

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Riverview Charter School
May 21, 2020, 5:00pm, Zoom
81 Savannah Highway, Beaufort, 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:

Mary Jordan Lempesis, Nicole Johansen, Vincent Brennan, Lamarr Cooler, Reece Bertholf, Katherine Ferguson, Scott Lee, Mindy Farris

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 5:08.

Executive Session

Public Session:

- (I) Agenda approved.
- (II) We are in compliance with Freedom of Information Act.
- (III) Public Comments
 - (i) Suggestion to keep making board meetings available via live video, even after pandemic.

Finance Committee:

- (I) April 30: \$1 million as cash, liabilities of 300K.
- (II) Some April revenue sources gone (no Tidewatch, no food services). \$117K under budget for the month. 82K revenue less than budget (revenue less expenses).
- (III) Accounting firm changed where field trip monies are recorded.
- (IV) Better than budget Year to Date.
- (V) Refunds from capstone trip companies are being received, and refunds being sent to parents.

Director's Report:

- (I) Lottery has been approved by OCR and BCSD. Tentatively set for Thursday, June 4. Hope to publish date tomorrow. OCR approved as submitted.
- (II) Wrapping up the school year.
 - (i) Today was the last day for teachers to send new work.
 - (ii) Report Cards sent out June 3. They will be slightly different to accommodate for distance learning experience. Details sent via email to parents.
 - (iii) Student pick-up & drop-off next week.

- (iv) Rising 6th and 7th graders may keep their iPads (in case we start digitally in August).
Technology Director receives daily report of use.
- (III) Second Budget Reading for 2020/2021.
 - (i) Total Expenditures \$7,902,455 is 95.7% of Total Revenue.
 - (ii) Removed Net Income from BTR in case it does not happen.
 - (iii) Students at Risk of Failure has come in higher from state, so recorded such.
 - (iv) IDEA up \$1500 as following this year's trend.
 - (v) Instructional Salaries: actual numbers now recorded as hiring process has moved forward.
 - (vi) Contract Tidewatch Services: Some need to be moved from Instructional Salaries to Tidewatch (for teachers who teach classes in Tidewatch).
 - (vii) Food Purchases, Pest Control, Sewer, etc, up a little as trending for FY20.
 - (viii) Electric Bill gone down as AC finally functioning properly.
 - (ix) Audit & Legal ran higher than expected this year.
 - (x) Technology changes due to updated news from Technology Director.
- (IV) Caution to stay in touch with BCSD collections, especially considering the pandemic, they may see a shortfall in revenue.
- (V) RCS is free from State Step as a charter. RCS gives merit-based pay.
- (VI) Final budget read, and vote, at our next meeting.
- (VII) Questions
 - (i) How will grades differ? New markers for (1) not-taught, (2) inadequate information to access, and (3) student did not participate. Following BCSD guidelines for high school class grades.
 - (ii) Overall Assessment of Distance Learning? Teachers have worked so hard and done wonderfully. The staff have been impressed by parents on the whole. For the families without a strong infrastructure at home, distance learning compounded those challenges. Counselors worked to meet essential needs for families who needed it. Student enthusiasm has been pleasing as well. Staff has grown and become more efficient through this. Participation has slowed a little near the end. Overall very pleased with the rise to the challenge.
 - (iii) Will Distance Learning affect Standardized Tests next year? Probably yes, but still expect RCS students to out-perform their district peers.
 - (i) Teacher observation, especially with reading, extra challenging in K-2. Science experiments very challenging for middle school. Teaching new math grades 3-5 was also a challenge.
 - (ii) Dreambox and iXL access continues through summer.
 - (iii) Assistants in K & 1 will be essential next year.
 - (iv) Differentiating is not new, but teachers will probably have to review more next year, and then accelerate the rest of the curriculum slightly.
 - (v) MAP tests were scheduled early this year, so several grades had completed teaching all their grade level standard prior to move to distance learning.

Next Board Meeting:

June 18, 2020, Zoom, Time TBD.

Approval of Minutes:

Approved Minutes of April 30, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.

Adjorn:

Meeting adjourned at 6:36pm.