

**RIDGECREST CHARTER SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD**

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 15, 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 at 6:34 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

A Motion was made to approve the amended agenda Motion: DK Second: JP Vote: 3-0
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D. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was observed

E. MOMENT OF SILENCE

The moment of silence was observed

F. BOARD MEMBER OATH OF OFFICE

The Board Clerk, Gayle Pietrangelo, administered the Oath of Office to re-elected board member Jerry Perez.

G. ELECTION OF BOARD POSITIONS

Tina Ellingsworth discussed the results of the staff questionnaire for suggested Board alignment.

Debby Kurti will remain as Staff Liaison as requested by Staff.

A Motion was made by Craig Bradley to nominate Rob Pritchard for the position of Treasurer; Seconded by Jerry Perez.

Motion Passed 3-0

A Motion was made by Craig Bradley to nominate Jerry Perez for the position of Secretary Seconded by Debby Kurti

Motion Passed 3-0

The positions of President and Vice president were held over to the next meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting and Concurrent Board Meeting on May 19, 2010

Motion: CB Second: JP Vote: 3-0

2. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on June 22, 2010

Pulled due to lack of a quorum

3. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on August 25, 2010

Pulled due to lack of a quorum

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. STAFF REPORTS

1. Director's Report

Tina Ellingsworth addressed the Board.

- 9/2/10 -Back to school night went very well. We had a very large turn out.
- 9/10/10 – We had our second annual Heroes' Lunch. We honor the first responders of 9/11 by honoring our local Heroes' with a lunch prepared and served by Staff. We had a large turnout of Police, Firemen and Paramedics. The Heroes' ate lunch with the students.
- 9/17/10 – We are having our third annual Grandparents Day. Grandparents will be allowed to come into the classrooms and see the students at work and participate in a hot lunch with their grandchildren.
We will also be celebrating Constitution Day with an assembly at 9 am.
Hearing screenings are scheduled for all K, 2, 5, 8 and RSP students
- 9/21/10 – An Earthquake drill is scheduled.
- 9/22/10 – Don Baker, Tina Ellingsworth and Lynne Hayman will be going to a SELPA LRE Training.
- 9/27/10 – KCSOS will have a Professional Development, Behavior Intervention Strategies by Vicki Shulton.
- 9/28/10 – Picture Day for the students and Staff
- 9/29/10 – 10/10/10 Benchmarks in progress and parent/teacher conferences will be held
- 9/29/10 – IEP Training in Cal City for Tina Ellingsworth and Lynne Hayman
- 9/29/10 – Robin Campbell at Murray Middle school has invited our 6th thru 8th grade to come and participate in a "Rachel's Challenge Assembly at Monroe Middle School. Rachel was the first victim at the Columbine shootings.

- 10/6/10 CBEDS Day. Snow Orthodontics will also be doing a screening for our 4th graders.
- 10/8/10 – We will have an Awesome Eagle assembly and Character Counts new pillar, Responsibility.

2. Business Manager's Report

Don Baker addressed the Board. The staff has been very busy. Several Staff and students marched in the Parade of a Thousand Flags this past Saturday.

The auditors were here last week and it went very well.

We have run into a few glitches with the portables. The fire hydrant issues are holding up the occupancy date at this point. It will be a few more weeks till they can be occupied. The parking lot needs to be restriped and a concrete walkway needs to be completed. We have made great strides with the breakfast program. It is growing on a daily basis. Once we reach the mark of 40% free and reduced, the school will be able to apply for much needed grants.

3. Pupil Personnel Report

Isaac Warner addressed the Board. This Friday staff will finish up with CPI training and the entire staff will be certified. Character counts and token economy are really helping to detour discipline infractions.

4. Student Board Representative

Caitlyn Owens addressed the Board. The students are trying to get back into a school routine after the summer break. All the students are really enjoying the new choices in uniforms. It's nice to see all the colors on the playground and not just red, white and blue. Recently the 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls formed two volleyball teams. We are practicing hard and have our first game next Tuesday against Monroe. The players attended a Burroughs game this week.

Caitlyn thanked the Board for having her at the meeting.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. SARB

Gayle Pietrangelo addressed the board. The tardy count this year is considerably lower compared to previous years. This is most likely due to the new breakfast program. Letters for unverified absences will be mailed out at the end of the month.

2. Technology Committee

Don Baker addressed the Board. The new leased computers have arrived but have not been all set up yet. Cable has been installed in the computer lab. The classrooms will also be getting cable in the near future.

3. PTO

Stacey Colangelo addressed the Board. We are having a Grandparent's Lunch on Friday. Our signature fundraiser will begin in October, which will consist of wrapping paper and holiday items. We will also begin a See's candy fundraiser in November.

4. Facilities Committee

Don Baker addressed the Board. This AdHoc committee has not met because of scheduling conflicts.

5. Faculty Report

Michele Rogers commented that the middle school has finished with the benchmarks and they will be available for the parents at parent/teacher conferences.

Mary Beth Boss commented that the younger grade students are starting to get back into the rhythm of being at school. They have enjoyed the art program, "Meet the Masters" provided by Casey Beitnes.

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 7:37 pm and closed at 7:45 pm.

DI Reporter John Ciani commented that he was very impressed with our heroes' lunch. He would like to see the youth advisory report to the board.

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 **Pulled: Informational Only**

2. Approval of June 2010 Financial Report

- Statement of Operation
- Summary Statement of Operations by Program
- Balance Sheet
- Budget vs. Actual YTD

3. Approval of July 2010 Financial Report

- Statement of Operation
- Summary Statement of Operations by Program
- Balance Sheet
- Budget vs. Actual YTD

A Motion was made to approve Item 2 and 3

Motion: JP Second: DK Vote: 3-0

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

A. ADMINISTRATION

1. Enrollment Report for September 2010

No Action Required – Information Purposes Only

B. BUSINESS

1. Resolution Number 2010-014 Employee Vacation and Leave Policy

**A Motion was made to approve a First Reading of an addendum to
the Staff Handbook**

Motion: DK Second: JP Vote: 3-0

VI. FUTURE MEETINGS

1. October 13, 2010
2. November 10, 2010
3. December 8, 2010

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Streaming Board Meetings
2. Board Policy 3516 Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan
3. Approval of Handbook - Resolution

VIII. CLOSING BOARD COMMENTS

There were no closing board comments

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

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