trending of virus data as a guide, to move start date to September 8, and create a new school calendar for the 2020/2021 year, to be published to families as soon as possible. Passed 7/2.

Executive Session

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, August 20, 5:30, Zoom

Approve Minutes:

June 18, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes approved.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.