

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Riverview Charter School  
April 29, 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, Lamarr Cooler, Arthur O'Kelley, Mindy Farris, Trey Rivers, MJ Simmons, Carol Smalls-Jenkins, Lauren Kelly, Reece Bertholf

By zoom- Katherine Ferguson

Leadership Team Present: Robert Bechtold, Sarah Cox, Liz O'Brien, Donna Haram-Deines

**Public Present:**

15 participants via Zoom.

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:00

Approval of agenda: Trey Rivers makes a motion to approve the agenda. Mary Jordan Lempesis seconds the motion. Unanimous approval of the agenda.

**Public Session:**

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 April 26, 2021. Notice posted to school 12:00pm April 26, 2021.

**Public comment on non agenda items:**

**None**

**Financial Report:** Lamarr Cooler, Treasurer

Balance sheet cash as of March 31 was \$2,179,868. Cash deposited in the BB&T account as of today is \$2,317,000.

Accounts Receivable from the USDA for school lunch program was \$105,649. These funds should be collected from the BCSD as soon as possible.

Total current liabilities total \$167,953. \$94,542 of this amount is the amount due for funding the retirement program and \$34,548 is the total of accounts payable as of March 31.

Net income for the month of March was \$85,548 vs. budget of \$5,137.

The positive variance is primarily due to Base Student Funding being \$40,509 favorable to budget and a favorable variance in Contracted Services. The budget for March included \$60,000 for busing charges from the county. Since RCS has not bused students this school year we will not have to pay any student transportation costs.

Net income for the eight months ended March 31 and was \$163,143 vs budgeted net income of \$53,331.

**Directors Report: Interim Director Robert Bechtold and Sarah Cox**

Mr. Bechtold has been meeting with all staff members in 30 minute blocks.

**Sarah Cox (school operations)**

Low COVID exposure in the past month. 1 teacher tested positive, 2 teachers quarantined and 3 students quarantined.

We had a "Fin-tastic" Teacher appreciation the week before spring break.  
Bookfair is coming up and is a large fundraiser for then school. Due to Covid parents can't come in person.

MAP testing is wrapping up and SC Ready will be in May. Virtual families that don't feel comfortable coming in are waived for testing.

June 3<sup>rd</sup>- National Junior Honors Society (filmed for families)

8<sup>th</sup> grade moving up ceremony Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Highway 21 Drive-in theater.

June 11<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade last walk.

Enrollment and lottery procedures are handed out.

395 total applications

Mary Jordan Lempesis makes the motion to ratify lottery procedures and take them to the Beaufort County School District. Trey Rivers seconds the motion.

No Public comment.

The board votes unanimous yes.

### **Chairman's report: Reece Bertholf**

Liz O'Brien updated the board on PEBA procedures. PEBA wants the Board to approve RCS to become its own benefits administrator. With this we will be a more competitive employer. We will now be able to participate in the money plus program. This would start July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Call for a motion to approve the PEBA resolution. Lauren Kelly makes the motion to approve the resolution. Carol Smalls Jenkins seconds the motion.

Public comment-

None

Unanimous approval on the resolution.

**Minutes from the 3/18/2021 board meeting are reviewed and will be approved with special meeting minutes in May.**

### **Next Board Meeting**

Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 6:00pm

### **Executive Session**

Personnel Discussion

Carol Smalls Jenkins makes a motion to go into executive session. Mindy Farris seconds the motion.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:17pm