

Board of Directors Meeting

Riverview Charter School
October 17, 2019, 6:00 pm
81 Savannah Highway, Beaufort, 29906

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.*

Leadership present: Alison Thomas, Director: AnnMarie Bowden, Donna Haram, A.K. Harper, Liz O'Brien

Members present: Scott Lee, Chair: Aby Bandoh, Vince Brennan, Gayle Carroll, Lamarr Cooler, Kathryn Ferguson, Arthur O'Kelley, Julia Wittschen-Price

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Scott Lee at 6:09.

Public Session:

Approval of the Agenda: Mrs. Thomas suggested that agenda be amended to reflect a change in MAP Data report to November meeting. Julia Wittschen-Price made the motion and Lamarr Cooler seconded; Aby Bandoh moved to accept the amended agenda and Julia Wittschen-Price seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Statement of Compliance with Freedom of Information Act: In compliance with FPOIA

Public Comments to the Board: no one present for the purpose

Finance Committee:

Monthly Financial Report was summarized with references to Handout as follows: \$767,269 Cash on Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2019; Base Student Funding YTD is under budget by \$36,478; under budget on revenue side and District should adjust revenue income at 45 Day Count; Mrs. Thomas commented on federal funding in December as opposed to district/state funding; Vince Brennan asked if changes should be made on Financial Report to reflect this timing issue. Mrs. Thomas said she would talk with accounting firm about this change; Mrs. Thomas commented on student expenditures and how they come in during the balance of the year and there is an eventual "catch-up"; some line items were explained as not yearly expenses (Charter Renewal) or as "timing issues"... on "Year-to-date" and NOT on Yearly. Down net "Year-to-Date" with not receiving accurate funding... Update on Dougherty Foundation from \$8,000 to \$10,000. Accounting Firm will come in next month to share audit report to Board. Statements will be sent before presentation by McCay-Kiddy.

People and Programs Committee:

One member not eligible for re-election because of "term limits"- Gayle Carroll; members that are eligible for re-election include Aby Bandoh, Kathryn Ferguson, Arthur O'Kelley, Mary Jordan Lempesis, and Julia Wittschen-Price. They will let Scott Lee know by email if they are not going to seek re-election. Mrs. Thomas will reach out for committee to fill any vacancies. An Informational meeting is usually held. Elections will be held before the end of calendar year.

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Number of nominations vary depending on if there is an active "recruitment"...teachers are asked to reach out to people that they think will be a great "fit" for a Board position.

Informational meeting needs to go on the calendar if one is needed. Transparency supports the idea of an informational meeting. There were comments by Julia Wittschen-Price and Scott Lee and there was no opposition to this idea. There was the suggestion to have no later than November 14 which was followed by a suggestion to have prior to Board meeting on the 21st. It was decided to move regular meeting to 6:30 and have Informational meeting at 5:30 prior to the Board meeting. Packets will go out after break to be available for "applicants."

Director's Report: Alison Thomas

- 45 Day Headcount (October 29)-notification should be made following October 29; check should be received by December. Headcount has remained stable- vacancies since beginning of year have been filled.
- SCPASS Data (May 2019, Science and Social Studies) -
- State Report Cards reflect these scores and READY scores...student engagement (survey) is also reflected...

Grade level every May...k-8 grades only....assessing for grade level comprehension not on a continuum...just on that grade level standard. Projection used by Alison to share information Met or Exemplary...mean score-number of students near the top

Track same group of students over a period of time(maximum for four years)

First year taking it is new for all...in math 78% excelled; explanations for 7th grade might be that they were in Algebra not 8th grade math...

a shift of 4-5% might be one child; allows analysis of same cohort of students and other cohorts.

Comparison to other county schools: mean scores

End of elementary year...second only to one other school; 5th grade also second

8th grade math...higher than every other school;

4th from top in ELA at 4th grade;

7th grade - highest in county

Mean scores in ELA

2nd in ELA

6th grade highest in district

7th grade highest in district -exemplary score

8th grade highest in district

RCS is only **Excellent** Middle School

One other elementary school received an excellent

MAP Data (Spring 2019).

Facilities Use Proposal

Proposal from Holy Trinity to use our gym for practice after six o'clock on Thursday and Friday for ten dates up to February. Have completed paperwork and included proposed permission slip students would fill out. Asking for Beaufort County rate (\$25.00 a day instead of \$75.00 or a non-profit rate (includes custodial charge/utility). Biggest issue is always security of building since entire building is accessible. Only door unlocked until 11:00 is front door...It proposal accepted would issue them proper entry, but can check behind who used entry...cancellation is allowed...

If RCS Board approves the BCSchool Board still has to approve.

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Arthur O'Kelley moved to rent to Holy Trinity at \$75.00 for ten practices and Kathryn Ferguson seconded motion. Six to one vote to allow school to use facility-passed.

- Charter Renewal Agreement - has been handed to outside council which is handling process. Board member followed -up with questions for Superintendent.

Guidance at BHS had praises for students entering school from RCS. She said feedback would come if there is a need for it.

Executive Session

Adjourn/Meeting Reminder:

Arthur O'Kelley moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Julia Wittschen-Price and was passed by the group.