

Ridgeview Classical Schools
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
5-17-2006 5:30pm
Room #201

Present: Dr. Moore, Kim Miller, Peggy Schunk, Jim Powers, Dom Carpine, Patrick Quadrel, Laurel Van Maren.

Absent: None.

At 3:39pm – Director Schunk moved to go into Executive Session. “The Board went into executive session concerning Admin review, vendor contracts/personnel issues, AAC Review of Parent and Staff Surveys, [description of topic, e.g. “personnel matter”] as authorized by Colorado Revised Statutes, Section 24-6-402(4)()[fill in proper letter number].”

Director Powers seconded the motion.

Those voting AYE: Directors Miller, Schunk, Powers, Quadrel, and VanMaren

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed 5-0

Pursuant to C.S.R., 24-6-402(4), the Board voted to meet in executive session for discussion of Admin review, vendor contracts/personnel issues, AAC Review of Parent and Staff Surveys,

Executive Session adjourned at 6:02

Regular Business Meeting

Present: Dr. Moore, Kim Miller, Peggy Schunk, Jim Powers, Dom Carpine, Laurel Van Maren, Patrick Quadrel, Brian Robertson, Maureen Shaffer, Johanna Schultz, Pete Dubler, Heidi Fennel, Laura Hester,

Absent: None

1.0 Call to Order

President Kim Miller called the regular business meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Adoption of Agenda Jim motions to allow AAC move to front of meeting. Laurel seconds.

Motion passes unopposed.

Minutes from BOD meeting 4-17-2006 - were approved with corrections. Jim motions to approve, Laurel seconds. Unanimous.

Minutes from Special meeting, interview of candidates -May 11,2006 – approved with corrections,

including a title. Laurel moves to approve, Jim seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

4.0 Reports

A. President – Picnic – we called our business associates. Ruffdogs gave us \$50.00, Our bank \$100.00 and Carrier \$50.00 towards paying for our picnic. Mrs. Miller observed Dr. Moore's English class – she was overwhelmed by the amount of learning, guidance, going on as well as the respect the kids have for each other. Everyone was capable of participating – there were 31 kids in the class. Nice letters from district staff. Mr. Franzin came to our P & Z meeting and we gave him a thank you gift – he returned with a very nice letter. PERA increases – new law – going up significantly every year. Charter schools – Delaware – proposed \$750.00 for facilities. Missouri – 13 charters left their districts to be their own ELA. New Orleans – Since hurricane 25 schools open but majority of them are charters. New Hampshire – state directly funds charters. Our teachers are fairly equal to PSD teacher pay when including merit pay. Our benefit package is more robust.

B. Vice President/Secretary - None

C. Treasurer – bank statements look good. Not consistently getting info from CD – bank sends it quarterly – we need it monthly.

D. Member – Patrick – No

E. Member – Laurel – Commends students on the Romeo and Juliet play. Totally run and produced by students. Cotillion – school may endorse it. We want information to get to students but our policy says we cannot distribute material that we do not endorse. Could set up a booth at craft fair or Christmas concerts. Nice article in Wall Street Journal about teachers union having nothing to do with students or education. Top 10 book picks – for website – Dr. Moore needs to narrow down.

F. Principal – Completed all senior theses. Another fine year – very impressive speeches, very good turn out of spectators. ACT scores have come back averages similar to last year. State 19 PSD 20 RCS 25.72. We have more students taking it this year. Our reading score is 26.72. Individual students – 29 students 8 are thirty or above. Dr. Moore is off on another Liberty fund conference. Going to Shimmer college to train current core knowledge teachers in an advisory position. The previous principal of Shimmer came to our school today and talked to our juniors and seniors as well as teachers. Amy Oliver interviewed Dr. Moore and he is on podcast, was also on the radio. Link will be in weekly notes. Graduation is set. Student gov – J Asbury and J Shaffer, President and VP

G. Assistant Principal – CELA testing from state (new test) administered and complete. P&Z approved our building. AP exams are complete. Prom is complete. Cement for front is ordered, benches on the way. Parent viewer is up and running. T1 is connected. 6th grade Eco week – have returned.

H. Business – Patrick and Kim met with insurance co – 19% increase that is not calculated in budget. Current plan – co-pay. What about a health savings account? Free market approach is getting more popular. We have a great plan, we should hold on to it as long as we can. Employees have to cover their dependents which have gone up significantly as well. Employees need to understand their benefit analysis. Patrick motions to approve continuing with current Anthem plan I, knowing increase financially. Jim seconds. Unanimous. Patrick also motions to evaluate self insuring short term disability with benefit being the same as current package provides. Laurel seconds. Unanimous.

I. Fundraising - nothing

J. Accountability – discussed parent survey. Overall a better response than years passed. And more helpful and positive statements. Communication 11%, Fair and consistent discipline 10%. Higher standards in education is greatest reason for choosing RCS. Majority of parents have not read our books. 92% of students will be returning. This information will be in the weekly notes. AAC will write a summary for weekly notes. Comments from parents – this committee takes them seriously and have provided to BOD. Overall – most were parents wishing to have better communication from teachers. Complaints about Spanish curriculum – whether immersion is effective and I cannot help my student with homework. Upper school – other students behavior. Remarkably fewer negative responses about Dr. Moore. Dr. Moore suggests a comment asking parent if they have observed the class they are not happy with. We will be sharing this with the teachers during next years teacher training. We will have an early time line for next year. Parent survey will go out in January for information to be collated by end of February. Teacher survey right after spring break and back to board 4-13.

K. Sports – We are not having a track and field team. Students/faculty basketball game made over \$900.00. Faculty won. Fall sports – Boys soccer, Girls volleyball for 6-8th grade. Sandy Grey volleyball coach. Derrick Schultz will be soccer coach. AD will meet with coaches and give updated policies, etc.

L. Teachers - nothing

5. Old Business

A. Enrollment/Lottery Update – Kindergarten is full for 2006-07. Working on getting all siblings in other grades – have drawn no lottery to date in other grades. We are full K – 8.

B. Info Meetings -Update – lots of shadows and phone calls.

C. Policy Violations/Communications – Report - none

D. Facility Discussion with Building Corporation

1. Addition – Update – we have not received building permit but did get permission to start with F&F permit. Will begin digging next week.

2. Another Lab needed – 30 plus students in science classes, we are not allowed to have more. Discussed options. Mr. Dubler – when we built these labs we did the best we could we what we had to work with. We need to correct problems while we are doing addition.

3. Children's World – in process of looking into acquiring building.

E. Volunteer Hours – Jim –57, Patrick – 34, Laurel – 91, Kim – 100 Peg – 75,

F. Review Action Items – Peggy motions to raise Student fees to \$30.00. Art \$10.00; Mail \$5.00; Paper \$15.00. Jim seconds. Jim – yes, Peg – yes, Laurel – no, Kim – yes. Peggy motions to remove max charge per family. Laurel seconds. Jim no, Laurel, yes Peg yes Patrick no Kim no. Vote fails 2-3. Patrick motions to make max amount \$120.00. Jim seconds. Jim yes, Laurel no, Peggy yes, Patrick yes Kim yes. Approved 4-1. Alternative funding form will be included. Policy as well.

6. Community comments – 3 min per person Brian Robertson wanted to know about contract negotiations. We are negotiating with PSD's lawyer.

7. New Business

A. Policies Third and Final Reading- Policy Revision

1. E 2.15 conflicts of Interest – correct version already approved

2. SE 10.0 Enrollment – Need to reference Hygiene policy – add to end of 5th paragraph. Needs to go back to second reading next meeting.

B. 2nd reading – Revision/Review

1. Policy AP - 1.1 Special Events – Parties, Field Trips, Guest Speakers Policy

2. Policy SE – 4.0 Discipline – small * added to policy – this is verbatim on 'pink slip' Cut out third paragraph and last two sentences. “ At no time will a student's disciplinary record be discussed with another student or parent.” “discipline referral form” - instead of office referral.
3. Policy AP – 1.0 Educational Priorities – Suggested to write an additional policy called a curriculum policy . Dr. Moore will rewrite over the summer as an employee policy.
4. Policy SE – 8.0 Parental Involvement and Volunteering Policy – nothing changed from last meeting.

C. 1st reading – Revision/Review

1. Policy SE – 4.2 Dress code – will change HS dress code as stated below.
 1. Intent of Dress Code - High school dress code is in question. Dr. Moore believes our HS dress code encourages “unfeminine” appearances. Capri pants are much more attractive than shorts. We should encourage our girls to look like ladies. Solid or pin stripe capris or pin stripe pants for men and women are OK. We will get uniform for dress code violators. Printed skirts – OK. All shorts and pants cannot have more than 5 pockets. This is for 2006-07 school year.
 2. Policy E – 8.2 Employee Dress Code – add capris for females.
 3. Policy AP – 9.0 Student Fees and Supplies – no change.
 4. Policy M – 3.5 Use of the Production Printer/Copier – Color printer should be used by Art, Yearbook, brochures and Veritas. Special projects for teachers will be discussed. We will continue to look at this. A time line needs to be set.
 5. Policy SE – 4.25 Personal Hygiene – No comments – go on to second reading

8. 3rd Review – 2006-07 Calendar – Peggy motions to approve calendar with some possible additions. Jim seconds. Unanimous.

10. Community Comments – 3 min per person - none

13. Meeting adjourn

Peggy Schunk moved to adjourn at 11: 10:09 pm. Jim Powers seconds. Motion passed unopposed.

11. Executive Session (2/3 votes required) Brian Robertson addressed overview of trends on teacher surveys. Discussed personnel.

12. Open Session if action needed –

1. Confidential Personnel Actions
2. back into general session – 11:07
3. Peggy motions to accept all raises as discussed in executive session. Laurel seconds. Unanimous.
4. Meeting adjourned 11:10pm