

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Riverview Charter School
April 21, 2022 6:00pm, Riverview/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:

Jonathan Sullivan, MJ Simmons, Reece Bertholf, Lamarr Cooler, Kimberly Dudas, Vincent Brennan, Leigh Copeland, Lauren Kelly, Carol Smalls Jenkins

Leadership Team Present: Rob Bechtold, Liz O'Brien, Jenna Gow, Karen Miller, Erica Freeman, AK Harper

Public Present:

Lindsay Kave

3 participants via Zoom.

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:07p.

Approval of the agenda. Kimberly Dudas moves to approve the agenda. Lauren Kelly seconds the motion. Unanimous approval of the agenda.

Public Session

We are in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act. Staff, parents, RCS community at large, BCSD, and news outlets notified of the meeting via email on April 19, 2022. Notice posted to school on April 19, 2022.

Public Comment: None

Finance Committee Report: Lamarr Cooler

Monthly Financial Statements were presented and reviewed. See attachment. This year's funding from our USDA food program has been beneficial. More lunches continue to be produced due to the free lunch program. For the 9 months ended March 31, 2022 Tidewatch Revenue was \$106,724 vs. Budgeted Revenue of \$154,000. Therefore Tidewatch Revenue is \$47,276 below YTD Budget. Tidewatch Expenses for the 9 months ended March 31, 2022 totalled \$122,310 vs. Budgeted Expenses of \$148,877, thus favorable in the amount of \$26,567. Additionally there was a grant of \$20,000 for the Tidewatch program this year.

Committee updates: Reece Bertholf

Board Members that have signed up are as follows. They will work with Rob to set up and recruit members with a goal to having a meeting in May or June.

Executive Committee: Reece Bertholf - Chair, MJ Simmons - Vice Chair, Leigh Copeland - Secretary Finance - Lamarr Cooler

Finance Committee: Lamarr Cooler - Chair Members: Jonathan Sullivan, Vince Brennan

Advancement Committee: Leigh Copeland - Chair Members: Kimberly Dudas, Carol Smalls Jenkins

Facilities Committee: MJ Simmons - Chair Members: Jonathan Sullivan, Lauren Kelly

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Director's Report: Robert Bechtold

FY 2022 Budget Projections from BCSD: BCSD's estimated allocation for next school year was shared and reviewed. See attachment. In summary, some weightings changed. Most of which increased. This will result in an increased funding compared to late year. Estimated allocation is \$9,839,237.53 for 2022-23 school year compared to about \$7.7M this year. The variation is unusual, mostly due to increases in the mill and weightings for this year. This level of increase should not be expected every year. State department of education sets these weights each year.

FY 2022 Budget Presentation 1st Reading - see attachments

Reece commented that the two main priorities should be capital improvements and pushing money into the classroom.

BOARD ACTION 1:

Motion to accept first reading of the budget with addition of this year's YTD actual and the \$200,000 increases in line item for bonuses by Jonathan Sullivan. Motion seconded by Lauren Kelly.

Jonathan Sullivan applauded the work of Rob and Liz regarding the budget emphasizing that investing in teachers is so important and a great investment. Unanimous approval of the first reading of the budget.

Lottery Update: Sample lottery info has been submitted to Wendy Cartledge at the BCSD. Wendy is responsible for submitting our lottery pool to the Office of Civil Rights. We are awaiting on approval from them and will hold our lottery within 48 hours following approval.

BTR Update: Raised over \$100,000. Net profit was \$60,502.24. Reece Bertholf thanked Jeff and Valerie Althoff for their continued leadership of the BTR and said that it was great seeing the community back out in Habersham for the event. Lamarr Cooler commended Christina Gecy, our sponsorship chair for BTR for her diligent work in getting sponsorships for the race.

Consent Agenda: MJ Simmons

March minutes reviewed. Motion approved by Lamarr Cooler and Carol Small Jenkins. Unanimous approval.

Next Board Meeting

May 23, 2022 6:00p - we moved the board meeting due to Portfolio Night on **May 19, 2022** .

Adjourn

Kimberly Dudas makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carol Smalls Jenkins seconds the motion with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:40p.