

**RIVER CITY SCIENCE ACADEMY
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Minutes**

Thursday, September 28, 2023
5:30 pm

Board members present: Mr. Shahriyar Mammadov (Mr. Yar), Mr. Baybars Bakay, Mr. Emre Mese
Staff members present: Dr. Dogan Tozoglu, Executive Director; Jason Kurt, Business Manager; Sel Buyuksarac, Parent Representative.

1. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Yar at 5:30 pm.
2. Public Remarks
None
3. Approval of agenda items
Motion to approve agenda items by Mr. Yar and seconded by Mr. Bakay. Approved unanimously.
4. Approval of last board meeting minutes
Motion to approve the last board meeting minutes by Mr. Yar and seconded by Mr. Bakay. Approved unanimously.
5. Approval of 2022-23FY audits
Dr.T. shared the highlights of the audit reports provided by the auditor for each campus. There were no findings; and no recommendation to improve financial management. Since the schools receive a large amount of federal funding, there will be a combined Federal single audit in the upcoming months.
Motion to approve 2022-23FY audits by Mr. Yar and seconded by Mr. Bakay. Approved unanimously.
6. Approval of Financial Committee Minutes
Dr. T. presented the financial committee meeting minutes. The meeting was held on July 11, 2023. The committee worked on the year-end budget for the last fiscal year, initial budgets for the 2023-24 fiscal year, fund transfers to the new campus, and distribution of ERC funds.
Motion to approve Financial Committee Minutes by Mr. Yar and seconded by Mr. Bakay. Approved unanimously.
7. Approval of out-of-field teachers
Dr. T. presented the out-of-field teachers for each campus. Most of the out-of-field area is ESOL related and RCSA will offer in-house training for compliance. District training is also available for charter school teachers.
Motion to approve out-of-field teachers by Mr. Yar and seconded by Mr. Bakay. Approved unanimously.

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8. Approval of teacher salary allocation plan

Dr. T presented the teacher salary allocation plan in the provided format by FLDOE and the RCSA had a combined plan. The plan would be revised if any feedback comes from the state or the district.

Motion to approve teacher salary allocation plan by Mr. Yar and seconded by Mr. Bakay. Approved unanimously.

9. Approval of Parent Representatives for RCSA Schools

Dr. T. shared list for Parent Representatives for RCSA Schools. There was only one addition to the new campus.

Motion to approve Parent Representatives for RCSA Schools by Mr. Yar and seconded by Mr. Bakay. Approved unanimously.

10. Approval of Board Policies (Bathroom Locker Room Policy, Internet Safety Policy-ratified, Name Deviation Policy, Online Education Services Policy, School Safety Policy, Teacher's Special Magistrate Policy, Threat Management Policy, Adjunct Teacher Certificate Policy)

Based on the recent legislative changes, there were several new policies and updates to the prior policies prepared by the school attorney. Internet safety policy needed to be ratified effective as of September 1st.

Motion to approve presented board policies by Mr. Yar and seconded by Mr. Bakay. Approved unanimously.

11. Approval of asset disposal

Dr. T. shared the asset disposal lists from each campus which mainly consisted of broken furniture fixtures.

Motion to approve asset disposal lists by Mr. Yar and seconded by Mr. Bakay. Approved unanimously.

12. School updates

Dr. T. provided the board with the following updates:

RCSA Kick Start was a successful event, gathering all employees from each campus. The superintendent and several elected officials participated in the opening of the new school season. The event featured guest speakers and presentations.

The new associate teacher program, in partnership with UNF, is gaining attention, and several graduating interns have been employed. They are expected to become teachers after graduating in December.

Enrollment targets for this school year have nearly been met, with approximately 4600 students being served this school year.

The school year began with a fully staffed team, and there are currently only a few job openings, which will be filled quickly.

Summer projects were completed on schedule. The second phase of roof replacement for the MH campus is scheduled for winter break.

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Mr. Bakay and Dr. T. have been actively participating in the District-Charter collaborative working group, engaging in discussions about common challenges and needs with district board members, leaders, and other charter school representatives. The final group gathering is planned for October 23rd, with the Duval Delegation in attendance.

Each campus is actively hosting parent, student, and teacher programs, including parent nights, fall festivals, picnics, clubs, and more.

13. School Performances

Dr. T. presented the RCSA school results for the most recent state tests, revealing significantly higher scores than the district and state averages in every grade level and subject. The schools consistently ranked within the top 10% of the county. Assuming the FLDOE applies the same cut scores when calculating the school grades, a projection of an "A" grade is expected for all campuses. The release of the school grades by FLDOE will occur after the cut points are approved, and these scores will serve as the baseline with no penalty applied to the schools.

14. Closure of the Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 06:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Baybars Bakay,
Board Secretary