

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 May 15, 2008 at 1234 State Route 94, Blirstown, NJ 07825. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 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	
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: Kerry Barnett

Recorder: Nanci Dvorsky

Also in attendance: Kate Yaskovic, Kathyann Natkie, Lisa Masi, Jenny Panagakos, Tom Kelliher, Dave Paulson, Barbara Cochrane

Trustee Circle Opening: convened 6:15pm

Notices: None

Public Participation: Parent inquiry into possible Volunteer Training changes in order to accommodate working parents. Jenny Panagakos, Kathyann Natkie, Donna Best, and Kate Yaskovic will meet to discuss. Tom Kelliher gave a database demo of the RVCS Curriculum Workshop. The Community Involvement Committee would like more participation and will survey the community. The database of family talents needs to be completed.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of April 17, 2008 minutes. Approval of May 1, 2008 Special Meeting minutes.

Correspondence: Several proposals came from the Pyrite class regarding site improvements. It was requested that Guide Bradley White work with the students to simplify the projects with the intent of completion prior to the end of the school year. Dave Paulson volunteered to coordinate with Bradley and the students. A request for possible use of our facility came from Jessica Tomkins of Literacy Volunteers of New Jersey. Nanci Dvorsky will follow up to get more details. Mid County Paper Stock Company sent a proposal for paper recycling at RVCS. Nanci Dvorsky will follow up regarding possible placement of the container and the possible collaboration with Frelinghuysen Township regarding recycling tonnage.

Business Administrator's Report: Nanci Dvorsky gave the updated BA report.

Resolution 05.15.2008.e To approve the Board Secretary and Treasurers Reports for April 2008 and certifications. Approved unanimously. **Resolution 05.15.08.i** To approve the allocation of funds of up to \$7,000 towards the purchase of math curriculum materials and an additional \$4000 of professional development money. Approved unanimously.

Administrative Coordinator's Report: Resolution 05.15.08.a To approve payment of bills in the amount of \$103,458.43 which includes payroll. Approved unanimously. **Resolution 05.15.08.b** To approve becoming a member of the NJSBA insurance group with Brown & Brown as the agent. Approved unanimously. **Resolution 05.15.08.c** To approve Robert Hart as Treasurer of School Monies for the 2008-2009 school year at a monthly rate of \$200. Approved unanimously. **Resolution 05.15.08.h** To approve the transfer of \$651.25 from line 54 benefits to line 63 misc and the transfer of \$1500 from line 75 misc to line 47 general supplies. Approved unanimously. A lottery drawing was held for K, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th waiting list for 08-09.

Academic Coordinator's Report: No report was submitted.

Curriculum Coordinator's Report: Traci Pannullo reported that the NJCCCS are being sorted into the key learning experiences document she is creating. She has met with Sandra Roberts of the Foodshed Alliance, Paul Morgan, professor at West Chester University, and has been in touch with the Sustainable Schools Project in Vermont. Paul Morgan will be coming to RVCS Wed May 21st to host a parent presentation on Education for World View Change. He will also host the Guide Collaborative Training that afternoon. Traci will be attending a workshop with Lisa Masi on data driven instruction hosted by a Newark based charter school. The math curriculum committee has narrowed their recommendation to two math programs and will do more research into the actual costs and which program would ultimately be more appropriate for RVCS. The first layer of approval has been given for the Dissemination Grant that Unity Charter School applied for in collaboration with RVCS and now it goes for fiscal review.

Committee Reports: Kerry Barnett requests that each committee submit a description, meeting schedule, and point person. This information is necessary for the June reorganization meeting.

Communication Committee: An ad was placed in the Star Ledger for the May 23rd Open House. The mother of a new student is a professional writer and has offered to do press releases for the school.

Site Committee: Dave McNulty reported that Bill Gold will postpone the Solar Hot Water Workshop until fall.

Dave McNulty also reported that the Whip Grant info regarding the wetlands project at RVCS had previously been submitted to Frelinghuysen Twp.

Peace Committee: Evonn Reiersen has been facilitator of the committee however the facilitation will rotate amongst the group.

8 people attended the first meeting and it was agreed that the committee would be an action oriented group that will work on a framework for policy. They are currently meeting Tuesdays from 6pm to 7:30 pm.

Graduation Committee: The committee has formed for graduation on June 5th. Miriam MacGillis will be our speaker.

Other Business: Donna Best and Dave Paulson agreed to review the current RVCS attendance and tardiness policy.

Executive Session to discuss personnel matters 9:25pm.
Return to public session at 10:30pm.

Resolution 05.15.08.f To approve offering contracts for the 2008-2009 school year to the following

Guides:

Cathy Conner	\$42,782.00 plus a signing bonus of \$1,252.00
Nanci Dvorsky	\$53,300.00
Katharine Errico	\$35,106.00 plus a signing bonus of \$1,028.00
Dena Feldman	\$43,380.00 plus a signing bonus of \$1,270.00
Michael Florio	\$37,332.00 plus a signing bonus of \$1,093.00
Sundae Greame	\$36,159.00 plus a signing bonus of \$1,058.00
Lisa Masi	\$42,509.00 plus a signing bonus of \$1,244.00
Rowena McNulty	\$67,568.00 plus a signing bonus of \$1,978.00
Kristin Noel	\$36,159.00 plus a signing bonus of \$1,058.00
Donna Usinowicz	\$36,565.00 plus a signing bonus of \$1,070.00

Unanimously approved.

Resolution 05.15.08d To approve increasing the substitute rate of \$75 per day to \$85 per day beginning May 16th for Betty Saar for the remainder of the fiscal year. Approved unanimously.

Resolution 05.15.08.g To offer contracts and/or employment agreements for the 2008-2009 school year to the following Guides:

Nicholas Philliou as Integrated PE and World Language Guide at \$21,000

Traci Pannullo as Curriculum Coordinator at \$20,000

Bradley White as Support Guide at a per diem rate of \$115 plus \$2000 aid in lieu of insurance

Alex Tullis as Support Guide at a per diem rate of \$115 plus \$2,000 aid in lieu of insurance

Julia Ochs as Support Guide at a per diem rate of \$115 plus \$2,000 aid in lieu of insurance

Unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned 10:30pm

Nanci Dvorsky, Board Secretary

