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Riverhead Charter School Board of Trustees

Minutes

Board meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday, October 30th, 2024, at 6:30 pm

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.

Board Trustees

Maria Cintron, Aimee LoMonaco, Natasha Jeffries and Zenobia Hartfield.

Guest Present

Dr. Raymond Ankrum, Nicola Graham.

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Aimee LoMonaco called a meeting of the Riverhead Charter School Board of Trustees to order on October 30th, 2024, at 6:43 p.m. The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

C. Approve Minutes

Zenobia Hartfield made the motion.

Maria Cintron seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the Minutes motion of September 25th, 2024.

D. Public Comment

II. Academic Excellence

A. Superintendent, Dr. Raymond Ankrum

- Advocacy efforts at the Black Legislative Breakfast.



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- Need for political engagement and support for school choice.
- Academic updates, including progress reports and formal observations.
- Upcoming events include Character Day, the student concerns meeting, and professional development.
- DEI presentation for staff.
- School culture and climate, emphasizing active monitoring.
- "Book to School" reading initiative.
- High school huddles and college counseling.
- Strategic planning and partnership with Empire Charter Consultants.
- Site plan meeting update and next steps.
- Fulbright program acceptance and research focus.
- Data transparency and comparison with other schools.
- Collaboration with Concordia Consulting for media strategy.
- Actual Red Tri-School project and site plan meeting discussion points.
- Update on portable classrooms.
- More robust consultant's comprehensive analysis of salaries and benefits.

III. Finance

A. Director of Finance and Operation Report, Ms. Nicola Graham

- **Unrestricted Cash:** \$13,712,680 (all accounts healthy)
 - **Restricted Cash:** \$2,845,508 (all accounts healthy)
 - **District Billing:** The second 2024/2025 school year installment has been issued.
 - **Enrollment:** The school is serving 967 students from 16 districts.
 - **Check Details for September**—discussion on checks.
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- **Operations Dashboard:**
 1. Served 19 days of Breakfast and Lunch in September.
 2. BEDS Day – 10/2 -1st Wednesday in October.
 3. Discussion on Attendance at the NYS Charter School Conference.
 4. Discussion on Holiday Party for Staff and BOT.



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- **Overview of recent Investments and Improvements:**

Total Investment: \$90,858

- **Highlights of Updates and Investments:**

- Various projects were completed, ranging from classroom enhancements to structural repairs, to support the growth and safety of the school community.

- **Classroom Enhancements:**

- **High School Desks and Chairs:** To accommodate increasing enrollment.
- **Middle School Combo Desks:** Safety-focused design to prevent tipping over.
- **Elementary School Combo Desks:** Additional desks for increased enrollment.
- **Middle School Science Tables:** Support for growing student numbers.

- **Flexible Learning Spaces:**

- **Kidney Tables for Elementary:** To enhance small group learning.

- **Equipment Enhancements:**

- **Middle School Laminator:** Improved convenience for staff.
- **Flush-o-meter Upgrades:** Child-friendly restroom improvements.
- **Interactive Smartboards:** Enhanced interactive learning experience.
- **Whiteboards:** Support collaborative learning.
- **Dual Language TV:** Promotes small group learning.



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- **Health and Safety Upgrades:**

- **Water Bottle Fillers:** Improved water fountains with access to filtered water for students.
- **MS Classroom Flooring:** Safe and flexible learning environment.

- **Structural Repairs:**

- **Foundation Repairs (Middle School):** Structural integrity improvements.
- **Elementary Roof Repairs:** \$8,025 – Leak prevention and durability.
- **HVAC Repairs:** Insulation upgrades above the gymnasium.

- **Staff and Community Engagement:**

- **Catered Hot Breakfast for Staff:** Welcoming and supporting staff during professional development.

IV. Development

V. Facility

VI. Governance

VII. Other Business



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VIII. Closing Items

A. Enter Executive Session

Aimee LoMonaco made a motion to enter executive session at 7:44PM.

Maria Cintron seconded the motion.

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

B. Exit Executive Session

Aimee LoMonaco made a motion to exit executive session at 7:57PM.

Natasha Jeffries seconded the motion.

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

C. Adjourn Meeting

Aimee LoMonaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM.

Zenobia Hartfield 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 7:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana M. Salcedo Gomez.