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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday January 16, 2020 at 6:30pm

RCS Mission Statement

Our mission is to inspire today's learners to become tomorrow's leaders by setting high academic standards, promoting solution-oriented thinking and embracing the cultural diversity of our community.

Trustees Present:

David Edwards (remote), Harry Hestand, Aimee LoMonaco, Susan Heintz, Natasha Jeffries

Trustees Absent: Zenobia Hartfield

Guests Present

Laura Arcuri, Kaitlyn Kosiorowski, Nicola Graham, Patrick McKinney, Anthony Cavalluzzo, Nick Timpone, Melissa DeRosa,

Public Members- Magdalena Lagun, Kateryna Fabiszewska, Monika Rus, Paulina Sobczk

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Aimee LoMonaco called a meeting of the board of trustees of Riverhead Charter School to order on Thursday January 16, 2020 at 6:32 PM. The Riverhead Charter School Board of Trustees meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

C. Approve Minutes

Harry Hestand made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on November 21, 2019.

Susan Heintz seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Public Comment

- a. 5th Grade parents attended the meeting in regards to concern of location for their students for next year
- b. Mrs. Lagun questioned where the current 5th graders will be housed next year, concerned that students will be in a temporary trailer building
- c. Mrs. Lomonaco informed parents that the middle school will house 6/7/8 for 2020-2021 and 9th graders will be in a separate location
- d. Mr. McKinney informed parents that the #1 goal is to give students the middle school experience where they will rotate classes. 5th grade parents will be involved early in a orientation. There will be 3 classes of 6th graders and will not combine to two classes



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- e. Mrs. Lagun questioned if students will receive world language
- f. Mr. McKinney informed parents that RCS is looking to bring World Language back

II. Academic Excellence

A. Superintendents Report

- ELA Stop drop data was presented
- 3rd grade saw a huge jump in mastery section from last year
- 7th and 8th grade saw a huge jump
- Ms. DeRosa is confident that RCS will maintain or improve test scores and reduce the amount of opt outs
- Ms. DeRosa informed the board that students are given the opportunity to reflect on their goals and test grades throughout
- RCS is contacting parents to find out why students are opting out
- Working with students to build confidence
- Mr. Timpone presented Math numbers
- 3rd has increased
- 4th and 5th stayed the same
- 6th decreased
- 7th and 8th increased
- Data was presented per child to see if they are becoming proficient
- Mrs. DeRosa discussed in ELA there is now the ability to adjust lessons to gain mastery in each class. Lessons are taught based on student needs
- Every student in 3/4/5 has grown in ELA
- Quarterlies were written by Ms. DeRosa
- 5th grade is the strongest currently in ELA
- Teachers are on board and open to change. They are putting everything they have in for the students.
- Teachers are self-reflective
- Students not mastering standards are pulled 2x a week into small groups
- **Mr. Cavalluzzo Presented**
 - Teachers are calling parents for both positive and negative
 - Creating a positive school culture
 - Started a bus of the month program to gain better behavior on the bus
- **Mrs. LoMonaco presented on behalf of Mr. Ankrum**
 - Waiting on permits for portables
 - Mrs. LoMonaco spoke to Rich Isreal in regards to property for High School
 - Hire a real estate agent to find a location
 - Holiday party was a success
 - More staff parties (end of the year party)
 - Enrollment increase submitted for increase from 737 students to 1037 students



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- RCSD busing issue
 - Not willing to be flexible
 - Not willing to bus HS students on an earlier schedule
- Keep hours as is or align with local school districts
- Board members to attend Riverhead Board Meeting on February 11 to discuss increase in enrollment and bussing issue
- Insight survey for the principals went out data to be presented next meeting
- Black History Month Celebration 2/27/2020 requesting board member presence
- Enrollment applications doubled from this time last year
- More than half of the 8th graders taking algebra
- All 8th graders taking living environment
- Mr. Ankrum presented tuition reimbursement statement
- **Susan Heintz** made a motion to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of schools, the board approves the tuition reimbursement for Mr. Raymond Ankrum for the fall 2019 semester in the amount of \$3,310.00.
- **Natasha Jeffries** seconded the motion.
- The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Development

V. Facility

IV. Finance

Director of Finance Report

- Cash accounts healthy
- Flu caused attendance in students to decrease
- Enrollment went from 591 to 589 due to students moving out of state
- Investor call was completed
- Data finance report- works very well

VII. Governance

V. Other Business

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn meeting

Harry Histan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM.

Susan Heintz seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kaitlyn Kosiorowski