

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 August 21, 2008 at 1234 State Route 94, Blirstown, NJ 07825. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Kerry Barnett, 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:		
Nanci Dvorsky, Administrative Coordinator	X	
Traci Pannullo, Curriculum Coordinator		X

Facilitator: Kerry Barnett Guardian: Evonn Reiersen Recorder: Nanci Dvorsky
Also in attendance: Rowena McNulty, Lisa Masi, Tom Kelleher, Dave Paulson, Cheryl Paulson, Sylvia Ramos, Barbara Cochrane, Kathyann Natkie, Chris Trainor, Robin Slaw, Kath Cameron, Melissa Browns, Laurie Meivogel

Trustee Circle Opening: convened 6:15pm

Notices: None

Public Participation: Sylvia Ramos inquired about the new roles for Cathy Conner and Betty Saar. Barbara Cochrane proposed that the music used for entering and exiting the Assembly be revisited, Melissa Browns was wondering about a possible "Gifted and Talented" program at RVCS.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of July 17, 2008 moved to August due to lack of quorum of Trustees present at that meeting.

Correspondence: Letter attached from Kim Yousey regarding the wetlands restoration project. Dave Paulson and Sylvia Ramos agreed to follow up on the status.

Business Administrator's Report: Nanci Dvorsky presented the report as follows: **Resolution 08.21.08.b** To approve the Board Secretary and Treasurers Reports for July 2008 and certifications. Approved unanimously. **Resolution 08.21.08.c** To approve the additional year end 07-08 budget transfers: Line 54 to Line 55 \$197, Line 54 to Line 63 \$287, Line 74 to Line 72 \$200, and Line 48 to Line 47 \$162. Approved unanimously. **Resolution 08.21.08.e** To request a waiver of the requirements for SEMI. Approved unanimously.

Administrative Coordinator's Report: Resolution 08.21.08.b To approve payment of bills in the amount of \$86,923.10 which includes payroll. Approved unanimously. **Resolution 08.21.08.d** To approve the 2008-2011 Local Mentoring Plan. Approved unanimously. **Resolution 08.21.08.f** To accept IDEIA FY09 Basic grant in the amount of \$17,736.00. Approved unanimously. **Resolution 08.21.08.g** To approve the submission of the District Waiver Request for Bilingual/ESL Program accountability. Approved unanimously. **Resolution 08.21.08.i** To approve Linda Maffei, Pediatric Speech Therapy for speech/language services at a rate of \$450 per 6 hour day for the 2008-2009 school year. Approved unanimously. **Resolution 08.21.08.j** To approve Lisa Masi and Rowena McNulty as non-voting members of the Board of Trustees. Approved unanimously. Nanci Dvorsky reported that the AEE National Conference is being held in Vancouver Washington November 6th and 7th and proposed that RVCS look into sending two guides to the regional AEE conference in April in Pennsylvania due to the high cost of the National Conference package. Evonn Reiersen is in favor of guides supplementing the trip themselves to go to the National Conference due to its international leader presence. Nanci reported that the school has full enrollment at this time.

Shared Leadership Team Reports:

Integration Guide Report: Lisa Masi reported that the Leader to Leader Mentoring Grant work has not started yet but she is working on scheduling with Unity Charter School.

Differentiated Coordinator Report: Rowena McNulty reported that the scheduling has been set for the class groups in regards to Cathy Conner, Betty Saar, and Carrie Pfeiffer's roles.

Committee Reports: Peace C.O.R.e Committee: Second reading and adoption of policy 4111.2 Bullying and Harassment. Review of next steps for the committee. A request for the Peace C.O.R.e committee to become a standing committee was proposed and this request will be revisited at the September Trustee meeting. The committee can be reached at rvcspencecoreemail@gmail.com. Communication Committee reported that a pr campaign is being organized and also mentioned that the school email is moving to a Google gmail account.

The Trustee application review committee reported that an application process had been completed by Dave Paulson and he is recommended as a new Trustee. Approved unanimously.

Sylvia Ramos reported on the progress made in moving the library fiction books to the classroom. She described the formation of the library and expressed regret at the current need to move the books from their current location and her fear of not being able to track their location.

The Volunteer Committee composed of Lisa Kelly, Donna Best, and Rowena McNulty will be meeting to revise the volunteer structure at the school.

Technology Committee reported that purchases were being made for tech needs and Julie Sinno will provide the staff with training in their use.

Other Business: Donna Best and Dave Paulson presented a second reading of the revision to the Absence and Excuses Policy 5113. The policy is adopted with revisions.

Kerry Barnett will coordinate the Family Gathering on Thursday August 28th.

Laurie Meivogel volunteered to be point person for the reforming of the Use of Facility Committee.

Executive Session to discuss personnel matters 9:40pm.
Return to public session at 10:00pm.

Resolution 08.21.08.h To approve application for emergency hiring for the 08-09 school year of Carrie Pfeiffer, part time special education aide at a per diem rate of \$100 and Christopher Trainor as Support Guide at a per diem rate of \$110 plus \$2,000 aide in lieu of benefits. Approved unanimously. **Resolution 08.21.08.j** To approve Lisa Masi and Rowena McNulty as non-voting members of the Board of Trustees. Approved unanimously.
Meeting Adjourned 10:30pm

Nanci Dvorsky, Board Secretary