

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Riverview Charter School

Monday, December 16, 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: Kim Dudas – Chair, Erica Martin – Vice Chair, Chelsi Everhart – Treasurer, Blakely Williams- Secretary, Maurice Greenleaf, Lauren Kelly, David Musselman, Bridget Norton, Starr Hayes

LEADERSHIP & STAFF PRESENT: Meghan Pierro, Karen Miller, Nan Burvenich, Davontae Singleton-Director

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC/ZOOM GUESTS: Chelsea Feus, Jeff Feus, James Hall – SC Executive Board of Directors for TRIO

CALL TO ORDER:

K. Dudas called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion received a proper second and the **motion 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 were notified of the meeting via email before December 16, 2024. Notice was posted to school in December 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeff Feus offered comments to the Board of Directors questioning if policies existed regarding political messaging and signage.

POINTS OF CELEBRATION:

Director Davontae Singleton acknowledged several points of celebration:

- 8th grade tours John Paul II
- Moe’s Spirit Night – fundraiser Tuesday
- Choir and Band concert success
- Davontae Singleton thanked our board members whose term expires 12/31/2024:
 - Bridget Norton

- Chelsi Everhart
- Erica Martin
- Maurice Greenleaf
- Lauren Kelly
- Mr. James Hall of the SC Executive Board for TRIO presented virtually Davontae Singleton with the Achiever's Award, bestowed October 2, 2024.

FINANCE REPORT

C. Everhart provided the Board of Directors with monthly financial statements for November 2024 and YTD reports.

C. Everhart introduced "Use of School Credit Card Policy" RCSB-1008 for board consideration.

This was her final report as a Board Member as her term expires and her family prepares for an upcoming military relocation and she shared her final remarks and advice to the Board of Directors:

- Stick to the budget
- Use 100% of net income from this year to award bonuses to teachers
- For next year's budget, prioritize getting teacher salaries in line with what Beaufort County School District is doing
- Earmark 50% of funds in investment account for specific capital improvements

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Davontae Singleton, via Zoom, briefed the Board of Directors on the November activities including:

- Board of Directors Elections are closed
 - 12 candidates submitted their names for consideration. He reiterated his thanks to Bridget Norton, Chelsi Everhart, Lauren Kelly, Maurice Greenleaf for their service
- Singleton prepared a video of the newly introduced Core Value Presentation & Parade
- Through the school's relationship with Rise Against Hunger, RCS has contributed over 500,000 meals to be served throughout the world
- School Academics
 - Second Grade Play, "A Bug's Christmas" was a success
 - Student Government Association announced Winter Spirit Week themes
- School Athletics & Student Programs
 - 2024 RCS Basketball Season underway and Singleton acknowledged Robert Smalls International Academy and Ladys Island Middle School for allowing us to host "home games"
- Community & Stakeholder Engagement
 - Singleton acknowledged parent Brooke Berthelsen for acquiring a LaCrosse Grant for equipment to be introduced in physical education programming
 - Singleton acknowledged staff member Mrs. Reed for assisting RCS in inviting Gullah Kinfolk for the special performances
 - Beaufort County School District Referendum – RCS is the beneficiary of a new gymnasium through the passage of the \$0.01 referendum. Singleton is assisting in the

interview process of 3 architects to design the new gym; these meetings are slated for January 2025.

- Operations:
 - The School continues to look for opportunities to fund and staff crossing guards and school resource officers.

NEW BOARD POLICY UPDATE:

K. Dudas acknowledged Treasurer Chelsi Everhart's efforts in crafting the policy regarding the use of school credit cards. Since this policy was recommended to the Board of Directors from the Finance Committee, Bridget Norton seconded the adoption of RCSB-1008 and **the policy was approved unanimously.**

COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Board of Directors received reports from the Committee Chairs.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the consent agenda, including the November board minutes. **The motion passed unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

In accordance with S.C. Code Section 30-4-70(A) discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claim, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim.

The board re-entered regular session after validating board election results and in accordance with by-laws, named 3 elected and 2 appointed members to board service 2025-2027.

ADJOURN:

The Board of Directors concluded their meeting at 7:15 p.m. with no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled board meeting is Thursday, January 6, 2025.