

Ridgeview Classical Schools
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Date

Present: Dr. Moore, Kim Miller, Peggy Schunk, Jim Powers, Dom Carpine,

Absent: None.

At (Minutes) – Director Schunk moved to go into Executive Session. “The Board went into executive session concerning _____ [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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed 3-0

Pursuant to C.S.R., 24-6-402(4)(), the Board voted to meet in executive session for discussion of. . .

Executive Session adjourned at

Regular Business Meeting

Present: Dr. Moore, Kim Miller, Peggy Schunk, Jim Powers, Dom Carpine, April Trelour, Anders Hailsaide, and Greg Shubert.

Absent: None

1.0 Call to Order

President Kim Miller called the regular business meeting to order at 12:06 PM. Celebrated Jim's last meeting as a board member.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Adoption of Agenda

Patrick asked to change agenda add curriculum under IV N.
Dr. Moore asked to permanently move IV m. before IV H.
Director Powers motions. Patrick seconds. No other changes.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Miller, Schunk, Powers, Quadrel, Van Maren

Those voting NO: None

Absent: None

Motion passed 3-0

The Board voted to adopt the agenda. OR

Laurel moved that we adopt the minutes as amended. Jim seconded. All in favor of Peggy's absence said *I*.

I can have a motion and a second and say: Motion passes unopposed.

4.0 Reports

A. President – Kim handed out Robert's rules to all members – since our new member was in attendance. Also, all members voluntarily agreed to and signed the Board Confidentiality Agreement and our character of pillars. Charter renewal – PSD is asking for review and approval on our governance, policies, and budget. We have conceded to much in order to have fewer issues to take to the state board. Aboard members, budget over site, student funding, school of choice boundaries and time lines. It is very difficult because their lawyer cannot make any decisions without conferring with PSD board. They only hear his side, not ours. There is a packet going to PSD board that we are able to pick up tomorrow. Mr. Arrington will attend the PSD board meeting on Monday.

B. Vice President/Secretary – Discussed greatschools.net – we are on the website for the Fort Collins area.

C. Treasurer – bank statements are reviewed and fine. Elks club – party for after the Prom – there is no charge and the staff it for free. This should be a parent function, not a school function. Need to check date of Prom

D. Member – Patrick – no comment

E. Member – Laurel – Impressed with Veritas. Russ Cunniff in the Fort Collins weekly stating what an accomplishment Pioneer graduation was for those kids.

F. Principal – We are hiring teachers for next year – almost complete. Graduation was a success. Visit to Charlottesville. Was a consultant for Shimmer College and starting a Core Knowledge training for their students – going into teaching. Northern Colorado and Minneapolis/St Paul area. Had good conversations with E.D. Hirsh and other administrators there. They are working on important areas of education – i.e. grammar. They are fully aware that many schools are using the term “Core Knowledge” without really using it. They are trying to offer more than just the curriculum, but a better way to implementing it. They have a very good CD for teachers. All summer readings are ready for the teachers. Teacher training is Aug 14th. Schedule will be ready at the end of July. Usually the hours are 9:00 – 3:00.

G. Assistant Principal – Thursday the last week of school several 6th grade kids pulled a fire alarm. The fire department will fine us for this. Mr. Carpine is asking the families to split the costs. If they do, we will not press charges. Jim motions to charge parents the fire department fee. Patrick seconds. Motion to press charges if they do not pay by Kim. Seconded by Jim. Patrick – No. Laurel – no. Peggy – yes.

Kim – yes, Jim – yes. Carries 3-2. Patrick motions to start expulsion of students who set off alarm. There is no second. Dies for a lack of a second. Laurel motions to suspend or detain these students – left up to Mr. Carpine - at the beginning of next year. Patrick seconds. Peggy – yes, Laurel – ye, Patrick – yes, Jim – yes, Kim – yes. Unanimous. Mr. Carpine will notify parents of board decision.

H. Business – Discussed when merit pay is accrued. We are right on schedule for our budget. Expect to be very close to 99% by years end.

I. Fundraising – Money made- net over \$22,000.00. See attached. Lynn Dom Pier is our new fund raiser head. Some of this money will go to PAC. We already have new picnic tables and cement out front. Questions from new head – not in attendance. Auction with carnival did not work well. Thinking about dinner with auction and carnival separate. Mr. Smith will cook. Off site with alcohol? Problems ?? Alcohol is fine if it is a cash bar and not sponsored by RCS. Elks club was mentioned. Italy trip for 2007-08 = do we continue only letting the kids make \$\$ for the upcoming year or do we let them earn \$\$ for future year Italy trips. No money is refundable if you do not go on trip. Students will be able to start fundraising in HS to earn money. The oldest kids will have priority to raise money first. No students can raise money for their siblings or other students. Extra money will go to help chaperone's pay or added to the pool.

J. Other committees – Election committee – April Trelour – see attached. Peggy motions to ask same election committee as this year to serve next year (Fink Trelour, Dompier). And to mail/send home a letter with 3rd quarter report cards explaining importance of election. Patrick seconds. Patrick -yes, Jim – Yes, Peggy – yes, Kim -yes, Laurel – abstains. Election should be held last week of April or first week of May. Need to be on board agenda in February.

K. Teachers – Mr. Halseide asking for clarification on health curriculum and let us know what research he has done. What has been happening - Alpha center's abstainate based program. Approach to sex we cover this way and in Moral Philosophy. The only place we discuss the biology of sex is only in the 5th grade curriculum. Reproductive biology needs to be taught in HS biology class. Sex ed is taught through the health dept. Mr. Halseide will make an outline and bring it back to the BOD. Mr. Shubert discussed hiring a systems administer and starting a tech committee. Looking for a long term strategy – see attached. Dr. Moore – Dean Mennon has offered his tech students to help us. Mr Carpine and Mrs. Schunk will work on this. Mrs. Petterson came to discuss possible new Environmental Science class – see attached. Had a lengthy discussion on details of this curriculum. Kim motions that the board recommends to Dr. Moore to accept Environmental Class but not to it AP ; to change the content of the class, not to use the book but make own text and she can talk the issues if she discusses both sides. The book is swayed and not appropriate. Needs to have a very heavy science curriculum. If students sign up for this it will fulfill their earth science credits. Peggy seconds. Laurel – abstains, Jim- yes Kim –yes Peggy – Yes, Patrick - yes

5. Old Business

A. Enrollment/Lottery Update – All classes are full K – 6 except 2 spots in 3rd grade. We will definitely have a lottery in 7th and 8th. we have open enrollment 9-12.

B. Info Meetings -Update – Next meeting is June 12th.

C. Policy Violations - none

D. Facility Discussion with Building Corporation

1. Addition – Trailer – trying to give away but we need a deed. We will scrap it. Utilities are complete – garages will be torn down tomorrow. Bathrooms will be started tomorrow – getting us up to code with water closets. Getting a cost on changing our science labs.

1. timeline – Tom Dobbick is project manager – says won't be done until middle of October at earliest – probably middle of November. Re carpet and paint PAC – perfect time is now. Money would come out of money market. Also should re carpet entry way. Peggy motions to spend \$25,000.00 to re carpet PAC. Patrick seconds. Unanimous.

2. Children's World – will discuss later

E. Volunteer Hours – Kim 140, Jim 83, Laurel – 180, Patrick – 26, Peggy 105

F. Review Action Items - done

6. Community comments – 3 m – in per person

7. New Business

A1. Reading Only – Revisions to Existing Policies per PSD

1. RCS Articles of Incorporation -

2. RCS Bylaws

3. G-1.05 Board Member Qualifications

4. G-2.0 Board Election Procedure

5. G-2.1 Procedure for Annual Meetings of Corporation

6. G-2.2 Procedure of Special Meetings of Corporation

The above policies were mis-numbered by the President in the copies given to the district and are listed as 3.0, 3.1, 3.2.

Jim Powers moved that we approve the revisions of the above as revised during our contract negotiations with PSD's lawyer. Patrick seconded. Vote unanimous.

7. E2.15 Conflicts of Interest

Laurel moved that we adopt the above policy. Patrick seconded. Vote unanimous.

A2. Final Reading- Policy Revised

1. AP 1.1 Special Events-Parties, Field Trip, Guest Speakers

2. SE 4.0 Discipline

In 6th line, change an Discipline Referral to a discipline referral.

3. SE 8.0 Parent involvement and Volunteering Policy

Jim moved that we approve the above policies. Patrick seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. 2nd reading – Revision/Review

1. Intent of Dress Code

Change at bottom of page – make high school not in caps and hyphenated.

High school dress code change from 7 pockets to 5 and remove word only.

Under Color of pants etc, add “pinstripes allowed”

Add Capris to “color of pants” box line which means capris plain color or pinstriped allowed.

Add the word “women's” to every place that capris occurs (in other words no male capris).
Change word dean on last page last line to asst. prin.
Correct word adhering in bold at end of page.

2. E-8.2 Employee Dress Code

See changes. Reviewed by board.

3. M-3.5 Use of the Production Printer/Copier

4. SE-4.25 Personal Hygiene

Two above policies unchanged.

5. SE-10.0 Enrollment

No changes.

C. 1st reading – Revision/Review

1. M-5.0 Policy Making

2. M-5.5 BOD Meeting Procedure Policy

3. E-8.51 Sexual Abuse/Harassment

4. M-1.5 Charity Donations Policy

Add commas after words established, and known so as to read “...established, known, non-sectarian...”

VIII. Final Adopted Calendar

IX. Discussion

1. Contract Negotiations

1. dissolution...need to contact Liberty Common School Core Knowledge Foundation to see if they want to be a recipient of items donated to RCS should the school be dissolved and the assets dispersed.

2. BOD Focus 06-07 SY

a. college credit

b. Curriculum – board could expend more energies on grants for the school. All current grants have been used up now. We will need to renew some things like textbooks and science equipment. Some of the grants are small but it would be worth while to look into it. Dr. Moore doesn't have time to do it. Maybe the teachers might be able to look into it but they haven't in spite of the fact that there is a financial incentive. The board would need some procedural ability to interact with the teachers and then at what level of involvement would they be eligible for the 10% grant finding bonus. Most of them say LEA which means we can't really get it or we have to go through PSD???. Whatever. Also many of them are Title One. Along with grants, some investigation into what schools can do in terms of fund raising. Some schools have a full time fund raising point person. We should talk to Bob Schaffer about this and ask him to come to the next board meeting to discuss this with us.

Also, want to see more board members in the classroom. This helps to keep everyone informed and keeps rumors down.

Also, Dr. Moore is ready to, in a spirit of collaboration and in an effort to be less insular, he would like to be freed up to see the full measure of the pursuit of excellence and best practices that PSD exemplifies.

Dr. Moore requests time off to go to PSD schools, at all levels, in order to have a comprehensive understanding of our school districts and to be able to appreciate and incorporate any good ideas that we might have missed.

c. Framework

11. Community Comments – 3 min per person

Brian Robertson found the time spent during negotiations with the district to be mind-numbing, tedious, and frustrating.

12. Executive Session (2/3 votes required) Jim moved that we go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and real estate. Laurel seconded. All in favor.
Short discussion on hiring issues for autumn 2006.
Laurel moved that we go back into open session. Jim seconded. All in favor.

13. Open Session if action needed

1. Confidential Personnel Actions

Moved to adopt the consent agenda (Jim) Seconded by Laurel. All in favor.

Discussion of Friday's work session – what is the purpose of it. How the board and the administration work together and how knowledge is shared. Communication and curriculum. May or may not need a policy as a result.

Can Kim move money from the misc. fund to Book Fair Cash and Karate Cash for a total of less than \$70? All in favor.

14. Meeting adjourn

Laurel moved to adjourn at 7:07 pm. Jim Powers seconds. Motion passed unopposed.

Community members in attendance were Greg Shubert, April Treloar, Anders Halseide, Paula Petterson, Brian Robertson, Ami Sharp.

CONTINUED WORK SESSION, FRIDAY MORNING, 9 AM TO NOON.