

**RIDGECREST CHARTER SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD
Special Meeting
Wednesday January 24, 2018
Time: 5:00 PM
325 South Downs Street, Ridgecrest, CA 93555**

I. MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Secretary at 5:00 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Eric Bruen President	5:20 ARR.	_____
Vice President	OPEN	_____
Elsa Hennings, Secretary	X	_____
Ray Miller, Treasurer	X	_____
Deanna Lukens, Member	X	_____

C. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was observed.

D. MOMENT OF SILENCE

The moment of silence was observed.

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 13, 2017

As amended

Motion: RM Second: DL Vote: 3-0

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. REPORTS

1. PTO - Dr. Steve Martinez

- The by-laws have been revised
- Seeking new members

2. Facility/Finance

- Part of Admin report

B. STAFF REPORTS

1. Administrative Report

Executive Directors Report – Dr. Steve Martinez

- Summary of Governor’s 2018-2019 Budget Proposal

- The U.S. Economy
 - The California Economy
 - California 2018-2019 Proposed Budget
 - California Education Budget
 - STRS and PERS Increases
 - SSC School District and Charter School Financial Projection Dashboard
- The Dashboard is an online tool that shows how local educational agencies and schools are performing on the state and local indicators included in California's school accountability system. The Dashboard is a key part of major shifts in California K-12 schools, changes that have raised the bar for student learning, transformed testing and placed the focus on equity for all students. The Dashboard provides information that schools can use to improve. **All** LEAs and traditional schools, including charter schools, will receive accountability results reported within their Dashboard

Assistant Director – Miriam Hogg

Science Fair

The RCS Science Fair was held January 12th. Ms. Kimber was the coordinator for this year's event. Below is a list of winners: Some of these students will represent RCS in the Kern County Science Fair. Updates will be provided in the meeting notes following the event.

- **Middle School:**
- Suzanne Haycraft
- Mozzma Chaudhry
- Melanie Witman
- William Foisy/Hayden Urich
- Alyssa Martinez
- **Elementary:**
- Collin Haycraft
- Aubrie Jenson
- Kylee Baker
- Dakota Catlin/Ben Ardu

History Fair

- The History Fair was held January 18. Ms. Bamford was the coordinator for this year's event. The project with the highest points belonged to: Morgan Chromi, Mia Jackson, and Hailey Klamt

Spelling Bee

- The RCS Spelling Bee will be held on Friday February 9th. This year it was decided to hold the event at school with the hope to increase audience attendance. Ms. Griffin is the coordinator for this year's event.

Project Lead the Way

- Ms. Kimber and Mr. Ferreyra are in the process of training teachers to teach/facilitate Project Lead the Way. Project Lead the Way is a unique program that empowers students to develop and apply in-demand, transportable skills by exploring real-world challenges. RCS will be the first school in Ridgecrest to provide this program at the elementary level.

Millionaire Club

- We have partnered with Desert Valleys FCU to host the Millionaire's Club for our middle school students. The Millionaire's Club is a 3-year financial literacy class designed to provide financial skills to students. By the end of the 3rd year, students are expected to complete an entrepreneurial project. Ms. Kimber has agreed to take the lead in facilitating this program.

National School Choice Week

- This week (January 22-January 26) is National School Choice Week. National School Choice week started in 2011 and has now grown into the world's largest celebration of opportunity in education. Parents and students were given opportunities to share reasons they appreciate/love RCS. The organization sent free material which we've used to decorate the campus, and each student will receive a free scarf (which Admin plans to distribute to during morning drop-off).

Parent Support

- We are looking for ways to generate an increase in parent involvement. School Site Council and PTO both need parental involvement. I've reached out to a few parents but the need is still dire.

Charter School Conference

- The annual Charter School Conference will be held in San Diego this year. The dates for this year's conference is March 26-March 28. We have approximately 8 people interested in attending including 1 board member (Ray Miller).

Special Education Administrator – Karen Greenhaw

- 1. PIR (Performance Indicator Review)**
 - a. Recently turned in to SELPA
 - b. Needed a plan to address special education CAASPP scores
 - c. Did a root cause analysis with Steve, Miriam, Casey, special education staff, and SELPA Executive Director.
- 2. SLS Workshop on LRE**
 - a. Discussed the current 9th circuit Andrew Case and how it affects the decisions around student placements.
- 3. Interim assessments**
 - a. Staff training on how to give and long into CAASPP interim assessments
 - b. Staff are to be presenting the interim assessments as instruction on technological, language, and format of the test then having students take the IABs as practice tests.

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 5:32 pm and closed at 5:32 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 – 3.

1. Approval of the December Payments to Staff and Vendors
2. Approval November and December Financial Reports
 - Comparative Balance Sheet Detail
 - Statement of Operations Summary Budget to Actual
 - Statement of Operations Summary by Month
 - Statement of Operations Summary by Program
3. Personnel Report

Motion: EB Second: RM Vote: 4-0

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

1. Enrollment Report

INFORMATION

2. 2016-17 School Accountability Report Card

Motion: DL Second: RM Vote: 4-0

3. Approval of Contract for Information Technology Consultant

Tabled for Saturday's Special Meeting

4. Conceptual Design for Gym and Campus

Motion: RM Second: DL Vote: 4-0

5. Security System

A Motion was made to accept Option D – SOP without optional monthly service/maintenance

Motion: EB Second: RM Vote: 4-0

VI. FUTURE MEETINGS

1. January 27, 2018 Special 11 AM
2. February 28, 2018
3. March 14, 2018 Special
4. March 28, 2018 Cancelled

VII. CLOSING BOARD COMMENTS

A committee was formed that includes Deanna Lukens and Dr. Martinez to bring to the board names for a possible board appointee.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 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.