

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Riverview Charter School

February 26, 2024, 6:00 pm, Conference Room

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:

Board of Directors: Kimberly Dudas-Chair, Erica Martin – Vice Chair, Chelsi Everhart-Treasurer, Blakely Williams-Secretary, Carl Alston, Jonetta Green, Starr Hayes, David Musselman, Bridget Norton

Leadership & Staff Present: Liz O’Brien-Interim Director, Jenna Gow, Karen Miller, Nan Burvenich, Lindsay Kave, Haley Romeo

Members of the Public Present: Vince Brennan,

Members Present on Zoom: Megan Bridge, Shandi Whitmore, Christy Steen

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of the agenda:

A motion was made by Chelsi Everhart to approve the agenda. The motion received a proper second by David Musselman and carried unanimously.

Public Session

The Chair confirmed the Board is 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 March 6, 2024. Notice was posted to school in February 2024.

Public Comment:

Vince Brennan asked the Board of Directors to consider establishing an Academic Performance Committee to ensure academic excellence while focusing on the future and reviewed requirements from the “No Child Left Behind Act” as well as to consider implementing a volunteer mentor program.

FINANCE REPORT:

A presentation was made by Treasurer Chelsi Everhart to discuss the budget limitations the school is experiencing. She is working with Beaufort County School Districts to better understand revenue changes that will impact the draft 2024-2025 budget. The current year’s expenses have exceeded those

budgeted, while the revenue dollars have been significantly cut from BCSD & the State of South Carolina. The school's attorneys are working with the Beaufort County School District attorneys to review editing our lease agreement.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Starr Hayes is serving as the Chair of the Executive Director Search Committee. She reported that we've received interest from 17 candidates and their first Search Committee meeting is planned for February 29, 2024. The other members serving on the Search Committee were announced: Mr. Kevin McGuire, Mrs. Donna Moore, Mrs. Shelby Kolb.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Liz O'Brien announced the 2024-2025 Lottery will be held February 27, 2024. The school published the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 academic calendars. In February, the school hosted nearly 300 family members for Grandparent's Day and thanked the PTO for their organization of a special Valentine's treat for the staff as well as for their preparations for the school Book Fair.

The Beaufort County School Board referendum is raising funds that will pay for the installment of a back fence/gate that will provide extra security and serve as a backstop for the future baseball field. The baseball field/dugouts and construction will begin construction under this same funding stream.

There is no waitlist for Tidewatch. The girls middle school basketball team is the winner of the championship games while the school transitions to beginning soccer, baseball and softball seasons.

O'Brien briefed the board that progress continues on investigating a School Resource Officer or security firm to begin work this Spring. The Board Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, March 9 at 8:30 a.m. Kim Dudas and Liz O'Brien will release a survey to the school community to understand priorities in advance of the 2024-2025 budget.

ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Erica Martin asked board members to send two business names that we can begin sponsorship recruitment efforts. Haley Romeo announced the results of a recent Valentine's Fundraising initiative and the progress to date for the Beaufort Twilight Run.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Chelsi Everhart to approve the consent agenda including the January board minutes. The motion received a proper second by David Musselman and carried unanimously.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for the Board Retreat on Saturday, March 9 at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURN: Chelsi Everhart makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Starr Hayes seconds the motion with unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm