

Riverview Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes for May 17, 2018,
6:00PM, Conference Room
81 Savannah Highway, Beaufort, S.C.

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.*

Present: Chairman: Jim White, Gayle Carroll, Kathryn Ferguson, Cathy Hoogenboom, Denise Jones, Scott Lee, Julia Wittschen Price, John Troutman
Leadership Team: AnnMarie Bowden, A.K. Harper, Donna Haram, Liz O'Brien, Natalie Wohlwend

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the chairman, Jim White. The agenda was approved as submitted.

The **Director's Report** was started with a continuation from last month of *Unwrapping the Charter* Part II of the Charter Renewal. This segment on *The Ethical Child* was led by AnnMarie Bowden. The following **essential questions** guided the focus:

- Who are we?
- What do we believe?
- What do we practice?
- What do we aim to be?

A powerpoint was used to highlight Riverview's approach to meeting Charter Goal 1 - engaging our citizens in making positive contributions that lead to growth. Specific examples were given of ways Riverview supports the ethical child which included Core Values, Capstone Field Work, environmental stewardship, the buddy system and service learning. Examples of implementation were given such as Morning Meetings, assemblies, the origin of the Buddy System at Riverview, the extent of Capstone Field Work in grades 2, 5 and 8, and the two major Service Learning Projects in the fall and spring. The *Campaign Do Something* is now being used at Riverview and allows grades or classes to design their own service projects with specific efforts initiated in K, 2nd and 6th grades.

The **Director's Report** continued with Shout Outs for the boy's Soccer Team that placed 1st and the girl's Soccer Team that placed 2nd. A review of upcoming Riverview events was given.

Staff changes were given. Details were provided concerning an application by Cross Community Church for the use of part of the Riverview facilities during an eight week period beginning June 10. Questions about the opening of the facility, custodial costs and other responsibilities were answered and discussed. A motion by Scott Lee to deny the request was seconded by Kathryn Ferguson. John Troutman discussed the applicant's positive reputation, the intent of Riverview to model positive community relationships, but also the possible burden on staff. The motion was approved and the request to use the facility was denied.

The **Finance Report** was made by Cathy Hoogenboom. The summary included a budgeted favorable at this point to be \$11,000, but specifics were given why it is actually \$200,000. Factors included Food Service, TideWatch, Funding,...Jim White asked about the Line of Credit balance which was given at zero. A discussion followed about the need to have funds in reserve and the required balance needed in the Operations Reserve Account by June 30, 2020.

A final reading of the proposed budget for 2018-2019 took place.

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The Board Moved to Executive session.

Executive session ended and group was informed that April minutes would be approved at the June 21 meeting. Scott Lee moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 and a second was made by Julia Wittschen Price and approved