

**RIVER CITY SCIENCE ACADEMY
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

Minutes

7565 Beach Blvd

Jacksonville, FL 32216

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

6:30 pm at RCSA Media Center

-- Board members present--

Enes Calik, Ahmet Birdal, Elvan Aktas, Elizabeth Dorrian

1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda items
3. Public Remarks
4. Approval of last board meeting (September 2013) minutes
5. Approval of Class Size Amendment Plan
6. Approval of updated RCSA By Laws
7. Approval of use of school recognition funds and holiday stipend
8. Discussion on Financials
9. School updates
10. District site visit results
11. E-rate grant update
12. RCSA-I Start-up grant update
13. School Choice Expo and Student Recruitment
14. Closure of the meeting

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Meeting Minutes

1. The Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the agenda items

Motion: Approve the agenda items (Mr. Calik)
Second: Mr. Birdal
Vote: Yea – 4
No – 0

3. Public Remarks

There were no public remarks.

4. Approval of the last board meeting minutes

Motion: Approve September 2013 meeting minutes (Mr. Calik)
Second: Mr. Aktas
Vote: Yea – 4
No – 0

5. Approval of Class Size Amendment Plan

Dr. T. informed the board that River City Science Academy Middle-High-1201 was notified by FLDOE for its class size noncompliance per October 2013 FTE survey. River City Science Academy is appealing its class size noncompliance pursuant to Florida Statute Section 1003.03(4)(c) wherein a Charter School may appeal to the Commissioner by submitting evidence documenting why class size requirements were not met.

Based on our research conducted of the student data/scheduling and reviews, River City Science Academy Charter School had a class size average under 22 school-wide. This data was available during FTE on the Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) Information Management System where schools monitor their class size averages. In addition, we have identified several data reporting errors and missing co-teachers and made corrections. These are submitted through the web application. We made the corrections.

Motion: Approve Class Size Amendment Plan (Mr. Calik)
Second: Mr. Aktas
Vote: Yea – 4
No – 0

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6. Approval of updated RCSA By Laws

Mr. Calik and Dr. T presented the board updated RCSA By Laws as there were some changes over the years since its opening.

Motion: Approve RCSA By Laws (Mr. Calik)
Second: Mrs. Dorrian
Vote: Yea – 4
No – 0

7. Approval of use of school recognition funds and holiday stipend

Dr. Tozoglu asked the board to approve \$50.00 holiday stipend for all employees except for directors. Furthermore, he mentioned that RCSA Middle High school will receive school recognition fund from FLDOE due to being an “A” school again. He recommended the board to use some part of this award for technology improvements at school such as laptops and laptop cards, additional smart boards, video camera systems, etc as necessary and distribute the remaining balance evenly to the current returning teachers, counselors, support staff and administrators at middle&high school except for directors.

Motion: Approve use of school recognition funds and holiday stipend (Mr. Calik)
Second: Mr. Aktas
Vote: Yea – 4
No – 0

8. Discussion on Financials

Dr. Tozoglu presented the financials to the Board for RCSA-Innovation, Elementary and Middle/High school. He informed the Board that the adjustments for the budget based on last counts will be made for the October count. The other financials presented included all revenue, profit lost, bank statements, actual versus current financials with the new district format. There were not any unpaid bills, liability, or cash flow issues.

Motion: Approval of Financials (Mr. Calik)
Second: Mr. Birdal
Vote: Yea – 4
No – 0

9. School Updates

Dr. T. Informed the Board:

The Honorable Jason Fischer visited the middle and high school campus. The school board member had the opportunity to watch the Robotics Clubs in action. Each year River City Science Academy is proud to attend the JAX Chamber’s Military Appreciation Luncheon honoring the brave men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces, and the many veterans of past wars living in Jacksonville. The Military Appreciation Luncheon has

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become Jacksonville's most recognized venue for honoring its local military for their outstanding commitment to the country. Students from River City Science Academy (RCSA) held a fund raiser in order to offer aid to the people of the Philippines following the devastating typhoon that made landfall on November 8th. Students delivered a check to the Jacksonville Red Cross on December 10th, 2013 for over \$1950, which they brought in through this fundraiser. Students from the school's elementary, middle and high school all participated in this event. In past years, students from RCSA have organized similar fundraisers to offer aid to Haiti, Japan and Uganda. Science Olympiad team got the first place at the invitational science Olympiad in Orlando. On November 4th, middle school awards assemblies were held to honor those students who had made it through the first nine weeks with A's and B's in every class.

10. District site visit results

Duval County Charter office holds 2 visits per year to make sure the school is in compliance. Dr. T. shared the first semester district site visit results with the board. RCSA received full compliance in all three schools. The visits went very well.

11. E-rate grant update

Dr. T. informed the board that RCAS was awarded with e-rate grant. The grant will pay proportionate (60 to 80%) amount of school's phone and internet bills.

12. RCSA-I Start-up update

Dr. T. Informed the Board that RCSA-I Start-up amendment was approved by the district and the State. We are done with the implementation I phase and ready to move on to the implementation II phase.

13. School choice expo and student recruitment

Dr. T. informed the board that RCSA will participate in school expo organized by the district. The student recruitment will kick off starting from Jan 1st for upcoming school year.

14. Closure of the meeting – Mr. Calik moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Birdal 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

I acknowledge that these minutes reflect the business of the Board of Directors meeting of December 11, 2013.

Board Chair