

RIDGECREST CHARTER SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 15, 2010
325 South Downs Street, Ridgecrest, CA 93555

I. MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm by the Board Chair.

B. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Rick Smith, <i>President</i>	X	_____
Craig Bradley, <i>Vice-President</i>	X	_____
Jerry Perez, <i>Treasurer-Secretary</i>	X	_____
Debby Kurti, <i>Member</i>	X	_____
Robert Pritchard, <i>Member</i>	X	_____

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: JP Second: DK Vote: 5-0

D. FLAG SALUTE

The Flag Salute was observed

E. MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Moment of Silence was observed

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on January 21, 2010

Motion: CB Second: JP Vote: 3-0 2 abstentions

2. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on March 18, 2010

Motion: CB Second: DK Vote: 3-0 2 abstentions

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. STAFF REPORTS

1. Director's Report

Director Tina Ellingsworth addressed the Board. The scoliosis screenings for the seventh grade girls and eighth grade boys has been completed.

Spring pictures for all grades and graduation pictures for kindergarten and eighth grade were done on April 6th.

The Spelling Bee was held on April 8th.

The Camp KEEP fundraising committee sponsored a spaghetti luncheon to benefit Camp KEEP.

We just completed the sixth grade work day this past Saturday.

Also this past Saturday we hosted the IWV Chess Tournament for the first time. A total of 104 contestants and their families were present and it was a very successful day.

STAR testing started this week. We have been piloting the Chex cereal snacks in the morning before testing.

April 30th is a Dress for Success Spirit Day.

Fifth grade student Emily Hickey was a winner at the KCSOS Science Fair.

Textbooks have been ordered for next year.

It's been a busy month getting ready for the end of the school year.

2. Business Manager's Report

Business Manager Don Baker addressed the Board.

The non-profit form 990 Income taxes have been submitted. The P-2 was submitted by April 15th and the ADA is 250.48.

Several sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls participated in the Expanding Your Horizons workshop on base. They all enjoyed it

Cameras have been installed around the campus.

The K kids donated a bird sanctuary to the animal shelter.

The annual Spring Fling has been scheduled for April 30th.

Open enrollment has begun and several grades already have a waiting list for next year. We are looking into expanding to three Kindergartens for next year and possibly a pre-K.

Portable radios are now in use for the yard duty and administration.

We are in the process of updating the RCS website.

The structural engineer is working on the portable plans and the process is moving forward.

3. Pupil Personnel Report

Isaac Warner addressed the board.

Implementing zero tolerance for distraction during STAR testing and continuing the implementation of a token economy program.

Mr. Warner has been working with teachers and staff on behavior contracts for habitual offenders.

We also have been offering a proactive alternative to discipline issues by allowing teachers to send children to the office prior to becoming a behavior issue.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness month. I have contacted the Women's Center who came and spoke to the teachers.

Administration has been working together to try to provide more student and parent resources electronically.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. SARB

Gayle Pietrangelo addressed the board. There are no issues at the present time. Letters went home with parents at parent conferences for any unexcused absences.

2. Technology Committee

Debby Kurti supplied a handout entitled National Lab Day Video Contest.

3. PTO

Jennifer Bayarena represented PTO. The Awesome Eagle pool party is scheduled for May 27th, at Pinney Pool. The PTO plans on fixing up the auditorium for graduation. They are looking into some deals and donations from Sears in the way of blinds and curtains.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation.

Oral Communications was opened at 7:16 pm and closed at 7:16 pm.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered by the board to be routine and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested for further discussion or removed from the agenda, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the Board vote. The Director recommends approval of all consent agenda items.

It is recommended that the Board approve Consent Agenda Items 1-5.

1. Payments of payments to Staff and Vendors
2. Approval of March 2010 Financial Report
 - Statement of Operation
 - Summary Statement of Operations by Program
 - Balance Sheet
 - Budget vs. Actual YTD
3. PTO Financial Report
4. Approval of Travel – CPI Trainer of Trainers
5. License Agreement for Data and Assessment System **PULLED**

<p style="text-align: center;">A Motion was made to approve Items 1 – 4. Motion: JP Second: CB Vote: 5-0</p>
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5. License Agreement for Data and Assessment System

Craig Bradley asked for this item to be pulled. Tina Ellingsworth explained that this is the pilot project for Zoom.

Motion: JP Second: CB Vote: 5-0

V. PUBLIC HEARING

OPENED AT 7:19 pm.

1. Approval of Request for Waiver from Cash Flow Deferrals

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The continuing and expanding deferrals by the State of California for monthly apportionments due all California Local Education Agencies, including Charter Schools, creates a hardship for educations to meet all cash flow obligations.

On April 8th, 2010, information was provided by 2010, School Services of California, Inc ('SSC') and the Kern County Superintendent of School (KCSOS) that advised local agencies of the opportunity to apply for a waiver for the deferral of cash payments for a certain period during the 2009-2010 school year. This Request for Deferral, if approved, would provided cash flow relief to all education agencies for which the waiver is approved.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 7:25 pm.

RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION AT 7:25 pm.

VI. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

A. ADMINISTRATION

1. Enrollment Report for April 2010

No Action Required – Information Purposes Only

2. Request Waiver for Cash Flow Deferrals for February, April and May 2009-2010

Motion: DK Second: CB Vote: 5-0

A Recess was taken at 7:30 pm.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

The meeting will now convene to closed session to discuss the following matters pursuant with Brown Act Section 54957.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

1. Business Manager

Closed session was entered into at 7:46 pm and concluded at 8:27 pm.

VIII. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION AT 8:45 pm.

Report out of Closed Session:

Board Secretary Jerry Perez read the report: No Action Taken.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

1. May 20, 2010
2. June 10, 2010
3. June 24, 2010

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Streaming Board Meetings
2. Board Policy 3516 Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan

XII. CLOSING BOARD COMMENTS

Rick Smith announced that he plans to run for re-election for the Governing Board.
Jerry Perez announced that he too plans on running for re-election.
Rob Pritchard thanked Staff and appreciates all the hard work staff does.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and upon request, the School may furnish reasonable auxiliary aids and services to qualified individuals with disabilities. Individuals who require appropriate alternative modifications of the agenda in order to participate in Board meetings are invited to contact the Director's office. Per Brown Act 54954.3(a) at any special meeting the public has the right to address any item described in the agenda before or during consideration of that item.