

Board of Trustees, Ridge and Valley Charter School
Regular Meeting Minutes

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ridge and Valley Charter School was held on January 17, 2008 at 1234 State Route 94, Blairstown, NJ 07825. The meeting was called to order at 6:25 pm by Pati Uzar, Facilitator. The Trustees operate on a consensus basis in all matters. We choose to dispense with Robert's Rules of Order and Conventional Parliamentary Procedure. Our intention is to affirm the mission of the school. Ridge and Valley Charter School offers an integrated, experiential course of study in the context of the universe and its interrelationships. Adequate notice of this meeting had been made in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of 1975 in the New Jersey Herald, the County superintendent's office and with the County Administrator.

Roll Call	present	absent
Voting Members		
Kerry Barnett	X	
Donna Best	X	
Lisa Kelly	X	
Andy Marancik	X	
Dave McNulty	X	
Kathyann Natkie 7:35pm)		X (present from 7:20-
Evonn Reiersen		X
Pati Uzar	X	
Non-voting members:		
David Wyllie, Academic Coordinator	X	
Nanci Dvorsky, Administrative Coordinator	X	
Traci Pannullo, Curriculum Coordinator	X	
Facilitator: Pati Uzar Guardian: Dave McNulty		
Recorder: Nanci Dvorsky		
Also in attendance: Lisa Masi		

Trustee Circle Opening: convened 6:25pm

Notices: None

Public Participation: Guide Lisa Masi reported that the Orton Gillingham training experience with Rowena McNulty was appreciated by the staff and the use of the method across the groups is still being discussed. She also thanked the Trustees for the gift certificate and the party in January.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of December 20, 2007 minutes with revisions.

Correspondence: none

Business Administrator's Report: Nanci Dvorsky presented an updated cash status report.

Resolution 01.17.08.e To approve the Board Secretary and Treasurers Reports for December 2007. Approved unanimously.

Resolution 01.17.08.c To approve transfer from fund balance of \$9,000 to line 48 textbooks, \$13,000 to line 67 special education, and \$5,000 to line 47 supplies. Approved unanimously.

Administrative Coordinator's Report: Nanci Dvorsky reported that the new telephone system had been installed and a fourth phone line added. Enrollment is currently at 105 students.

Resolution 01.17.08.a To approve payment of bills in the amount of \$101,547.47 which includes payroll. Approved unanimously.

Resolution 01.17.08.b To approve allocation of up to \$950.0 from the 06-07 Dodge grant for guide attendance at the ANJEE Conference in Princeton, N.J. 1/31-2/2/08. Approved unanimously.

Resolution 01.17.08.d To approve the application to NJCPSA Smarter Charter Grant for governance improvement and continued work on the school database program. Approved unanimously.

Policy 5115.1 *Student Enrollment Age for Kindergarten* is a mute policy based on NJSA 18A:38-5

Academic Coordinator's Report: Dave Wyllie's report attached.

Curriculum Coordinator's Report: Traci Pannullo reported that Dawn Robinson is entering the Resource room materials into an Excel spreadsheet that will be loaded into the database. Traci said that Readerware will be loaded in as well. She reported that Tom Kelliher did a database update for the staff including the use of the Day Planner functions. The Curriculum Binder and Database need to be correlated so they are in one place. Math Survey Forms are still being returned from the community and will be collated and the results presented at the next meeting. Dave Wyllie inquired as to how the database backup system is working. Traci will contact Lisa Kelly regarding interest groups.

Executive Session: 7:45pm to discuss personnel matters.

Return to Public Session 10:10pm

Committee Reports:

Communication Committee: none

Finance Committee: Next meeting will be Saturday February 9th at 9:30am to work on a draft budget for 08-09. Kerry Barnett reported that the request for travel expenses for an Earthwatch Institute summer trip for Dena Feldman could not be funded at this time. She will contact Dena with the determination and offer her encouragement and inkind support from RVCS as well as creative thoughts for community fundraising.

Grants Committee/Fundraising Committee: Dave McNulty reported that Jay Bacco is following up with Mid-County Paper Stock Co. in Andover regarding the possibility of having a paper recycling container at RVCS that would generate income for the school and encourage recycling in the school community.

Facilities: Dave McNulty reported that there has been an initial inquiry about holding a solar hot water workshop at RVCS in March or April. He will get more information. Also, there has been an idea put forth regarding the Open Space Preservation opportunity and how RVCS might benefit from participation.

Other Business: The Trustees will host the Whole School Assembly and Spring Equinox Celebration on Thursday March 20th. Nanci Dvorsky suggested that if Peer Spirit is funded by the NJCPSA grant program that having them facilitate the Assembly would be timely.

Meeting Adjourned 10:45pm

Nanci Dvorsky, Board Secretary

