

MINUTES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Riverview Charter School

November 15, 2018, 6:00pm, School Conference Room
81 Savannah Highway, Beaufort, South Carolina 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.

Members Present: Jim White, Aby Bandoh, Gayle Carroll, Kathryn Ferguson, Cathy Hoogenboom, Denise Jones, Arthur O'Kelley, John Troutman, Julia Wittschen-Price

Leadership Present: Alison Thomas, AnnMarie Bowden, Donna Haram, A.K. Harper, Elizabeth O'Brien

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Jim White at 6:00 pm.

Public Session:

- Approval of the Agenda: Julia Wittschen-Price moved to amend the agenda and vote to approve September and October minutes. Seconded by Denise Jones and passed by the majority.
- Statement of Compliance with Freedom of Information Act: In compliance
- Public Comments to the Board (3 minutes per speaker): No one present to speak...

Finance Committee

- Draft Audit Report: The Board received for reading prior to meeting and there were no questions raised. It will be sent to to BCSD on Monday.

People and Programs Committee

- New Board Member Recruitment: At the time there has been one applicant with a deadline for applying set for Tuesday. There must be four applicants to fill the vacant seats and five if present member does not reapply at end of second year.

Director's Report

- 45 Day Headcount (October 31): To date Beaufort County owes RCS money because of an incorrect count...Budget had been based on projected count and has resulted in a shortage of funds. There are four slots available in Grade 8. January 1 is last date to fill these openings. Legally must be paid balance due within 30 days. December check should include the shortage from the five months. Pupils in Poverty amount shown by the State Department not the same as internal amount. The Day 135 amount should show the corrected number from State Department.
- Empty Bowls and Rise Against Hunger: There is a \$1800 shortage in funds raised to fund the project and the RCS Food Pantry. Four 8th graders from each Middle School meet once a month with the mayor who oversees this Service Project. Mayor Keyserling gives positive feedback to those who are involved.
- Thanksgiving Lunch: There were 465 who attended which was the highest number ever to attend this event.

- PTO and Campus Activities: PTO met on October 28 and in an initial effort at a community project built a greenhouse. Saturday, December 1 is the next planned community effort. STEM Club sponsored by Brian Goode will participate at the Citadel next year in February. Activities will include catapult/robotics/bridge building competitions. The State Charter School Conference will be in Charleston November 27 & 28 There will be updates on pertinent information and a reception. The Board is invited to attend. The Riverview Band is playing in the Christmas parade on December 9. Plans include the handing out of 2500 RCS informational postcards. Board members are invited to walk with others and hand out the postcards. The Freedom Shrine presented to Riverview earlier is to be rededicated on Dec. 6 at 10.00 am. The BTR Committee is now meeting once a month and continue to seek support and help for the event to be held in early spring. It was announced that one of our teachers on staff, Heather Brem has renewed her National Board certification. Shad Cox is seeking the names of families at RCS that need Thanksgiving assistance such as meals. Arthur O'Kelley inquired about a time and date to have surveying done on campus to alleviate some issues concerning the building of the soccer field. This might be on a Saturday or during school break. Kathryn Ferguson asked about the number that responded to oyster/barbeque orders. It was reported as very positive and possibly the need for two orders to be placed. The first pick-up is Tuesday.

Adjournment:

Reminder of regular meeting on December 13. Nominating committee to meet on December 4. Members will be notified if needed to attend. Meeting was adjourned.