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Research Triangle High School

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday July 26, 2023 at 5:30 PM

#### Location

RTHS Board of Directors is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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### Directors Present

A. Tobien (remote), C. Coia (remote), E. Cunningham (remote), G. Rodgers (remote), M. Babb (remote), S. Carty Vetere (remote), S. Hunter (remote)

### Directors Absent

D. Milne James, D. Requena, J. Corn, S. Rivers-Kobler

### Guests Present

A. Griffin (remote), A. Soulashinh (remote), Aiden (remote), Allen (remote), Andrea Marritt-Pabalate (remote), B. Mitchell (remote), Bryan Setser (remote), C. Klein-Gloria (remote), Caroline Hill (remote), E. Balazs (remote), Maddie (remote), S. Jones (remote), Sarah Slipsky (remote), Tyler Therrien (remote)

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Coia called a meeting of the board of directors of Research Triangle High School to order on Wednesday Jul 26, 2023 at 5:32 PM.

## II. Approve Board Minutes

### A. Board Meeting Minutes

G. Rodgers made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly RTHS Board Meeting on 06-21-23.

S. Hunter seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

G. Rodgers	Aye
J. Corn	Absent
D. Requena	Absent

### **Roll Call**

E. Cunningham Aye  
D. Milne James Absent  
C. Coia Aye  
S. Hunter Aye  
A. Tobien Aye  
M. Babb Aye  
S. Rivers-Kobler Absent  
S. Carty Vetere Aye

## **III. RTHS Update**

### **A. Introduction to the Community - Akiba Griffin**

Ms. Akiba Griffin thanked the community and expressed her excitement to be serving as interim principal.

She provided her education, experience and personal background. She communicated upcoming steps for the transition, and emphasized the team effort and priorities.

### **B. Staffing Update**

A.Griffin provided an update of new hires for RTHS.

Vacancies updates:

- Dean of Culture vs Dean of Students - the position is to works with students and behavior along side the staff and teachers. Overall improvement of the school culture and restorative between students and including adults.
- Student intervention
- 2 teachers

B.Mitchell presented organization chart

## **IV. Culture Assessment Update**

### **A. Assessment Report**

Bryan Setser provided an update on the assessment and focus items of DEI.

Caroline Hill added about working with Akiba Griffin on healing implementations

## V. Other Business Matters

### A. New Board Member

S. Carty Vetere from Governance committee and board member S. Hunter presented Maria A. Walden as prospective board member, who has strong interest in STEM education and women.

S. Carty Vetere made a motion to approval Maria Walden to the RTHS Board.

C. Coia seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

E. Cunningham	Aye
S. Hunter	Aye
G. Rodgers	Aye
D. Requena	Absent
S. Carty Vetere	Aye
J. Corn	Absent
M. Babb	Aye
A. Tobien	Aye
S. Rivers-Kobler	Absent
D. Milne James	Absent
C. Coia	Aye

### B. If Applicable

No other business at this meeting

## VI. Public Comments

### A. Open to all stakeholders (parents, staff, other)

No public comments at this meeting

### B. Parent Advisory Committee

No parent advisory update at this meeting

## VII. Executive Session - Personnel

### A. Updates

G. Rodgers made a motion to move to executive session for personnel matters.

S. Hunter seconded the motion.

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

A. Tobien made a motion to exit executive session.  
M. Babb seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## VIII. Voting Matters

### A. Staffing Contracts

M. Babb made a motion to approve contracts and contract amendment discussed at the executive meeting.  
A. Tobien seconded the motion.

New Hire Contracts:

- Walter Price
- Angela Witherspoon
- Sidney Lemus-Del Cid
- Charles Vander Swaag
- Emily Wise
- McKenna Crockett

- Neil Oatsvall
- Barksdale Pullen

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

#### Roll Call

D. Requena	Absent
S. Carty Vetere	Aye
A. Tobien	Aye
D. Milne James	Absent
E. Cunningham	Aye
J. Corn	Absent
S. Rivers-Kobler	Absent
S. Hunter	Aye
M. Babb	Aye
G. Rodgers	Aye
C. Coia	Aye

### B. Setser Group Contract - 2nd Scope

S. Hunter made a motion to approve the Setser contact as proposed.  
M. Babb seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

S. Rivers-Kobler	Absent
J. Corn	Absent
M. Babb	Aye
S. Carty Vetere	Aye
G. Rodgers	Aye
E. Cunningham	Aye
C. Coia	Aye
A. Tobien	Aye
D. Requena	Absent
S. Hunter	Aye
D. Milne James	Absent

**IX. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

M. Babb made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

G. Rodgers seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Tobien