

Ridgeview Classical Schools BOD
10-21-03
Ridgeview Classical Schools
Board Room @ 6:00pm

Attendance:

I. **Executive Session:** In session: 4:06

A. Contract & Personnel Performance Issues

II **Minutes Review**-Amend/Approve 9-16-03 Jim approves minutes from last meeting. Roger seconds. Meeting began: 6:03 pm. We will honor Robert's Rules of Order.

In attendance: Dr. Moore, Kim Miller, Mr. Carpine, Jim Powers, Peggy Schunk, Amie Sharp, Robert Busek, Susan Busek, Lauri Rishling, Karen Miller, Mr & Mrs. Dickey, Monique Fink, Jennifer Walls, Anne Schmidberger, Jackie Bermel, Keith Akins, Lisa Olsen, Christi Braun, Mike Nerone, Christa Moody, Melanie Manning, John Gerthe, Richard Lowe, Brian Anderson, Barbara Zawacki, Suzanne Pait, Ron Dean, Laurel Van Maren.

III. **Reports:**

A. President – Articles about teachers: Ease of getting advanced degrees for teachers (Wall Street Journals) Teachers are not required taking GRE to get a masters in education. Teachers can fulfill this Masters over a summer without having to write a thesis paper. Also their wage is directly proportionate to getting a degree, even if this degree is not in what they are teaching. We will make this article available to parents. 2nd article – NCLB will ensure teacher quality by an exam. Teacher union is in an uproar, they are afraid they will not pass these exams. Teacher competency is what drives student achievement, competence in content knowledge.

Funding in state: Tabor and Gallagher amendment. Gallagher put stop to rising property taxes. Tabor bill of rights also limited taxes. State is in a train wreck for funding, less money more schools. There still may be a rescission this year. Over 5 million dollars for facilities funding, but not sure that the money is there. We will not know if we get this money until session ends sometime in Feb. NCLB is pushing charter schools.

CSAP – preliminary numbers are not most accurate, Real data is not out yet. Our district will start counting AYP. They will look at each child's individual growth.

B. Vice President/Sec

C. Treasurer -

D. Member

E. Member – Jim will be reviewing our technology set-up.

F. Principal – Three week evaluations went out 1 ½ weeks ago. Dr. Moore read them all.

Teachers gave very detailed input. Principals coffee reinitiated, only 4 parents attended. Move time to 7:30 am. Want work parents to be able to attend. Brief comments on specific comments, then free discussion. Opportunity to explain one area of our philosophy or curriculum at a time.

Grades so far: unique grading system shows graphs. Reverse bell curve – lots of A's & B's, lots of D's & F's. Lower grades seem to be due to not turning in assignments and not participating in class. Dr. Moore has observed 35- 40 classes this year. Have visited all but one Singapore Math

class. Training in this area has really paid off. Has really helped students with mental math. Seniors are making good educational choices for future.

- G. Assistant Principal – National testing day for PSAT- Juniors and returning Sophomores required to take test. School pictures completed, homecoming and band concert. Ft. Collins traffic control, Police and PSD will come to visit our traffic issues. Discipline – 60% less than first year, 40% less than last year.
- H. Business – Audit almost over, still asking for a few items. There are no gross violations. We expect to be told we are viably sound. Year to date: High on facility and instructional supplies. Facility should come from last year, instructional supplies are normally high in beginning of school year. We expect utilities to increase up to 84%. Sample & Bailey will be invited to next BOD meeting.
See Final Reconciliation attached.
- I. Teacher – Teacher reports – Mr. Busek. See attached. Miss Rishling. See attached.
Dr. Moore thanks teachers for their comments. Compared to first year, Dr. Moore has more time in the classroom. Singapore math seems to be the area of concern this year. Explains our approach to the math program. First year – no placement. Last year there was some complaints. This year less than last year. First two weeks of school we just observe the students and let them start thinking about math. Then they get a test designed by our Math master Mr. Yu. Give test in order to figure out where each student is in respect to the other students in class. Teacher input is also included. We cannot hand this test out to parents because we will use it year after year. Once groups are placed we tell teachers to keep looking at students to be sure they are placed correctly. Mr. Yu is to be notified if any discrepancies. This takes a couple weeks. We did move approx half a dozen students. 4B is already working out of 5A. The numbers of books have no correlation to what grade level your student is in. When completing 5B, you student is ready for Advanced Singapore, which is a HS course. Dr. Moore asked BOD's advice on how to handle answering all these parents. BOD suggests possibilities of a time line to observe, coffee to answer lots of parents at once, letter sent home explaining procedure.

IV. Old Business

- A. Enrollment Update – 2003-2004 Count
- B. Info Meeting – 2nd Mondays / Lottery Date Feb. 15th will be Kindergarten lottery.
- C. Policy Violations – No Report at this time -
- D. Grant Status – We received \$102,000.00 in Walton Family grant. Need to clarify what line items are to be cut.

- V. **Community Comments** –. Melanie Manning discussed tone of school, See attached. Anne Schmidberger concerns about communication. Parents have no outlet. See attached. Richard Lowe has concerns about hiring another Spanish and Music teachers. Dr. Moore addressed his concerns

VI. New Business

- A. Policies Third & Final Reading – Policy Revisions

- 1 AP 2.0 Human Sexuality
- 2 G 1.0 Board Elections

- B. Policies Third & Final Reading – New Policies

- 1 AP – 4.2 Class Rank and Valedictorian
- 2 AP 1.5 Academic Textbooks and Supplies
- 3 E- 7.25 Responsibility for Textbooks

Jim motions to approve all above policies with the grammatical change in AP 1.5. Peggy seconds

C. 2nd Reading Policy Revision

- 1 E 7.15 Use of Internet and Email
 - 2 SE 10.0 Enrollment
- Reread both policies. Changed nothing.

D. 1st Reading Policy Revision

- 1 SE 2.0 Attendance Need to change paragraph about social services. Will include Dr. Moore’s explanation of policy in handbook. Dr. Moore will rewrite areas in question.
- 2 AP 9.0 Student Fees – Added last sentence.

E. 1st Reading New Policy

- 1 AP 7.15 Graduation Requirements – We have never had a policy for Graduation Requirements before. Added last sentence under “Electives” and comments at end of policy.

F. Consent Agenda -.

1. Confidential Personnel Actions - Jim makes motion to approve consent agenda. This has to do with confidential personnel actions. Amie seconds. Unanimous.

G. Budget Adoption / Revision

1. Salaries
2. Utilities Assessment
3. Assessment – RCS will pay 50% of all AP exams. We will also pay 50% for all AP textbooks if students want to keep them. Amie motions to approve. Jim seconds. Unanimous.
4. Science – Mr Dubler – replacing budget back to %10,000.00
5. AYP – Software – Amie motions a limit of \$5,000.00 for software needed to report AYP. Jim seconds. Unanimous.
6. PSD Programs – waiting to hear what they will offer us.
7. Extra-Curricular (Curriculum Enrichment) – kids can play in district schools. PSD charges 25% to charter schools. Jim motions to give Dr. Moore spending control over this budget. Peggy seconds. Unanimous.
8. Carryover – resolution to appropriate \$70,519 to carry over as revenue for this year’s budget. Jim motions Peg seconds. Unanimous decision
9. Possible Cuts
10. Facility Finance

- H. Science Scholarship – as long as monies are not changing hands, we can divert money from general fund right into scholarship. We will include extra 10% to contribute benefits. \$5,500.00.
- I. Other
- J. Community Comments – 3 min per person – None

Meeting Adjourned 9:58 PM