

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Riverview Charter School
March 18, 2021 6:00pm, 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, Katherine Ferguson, Lamarr Cooler, Arthur O'Kelley, Mindy Farris, Trey Rivers, MJ Simmons, Carol Smalls-Jenkins, Lauren Kelly, Reece Bertholf

Leadership Team Present: Sarah Cox, Liz O'Brien, AK Harper, Donna Haram-Deines

Public Present:

13 participants via Zoom.

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:03

Public Session:

There is a motion to approve the meeting agenda by Arthur O'Kelley. Mary Jordan Lempesis seconds the motion. All approve.

We are in compliance with Freedom of Information Act. Staff, parents, RCS community at large, BCSD, and news outlets notified of meeting via email at 12:00pm on March 17, 2021. Notice posted to school 12:00pm March 17, 2021.

Public comment on non agenda items:

Cathy Bridgers

Financial Report: Lamarr Cooler, Treasurer

As of February 28, 2021 the Cash Balance was \$2,200,049

Total current liabilities as of February 28, 2021 was \$221,847 which is primarily the amount due for retirement benefits

Statement of Revenue and Expenses comments:

1. Base Student Funding revenue is \$4,687,579 for the eight months ended February 28, 2021 vs. budget of \$4,627,871. Based on current funding RCS should receive \$220 thousand above the budgeted BSF amount for this school year.

2. Salaries and Benefits are \$3.8 million YTD vs. Budget of \$3.9 million

YTD

3. Total Revenue YTD of \$5,092,874 exceeded Total Expenses of \$5,015,063 resulting in Net Income of \$77,811 for the eight months ended February 28, 2021.

\$35,748 is the cost proposed to purchase projectors in the gym and middle school commons area.

Interim Director Cox projector presentation-

Projector money would come from the reserve account and upgrade middle school commons audio system, teacher meetings and make a great student presentation area. The upgraded system in the gym would help with plays and large school events.

Lamarr Cooler makes a motion to purchase the \$35,748 equipment for the gym and middle school commons area. Arthur O'Kelley seconds the motion.

Public Comment-

None

Unanimous approval from the board. Motion approved.

Directors Search: Chairman Reece Bertholf

The search has made very strong progress. It started in late December. The board is reviewing and going to interview the final 4 candidates next week. Thank you to all of the committee members for their hard work and help with the process.

Directors Report: Interim Director Sarah Cox

Sarah Cox budget presentation-

The Leadership Team is working on teacher contracts and interim Director Cox has proposed 6 leadership positions and teacher bonuses for the 2021-22 school year.

Salary increase (to match the school district)

Additional positions for the upcoming school year-

4 part time 2nd grade assistance

New Interventionist and new middle school specials teacher.

4% teacher salary increase.

Questions from the Board-

Why are 2nd grade assistants part time? Can board see financial difference between part time and full time?

Is this budget final? We are hesitant to walk into a large deficit. (No, this is the first reading)

Lauren Kelly makes a motion to approve the 1st reading of the 2021-2022 school budget.

Carol Smalls-Jenkins seconds the motion.

Public Comment-

Ty Reichel

Motion is unanimous with 10 board members voting.

88 Students remain virtual.

Since February we have had 0 cases of COVID and only 6 students in quarantine.

60% of staff has received the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. (This is not a requirement)

1600bs of food and toiletries were donated to HELP of Beaufort.

Soccer seasons is off to a great start- the girls are undefeated.

7 8th graders inducted in National Jr. Honors Society.

RCS awarded Peggy May Award

Teacher Appreciation week is April 12-16

Kona Ice is coming in lieu of field day.

8th grade moving up is June 10th and last walk is June 11th.

RSC requested a waiver from the school district for lottery guidelines due to the pandemic.

School Calendar- 1st day is August 11th.

Chairman's report: Reece Bertholf

Board Retreat is Sunday, March 21st from 12-5.

Minutes from the 2/18/2021 board meeting are reviewed.

Lamarr Cooler makes a motion to approve the minutes. Katherine Ferguson seconds. Unanimous approval

Next Board Meeting

Sunday, March 21st 2021 12:00pm (Board Retreat)

Executive Session

Personnel Discussion

Mary Jordan Lempesis makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trey Rivers seconds the motion. Unanimous approval Meeting adjourned 7:58