

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 April 23, 2009 at 1234 State Route 94, Blairstown, NJ 07825. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Andrew Marancik, 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	
Tom Kelleher	X	
Andy Marancik	X	
Dave McNulty	X	
Dave Paulson	X	
Pati Uzar	X	
Non-voting members:		
Nanci Dvorsky, Administrative Coordinator	X	
Lisa Masi, Integration Guide	X	
Rowena McNulty, Differentiated Learning Coord.	X	
Traci Pannullo, Curriculum Coordinator	X	
Charles Knopf, School Business Admin.	X	

Facilitator: Andrew Marancik Guardian: Traci Pannullo Recorder: Nanci Dvorsky
Also in attendance: Jay Bacco, Melissa Browns, Elyssa Serrilli, Carrie Pfeiffer, Sylvia Ramos, Robin Slaw, Kath Cameron, Laurie Meivogel, Michele Moorhouse, Donna Price, and Ken Elliott.

Trustee Circle Opening: convened 6:15

Notices: None

Public Participation: Elyssa Serrilli submitted a pergola construction proposal. The Trustees requested a sketch and budget.

Correspondence: Donna Price submitted a letter regarding email address usage at RVCS. Robin and Dean Rickard submitted a letter regarding the Whole School Assembly report. The Economics Group submitted a draft flyer for their proposed

fundraiser on Friday May 22nd. Nanci Dvorsky will ask them to contact Sandy Roberts regarding the Science Club use of the community room that day.

Executive Session 7:05pm To discuss personnel

Return to Public Session 7:50pm

Other Business: Laurie Meivogel reported that the next Whole School Assembly will take place on Monday June 1st from 6-8:15pm. Donna Best reported that she is working with Andy Marancik and Sylvia Ramos on the Use of Facility policy. Kerry Barnett reported that the Leadership Team assessment is in process.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of March 19, 2009 minutes. Kerry Barnett abstained.

Business Administrator: Charlie Knopf reported that he is working on the insurance coverage for the spring dance. He reported that the new HVAC units are in and the purchase of the solar panels is complete. **Resolution 4.23.09.f** The Board approves the Board Secretary and Treasurers Reports for March 2009 and certifies that no major account or fund has been over expended and to confirm that sufficient funds are available to meet the schools financial obligations for the remainder of the year. Approved unanimously. **Resolution 04.23.09.g** To approve the following transfers: \$225 from Line 47 supplies to Line 48 textbooks, and for the purchase of the solar panels: \$920 from Line 55 Purch/Prof Tech to Line 62 Mortgage Interest and \$810 from Line 80 Purch/ Land Improvements to Line 82 Mortgage Principal. Approved unanimously.

Administrative Coordinator: Nanci Dvorsky submitted the final 2009-2010 school calendar. Approved unanimously. A lottery drawing was held for March student applications. Nanci reported that Sarah MacDougall of Peer Spirit is available to come to RVCS the week of August 31st. The Trustees unanimously approve the fee of \$1,500.00. The next Open House will be Wed May 27th. **Resolution 04.23.09.a** To approve payment of bills in the amount of \$279,858.59 which includes payroll. Unanimously approved. **Resolution 04.23.09.b** To approve Donna Usinowicz and Sundae Greame (replacing Lisa Masi) as members of the Resolution Advisory Committee for the remainder of the 08-09 school year. Approved unanimously. **Resolution 04.23.09.d** To approve Paul Yuri Samer as a substitute Guide for the 08-09 school year pending Criminal History Background check. Approved unanimously.

Resolution 04.23.09.e To approve accepting contracts for the 2009-2010 school year with the following Guides:

Ieva Alverson	\$51,500.00 plus a signing bonus of \$1,545.00
Cathy Conner	\$44,065.00 plus a signing bonus of \$1,322.00
Nanci Dvorsky	\$55,022.00 plus a signing bonus of \$1,651.00
Katharine Errico	\$36,159.00 plus a signing bonus of \$1,085.00
Dena Pheonix	\$44,681.00 plus a signing bonus of \$1,340.00
Michael Florio	\$38,452.00 plus a signing bonus of \$1,154.00
Sundae Greame	\$37,244.00 plus a signing bonus of \$1,117.00
Lisa Masi	\$43,784.00 plus a signing bonus of \$1,314.00
Rowena McNulty	\$69,595.00 plus a signing bonus of \$2,088.00
Betty Saar	\$35,278.00 plus a signing bonus of \$1,058.00
Donna Usinowicz	\$37,662.00 plus a signing bonus of \$1,130.00

Leadership Team Update:

Curriculum Coordinator Report: Traci Pannullo reported that she attended the NJCPSA Conference and presented a workshop with Tom Kelleher on the RVCS database. She has also been working on registration for the Columbia University Teachers College Readers Workshop for the July and August session for the Guides.

Resolution 04.23.09.c To approve the 2009-2010 Professional Development Plan. Approved unanimously.

Integration Guide Report: Lisa Masi reported she attended the NJCPSA Conference and the Farm to School Conference. She has been working on project units for the database, Celebration of Learning planning, and scheduling for next year. She has also been working with a student group on a proposal for music assemblies.

Differentiated Coordinator Report: Rowena McNulty reported that the 8th grade graduation white water rafting trip has been scheduled for June 1, 2009 on the Lehigh River. The Trustees unanimously approve the payment of \$359 for the trip. Rowena reported that an ad hoc committee is working on a grant for a water festival at RVCS in September of 2009.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: The SRECS sale of kilowatts generated by the solar panels will be handled by Trustee attorney William Gold until the transition to the GATS system of kilowatt sales takes place this summer. The Trustees are very grateful to Bill for his knowledge and help in the solar generation details.

Library Committee: No report.

K-12 Committee: No report.

Peace Core Committee: Dave McNulty has been working on the revised survey with the committee which will be shared with the Trustees as soon as it is available.

Communication Committee: Donna Best reported that new pr cards and bookmarks are available. Dave McNulty reported that the committee is looking into advertising for the Open House.

Land Care Committee: Community Service Day is scheduled for Saturday April 25th. Various land care projects are scheduled.

Graduation Committee: Kerry Barnett is point person for the June 9th graduation.

Yearbook Committee: Sylvia Ramos reported that the class pictures are finished. She requested that more student involvement take place next year on the yearbook.

Dance Committee: Donna Best reported that the Spring Dance is shaping up nicely and that there has been a lot of great volunteer help.

Executive Session: 9:25pm regarding personnel and potential litigation.

Return to public session 10:20pm

Resolution 4.23.09.h To approve hiring Deb Napolitano or SarahBeth Mayol as decided by the Leadership Team as a part time special education guide.

Meeting Adjourned 10:25pm

Nanci Dvorsky, Board Secretary