

**RIDGECREST CHARTER SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD**
Regular Meeting
Thursday February 18,, 2010
Time 6:30 pm
325 South Downs Street, Ridgecrest, CA 93555

I. MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair Craig Bradley at 6:31 pm.

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: DK Second: JP Vote: 4-0

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 December 17, 2010

Motion: JP Second: DK Vote: 3-0 1 abstention

2. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting on January 5, 2010

The Minutes of the Special meeting was Motioned and approved with modification:

Motion: DK Second: JP Vote: 4-0

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

Continued

4. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting on January 27, 2010

Motion: JP Second: DK Vote: 3-0 1 abstention

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. STAFF REPORTS

1. Director's Report

Director Tina Ellingsworth reported to the Board. The Geography Bee is scheduled for 5:30 tomorrow February 19th. This year the Book Fair will commence on March 2nd and continue until March 12th. It will be held in the cafeteria. The whole school will participate in Dr. Seuss Day on March 2nd. The drama club from Burroughs High School will again come to the school to part on a play.

March 5th will be the third district benchmarks.

We have seven science fair winners that will compete in Bakersfield this year from 3/22/10 until 3/23/10.

The menus have been approved and Tina has been working with Mr. Warner on the food service position. Our goal is to have the breakfast program in place on or before April 5th.

We are waiting for the official letter from WASC. RCS has been accredited for a six year term with a midterm review in 2012. RCS is one of five schools accredited in Ridgecrest.

2. Business Manager's Report

The Con Ap report has been submitted. Ridgecrest has a shortage of speech therapists, therefore RCS has contracted with an outside agency called Tiny Eye. They have been a wonderful addition to our school and have been supplying good service.

The plans for the new portable were submitted to the county of 2/15.

The new kitchen equipment has been ordered and should arrive shortly to be used for our food program. Things are progressing nicely.

3. Pupil Personnel Report

Isaac Warner informed the Board that it has been a busy couple of weeks. He has instituted a token economy system with the middle school students. He has been working closely with Mrs. Ellingsworth on the food program.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. SARB

Gayle Pietrangelo notified the Board that we are currently working with two families that are having attendance problems.

2. Technology Committee

Debby Kurti will attend the ITEA conference. There are a few grants available that be able to fund some robotics classes.

3. PTO

Stacey Colangelo told the Board that RCS is participation in a Sees Candy Fundraiser. The PTO is planning on doing a hot dog lunch at the Junior Olympics this year which is scheduled for March 19.

Jerry Perez met with the PTO and it was a very positive meeting. Jerry will begin taking over the financial part of PTO to allow the PTO members to concentrate on the fun part. RCS needs to bring families into the organization again. Jerry hopes to encourage the development of new ideas to revitalize and market the PTO.

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 7:20 pm and closed at 7:37 pm.

Jenifer Bayarena addressed the board. She is looking forward to having the PTO and the Governing Board working together and emphasized that communication between the two boards is crucial. She is encouraging the two boards to pull together their resources and creative minds for the betterment of the school.

John Ciani inquired what the school has in store for the Music in our Sschools Month. April is Handicap Awareness month. He requested Mr. Warner work with him on students in our school with special needs and showcase their talents.

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 1-3.

1. Payments to Staff and Vendors
2. Approval of December 2009 Financial Report
 - Statement of Operation
 - Summary Statement of Operations by Program
 - Balance Sheet
 - Budget vs. Actual YTD

3. PTO Financial Report

Motion: DK Second: JP Vote: 4-0
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V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

A. ADMINISTRATION

1. Enrollment Report for February 2010

No Action Required – Information Purposes Only

2. Student Representative to the Board

Motion: DK Second: RP Vote: 4-0

3. Board Policy 3516 Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan

Continued to the Next Regular Board Meeting

4. Enrollment Policy

Motion: JP Second: CB Vote: 4-0

5. 2008-09 School Accountability Report Card

Motion: RP Second: JP Vote: 4-0

VI. CLOSED SESSION

The meeting will now convene to closed session to discuss the following matters pursuant with Education Code 35146, 48918(c)

PUPIL DISCIPLINE

1. Pupil Discipline – Ratification of Stipulated Expulsion Order
Case Number 01-09/10

Closed session was entered into at 8:25 PM and concluded at 8:35 PM.

VII. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 8:40 pm.

Present: Vice-President Craig Bradley, Secretary Jerry Perez,. Member Debby Kurti, Member Rob Pritchard, Director Tina Ellingsworth and Pupil Personnel Isaac Warner

Report out of Closed Session:

Motion: To accept ratification of stipulated expulsion order, case number 01-09/10

By Jerry Perez

Second by Debby Kurti

Motion Passed: Unanimous Vote 4-0 with 1 absent (Rick Smith)

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 8:40 pm.

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS

1. March 18, 2010
2. April 15, 2010
3. May 20, 2010

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Per Diem Rate
2. Streaming Board Meetings

X. CLOSING BOARD COMMENTS

Rob Pritchard is pleased that there is good communication between the PTO and the Governing Board.

Debby Kurti concurs with Rob.

Jerry Perez is looking forward to continue to work well with the PTO and to put everyone best efforts to work.

Craig Bradley thanked Jerry for all his help and continued efforts with the PTO.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 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.