

**RIDGECREST CHARTER SCHOOL  
GOVERNING BOARD**

Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2009

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 President at 6:35 pm

**B. ROLL CALL**

	Present	Absent	Vote Key
Rick Smith, <i>President</i>	X _____	_____	RS
Craig Bradley, <i>Vice-President</i>	X _____	_____	CB
Jerry Perez, <i>Treasurer/Secretary</i>	X _____	_____	JP
Debby Kurti, <i>Member</i>	X _____	_____	DK
Robert Pritchard, <i>Member</i>	X _____	_____	RP

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A Motion was made to accept the revised Agenda  
Motion: CB Second: JP 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 August 20, 2009

**A Motion was made to approve the Minutes as modified  
Motion: CB Second: DK Vote: 4-0 1 abstention**

**III. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. STAFF REPORTS**

**1. Director's Report**

Director Tina Ellingsworth told the Board that having the teachers cover recess instead of hiring yard duties for this job is proving to be hard on all concerned. The teachers are not able to confer with the Director or help students during this time. It is causing an apparent disconnect between administration and teachers. In addition, several teachers have raised concerns themselves. Vice-

President Craig Bradley asked the teachers present their thoughts on the issue. Mrs. Lewis, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Mr. Warner, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and Mr. Johnson, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher mirrored Mrs. Ellingsworth concerns.

Craig advised staff to check on resources to fill these positions and bring it back for budget approval at the next regular meeting.

The school's API rose 105 points to 841 this year. RCS met its adequate yearly progress easily. WASC, Western Accreditation Schools and Colleges will be coming next week.

"Hero Lunch", on 9/11 went very well. The school served lunch to several Police Officers, Kern County Firemen and Paramedics. The students and emergency personnel enjoyed the lunchtime event.

The schools Hearing and Dental screenings have taken place and have been completed for this school year. Next month Mr. and Mrs. Warner will be attending a workshop in order to be certified to do scoliosis screenings for the school.

## **2. Business Manager's Report**

Don Baker told the Board that the school work day last Saturday went very well.

## **B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **1. PTO**

PTO supplied a financial report to the Board. Craig gave direction to staff to put this financial report on the Consent Agenda in the future.

### **2. Technology Committee**

Debby Kurti is working to have two college students come to help coordinate in the computer lab. She would like to see our board meeting live on-line. She plans on coming back with more information on how to make this possible. The college has donated several flat screens to the school for use in the computer lab.

### **3. SARB**

The committee has been reviewing attendance procedures.

## **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 7:28 pm and closed at 7:28 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 1-4.

1. Payments to Staff and Vendors
2. Approval of Preliminary July Financial Report
  - Balance Sheet
  - Statement of Operations (July 08 –June 09)
  - Summary Statement of Operations by Program
  - Budget Vs Actual
3. Approval of Preliminary August Financial Report **Pulled**
  - Balance Sheet
  - Statement of Operations
  - Summary Statement of Operations by Program
  - Budget Vs Actual
4. Kern County Prevention Education Consortium Participation 2009-2010

**A Motion was made to approve Items 1, 2 and 4  
Motion: CB. Second: JB Vote: 5-0**

A Recess was taken at 7:30 pm and meeting resumed at 7:44 pm.

3. Approval of Preliminary August Financial Report

**Motion: JP Second: CB Vote: 5-0**

## **V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION**

### **A. ADMINISTRATION**

1. Enrollment Report September 2009  
The current enrollment is 265

**No Action Required – Information Purposes Only**

### **B. BUSINESS**

1. BTSA Funds Distribution

**Motion: CB Second: JP Vote: 5-0**

## **VI. CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting will now convene to closed session to discuss the following matters pursuant with Brown Act Section 54954.5 one case:

## **Closed Session: Pupil Request for Readmission**

Closed session was entered into at 9:00 pm and concluded at 9:20 pm.  
President Rick Smith left the closed session at 9:13 pm.

### **VII. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 9:22 pm.  
Report out of Closed Session:

Motion: Request for enrollment of a previously expelled student from SSUSD is denied  
Vote 4-0 One Recused

### **VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS**

1. October 15, 2009
2. November 19, 2009
3. December 17, 2009

### **IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Per Diem Rate
2. Going Digital
3. EdLink
4. Architectural Site Plan Development
5. Technology – video conferencing

### **X. CLOSING BOARD COMMENTS**

Vice President Craig Bradley thanked the teachers for being in attendance tonight. He appreciated the showing the school made at City Hall for Constitution Day.  
Treasurer Jerry Perez thanked the staff for the flowers sent in memory of his sister.  
Debby Kurti thanked staff for their hard work.  
President Rick Smith thanked administration for their strong leadership.

### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm.

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