

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 September 15, 2016 at 1234 State Route 94, Blirstown, NJ 07825. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Dave McNulty, 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.

	present	absent
Voting Members		
Steve Andrasek	X	
Kerry Barnett	X	
Andy Marancik	X	
Dave McNulty	X	
Dave Paulson		X
Jessi Sohl	X	
Pati Uzar	X	
Non-voting members:		
Nanci Dvorsky, Administrative Coordinator	X	
Lisa Masi, Integration Guide	X	
Traci Pannullo, Curriculum Coordinator	X	
Glenn Richardson, SBA		X

Facilitator: Dave McNulty Guardian: Steve Andrasek Recorder: Nanci Dvorsky
Public Participants: None

Trustee Circle Opening: convened 6:10 pm

Public Participation: None

Correspondence: None

Leadership Team Updates:

Integration Guide Report: Lisa Masi reported that she has been working on the classroom libraries, Back to School Night, and the Wednesday morning assembly format and schedule. The Autumn Equinox assembly is Wednesday September 21st at 9:00am. Lisa presented the research that she and Kasey Errico (Expedition Coordinator) have been doing regarding staff Wilderness First Aid certification. They propose that beginning next year RVCS hosts a January in house WFA training for the entire staff which would begin on the Thursday prior to the Professional Development Day, in lieu of the Guide/Trustee development, and then continue for the entire next day on Friday. This would take place every other year.

Curriculum Coordinator Report: Traci Pannullo gave a 2015-2016 PARCC update and analysis.

Administrative Coordinator Report: Nanci Dvorsky reported: She visited the Hope Police Barracks for the yearly meeting with Lieutenant Aiello to have the Memorandum of Agreement Between Law Enforcement and Schools (MOA) signed. She will be attending the annual MOA breakfast meeting on September 16th. Enrollment for the 16-17 school year continues with the number of students currently at 126. Nanci participated in a New Jersey Charter School Association conference call on September 15th. Governor Christie is proposing five operational changes for charter schools that would not require an update to state statute. If any were passed they would not be in effect until the 2017-2018 school year. Approval of the August 18, 2016 minutes. **Resolution 9.15.16.a** To approve payment of bills in the amount of \$126,537.82 which includes payroll. Approved unanimously. **Resolution 9.15.16.b** To approve a onetime salary increase in the amount of \$5,000 for Kristine Tucker based on her achieving her doctoral degree in October 2016. The increase will be prorated to the date the degree is obtained. Approved unanimously.

Business Administrator Report: No report

Committee Reports

Parent No report

Technology Traci Pannullo reported that the installation of the new classroom projector systems was nearly complete and she had been receiving feedback from the staff that they are very useful.

Facilities Painting of the classroom doors continues, a new flag pole was installed, and the yurt was sold.

Finance Steve Andrasek reported that the audit field work was completed on Friday August 19th. The committee will continue to meet monthly.

Communication The Information Session for interested families is October 6th at 6pm.

Other Business

Dave McNulty will develop an invitation to families to consider joining the Trustee Circle which will be sent to Jen Ross to put in the Friday newsletter. Kerry Barnett is sending out a save the date message to the community for the Ecozoic Community Education screening of the RVCS Deep Time Journey Network video on October 13th at 5:45pm, location to be determined. The Phil Garber photography project was discussed and it was agreed that Kerry Barnett will get back to him with the request for him to submit a Use of Facility Form and a recommendation for the project to happen outside of school hours with support from Jessi Sohl and Pati Uzar. She will also recommend he modify the permission form to include more family control of any photos. Work continues on gathering data driven assessments for the 2017 Charter Renewal application. Jessi Sohl and Dave McNulty will be available to take the class group photos beginning the end of the month. The annual Meet and Greet get together on Wednesday August 31st at 6pm went well and many new families attended. Dave McNulty will schedule a Trustee retreat for February.

Meeting adjourned 9:30pm

Nanci Dvorsky, Board Secretary