



# Research Triangle High School

## **Minutes**

## Monthly Board Meeting

#### **Date and Time**

Wednesday May 20, 2020 at 5:30 PM

#### Location

RTHS Board Room

Due to the statewide COVID-19 restrictions, this meeting will be held as a Zoom video teleconference.

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#### **Directors Present**

A. Quigley (remote), C. Mugge (remote), C. Rao (remote), E. Cunningham (remote), G. Rodgers (remote), M. Johnson (remote), S. Mcmullan (remote), S. Rivers-Kobler (remote), V. Vojnovich (remote)

#### **Directors Absent**

T. Medhin

## **Guests Present**

E. Grunden (remote)

## I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance and Guests

## B. Call the Meeting to Order

G. Rodgers called a meeting of the board of directors of Research Triangle High School to order on Wednesday May 20, 2020 at 5:32 PM.

## C. Approve Minutes from last Board Meeting

- G. Rodgers made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting on 04-15-20.
- C. Mugge seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

A. Quigley Aye C. Rao Aye M. Johnson Aye S. Rivers-Kobler Absent E. Cunningham Aye S. Mcmullan Aye G. Rodgers Aye T. Medhin Absent C. Mugge Aye V. Vojnovich Aye

## D. Monthly Finance Report

- Budget update: nothing too significant on current spending; saving money;
- some surplus (current budget); solid cash flow
- looked at 5% and 10% funding cut: 2 options

## E. Vote to accept Consent Agenda above

- C. Rao made a motion to accept cosnent agenda.
- G. Rodgers seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

G. Rodgers Aye S. Rivers-Kobler Absent C. Mugge Aye S. Mcmullan Aye C. Rao Aye T. Medhin Absent A. Quigley Aye M. Johnson Aye V. Vojnovich Aye E. Cunningham Absent

#### **II. CEO ACTIONS**

#### A. CSO REPORT

- Drive up Graduation ceremony; live streaming on the campus;
- Enrolment is going on fine
- Opening in Fall: Waiting for official guidance from state
- Couple of teacher resignations; Interviewing potential candidates; Hiring to be complete before the next school year
- V. Vojnovich made a motion to approve the school calendar, school closing and teacher resignations.
- M. Johnson seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

C. Mugge Aye S. Mcmullan Aye T. Medhin Absent E. Cunningham Aye A. Quigley Aye C. Rao Aye M. Johnson Aye S. Rivers-Kobler Absent V. Vojnovich Aye G. Rodgers Aye

#### III. Finance

## A. Review Progress on FY19-20 Budget

## B. FY 2020-2021 Draft Budget

- Worst case scenario due to Covid situation: 15% cut in the Charter school world; or could be 0%

- Have the capacity to go with 10% at RTHS; have the resources; puts us in strong fiscal position
- Will be able to meet the bond coverage requirements
- Limited discretionary options for budget cuts
- first 20 days of school attendance determines school funding; looking at enrolment of about 600 students. Target is to have at least 574 students.
- A. Quigley made a motion to authorize to distribute the bonus for this year out of the projected surplus.
- V. Vojnovich seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

G. Rodgers Aye E. Cunningham Aye V. Vojnovich Aye A. Quigley Aye S. Rivers-Kobler Aye C. Rao Aye T. Medhin Absent S. Mcmullan Aye C. Mugge Aye M. Johnson Aye

A. Quigley made a motion to approve next year budget for FY 2020 - 2021 at 10% reduction.

S. Mcmullan seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## Roll Call

C. Rao Aye E. Cunningham Aye S. Mcmullan Aye C. Mugge Aye A. Quigley Aye M. Johnson Aye G. Rodgers Aye T. Medhin Absent S. Rivers-Kobler Aye V. Vojnovich Aye

#### IV. Academic Excellence

## A. Materials from Committee Meeting

## **B.** Remote Learning

ACT/SAT data typically presented at this time is delayed;

- Considering lowering eligibility requirements so that more services can be extended to students (free and reduced lunch participation; providing supplies etc)
- Trying to sustain this service through the current school year and into Fall (based on how budget looks then)
- Teacher attrition much lower than previous years;
- 3 parents/student surveys were conducted since the school close; will plan for next year based on the feedback; what was learned harder to manage for students as the duration of stay at home progressively increased; not much control over the environment for teachers;
- Mentoring is one option to help students to get through; different perspective and objectivity

## V. Development

## A. Progress on 2019-20 Development Committee Goals

- Initiatives for this year overtaken by COVID
- Corporate Outreach/Fundraising for Gym: Moved to backburner
- Bloomerang: Adding additional contacts
- Outlook for next year: depends on level of normalcy; first half of the year help families in need
- Later version of pitchbook: now ready and available

#### VI. Governance

#### A. Minutes from Committee Meeting

#### B. Board Recruitment Process and Discussion

- Recent graduate of RTHS interested in joining the Board; Points to consider: confidentiality, conflicts, experience etc
- Recommendation for potential volunteers to serve a Committee first
- Prepare best practices to follow in recruiting volunteers for Committee/Board
- Ex-IBM executive is interested in joining the Board next school year
- Good resource for Board to read is "Guidebook for Directors of Nonprofit Corporations." See link here: https://www.americanbar.org/products/inv/book/214005/

#### C. Board Orientation Documents / Board Expectations

- Prepare Onboarding materials to have ready before next school year
- Reach out to Committee Chair for materials regarding their Committee to add to Onboarding material

## VII. Closing Items

## A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

- G. Rodgers
- C. Rao made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- V. Vojnovich seconded the motion.

Aye

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

C. Rao

A. Quigley Aye E. Cunningham Aye G. Rodgers Aye M. Johnson Aye T. Medhin Absent S. Mcmullan Aye S. Rivers-Kobler Aye Aye V. Vojnovich C. Mugge Aye