

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

RIVERVIEW CHARTER SCHOOL

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025, 6:00 P.M. RCS CLASSROOM

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: Erica Martin – Chair, Starr Hayes – Vice Chair, Bridget Norton – Secretary, Beth Patrick – Treasurer, Kim Dudas – Past Chair, Maurice Greenfield, Carl Alston, Kathy Parks, and David Musselman.

Leadership & Staff Present: Davontae Singleton – Director. Jenna Gow, Karen Miller and Nan Burvenich.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Erica Martin.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Bridget Norton to approve the agenda. The motion received a proper second from Kathy Parks 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 were notified of the meeting and notice was posted to school in April 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment offered.

POINTS OF CELEBRATION

Mr. Singleton relayed the following points of celebration:

- Thirteen (13) RCS students were selected from grades 3-7 to submit art and poetry to River of Words 2025.
- RCS’s 4th grade play (national parks) was the first children’s production done at Penn Center since the school closed.
- The 6th grade team hosted the Bagless Beaufort Project on campus.

FINANCE REPORT

A presentation was made by our financial partner, Veris. Veris & Director Singleton reviewed the monthly and YTD financial reports. At this time, RCS is on track for its income and spending for this time of year. Comments were made about the budget surplus of \$130,000 and timing affecting that calculation as well as outstanding Beaufort Twilight Run expenses. Comments were made about the spend and expense update. Comments were made about fully utilizing the spend and expense program.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Singleton briefed the Board of Directors on the following:

- South State Bank would like to make a proposal to handle RCS accounts
- RCS does not hire with an intention to fill DEI components. DEI is not in RCS's current hiring practices or job descriptions.
- Safety and security. There may be new funding available for a SRO.
- Strategic Planning Update
 - RCS Consultant sent a critical point indicator to select staff
 - Survey went out to stakeholders and closes May 7, 2025
 - June 14, 2025 strategic planning board meeting
- 2025-2026 Budget Update
 - RCS does not have all of the information from the County for a first budget reading
 - No major changes anticipated in the 2025-2026 budget unless fixed and unavoidable costs can be modified.
 - The new budget will include one new FTE for behavior management specialist. Existing FTE positions that were not filled were eliminated.
 - Gap in difference in salaries between RCS and BCSD continues to grow
 - Still working to address lease agreement and other contracts with BCSD

CONSENT AGENDA

Beth Patrick made a proper motion to approve March 2025 minutes. The motion received a proper second from Starr Hayes and carried unanimously.

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the RCS conference room.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

New member, Geneva Baxley, will join the next meeting.

Discussion took place regarding Board of Directors' communication between members regarding committee and other updates on tasks.

ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was properly seconded and followed with unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.