

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Riverview Charter School  
April 25, 2019, 6:30 pm, Conference Room  
81 Savannah Highway, Beaufort, 29906

*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:** Chair Scott Lee, Aby Bandoh, Vince Brennan, Gayle Carroll, Lamarr Cooler, Nicole Johansen, Mary Jordan Lempesis, Julia Wittschen-Price

**Leadership Team Present:** Director, Alison Thomas, AnnMarie Bowden, Donna Haram, A.K. Harper, Elizabeth o'Brien

**Call to Order - 6:35**

Public Session

Welcome & Introduction

Approval of the Agenda Julia Wittschen-Price moved that the agenda for the meeting be approved and Mary Jordan Lempesis seconded the motion. The group voted to accept the motion.

Statement of Compliance with Freedom of Information Act- It was stated that the Board meeting is in compliance with the requirements of the FOIA.

Public Comments to the Board -None were made.

**Finance Committee**

Monthly Financial Statement for March- see notes handed out to the group from Lamarr Cooler, the Finance Committee chair.

Fy-20 Budget, First Reading was formally made.

Based on information shared at the March meeting, this year's budget was formulated using the projected 710 pupils for the upcoming year and the most conservative funding expected from BCSD.

Handed out listing for 6/21/18 and that projected 4/25/19 and Mrs. Thomas provided explanations for the change from last year to this proposed budget for 2019-2020.

Final reading will be in June with the Second Reading in May. If necessary, columns will be added as changes occur.

**Directors Report**

**Update:** Student Enrollment

Office of Civil Rights has not given a green light or approval, but there have been no notification of complaints, questions, or concerns. The question was asked by Scott Lee concerning how soon Leadership would hold the lottery after green light is given. The answer was normally 10 days, but may not be until three weeks because of the two Costa Rica trips which are both attended by Mrs. Thomas. It takes a while to prepare and Leadership has started getting ready. Once approved the procedure is made public. Then phone starts ringing with many inquiries.

**Update:** Charter Renewal

Alice Taylor sent over the contract two weeks ago. District has not finalized yet, but is expected within next two weeks. The hiring of a new superintendent and negotiation of that contract may have contributed to the delay in finalizing, but Mrs. Thomas expects it to go through.

**Update:** Bond Referendum Project Review Update- There are 30 plus people on the committee of which two parents and two grandparents have direct connections to Riverview Charter School. Jackie Rosswurm is on the committee. The topic is expected to be on the agenda discussed at the Beaufort County Board of Education Retreat tomorrow and Saturday, April 26

and April 27. Riverview's request was increased from 5 to 8.5 million. A possible explanation for the increase was a request for security updates at all county schools, cost for infrastructure expenses to RCS since BCSD owns school and an increase of 1/2 million for playground equipment.

Requests total over 500 million...

### **Consent Agenda**

Minutes for Meeting on 3/28/19 -

Mary Jordan Lempesis moved to approve the minutes from the March meeting. Lamarr Cooler seconded the motion, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

**Adjourn - At 8:13** Mary Jordan moved to adjourn the meeting with the motion seconded by Aby Bando.

The next meeting will be May 23 and will begin at 6:30 due to Portfolio Night.

Mary Jordan Lempesis, Lamarr Cooler and Vince Brennan volunteered to help with Director Interviews that will be scheduled later.