

River Heights Charter School Board Minutes
July 15, 2009

1. Call to Order

Ruth called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Board members present: Lindsey Jelle, Ruth Johnsen, Ross Berbig, Jon Abu Saba, Sandy Christy and Ellen Schaub. Not present: Tom Karras. Others in attendance: Jane Davin, Dean Walczak and Tina Kuecker.

2. Approval of Agenda and Last Month's Minutes

Sandy Motioned to approve last month's minutes and the agenda. Ross seconded the motion, and all approved.

3. Public Comments

Tina is working on organizing the library this summer.

4. Financial Report

Dean explained the SERVS system that is being used to balance the 8.7% that the state is taking from our general ed fund which will be replaced by the federal government's Recovery Act funds.

Sandy and Jane attended a meeting yesterday about the new 27% holdback. We may need to establish a line of credit, and will need to be very creative as we look at the budget. Other ideas discussed were asking the landlord if we can defer payments, and asking our vendors to accept a holdback. Whatever measures are taken, we must make sure that we do not short-change the students in any way. Dean suggests that we look at the budget again at next month's meeting.

Revenue is currently lower than expenses, but that was expected due to only receiving one payment in June. Balance sheet accounts need to be adjusted.

Ellen made a motion to approve the wire transfers, Jon seconded and all approved.

5. Director Report

2009-2010 Program Planning: Dom and Cassie are both ready to take on more responsibility, including doing seminars on their areas of expertise. Jane is looking at using community experts for some of our science needs.

Recruitment: it is very important to draw the right students, and this is what Jane will be concentrating on for the next month. We need some new ideas for getting our name out there! Jon dropped off many brochures in three different neighborhoods.

6. Advisor Updates

Ross and Lindsey gave updates of what has been going on with them this summer. Jon submitted his resignation, and we as a board thanked him for the extremely important part he has played in the recovery and stability of RHCS.

7. Old/New Business

None.

8. Confirm Next Meeting and Adjourn

The next board meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2009 at 4:00pm. Ruth adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.