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Research Triangle High School

Minutes

RTHS Board of Directors Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday February 18, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Location

<https://rthighschool.zoom.us/j/93566460638>

Meeting ID: 935 6646 0638

Directors Present

A. Tobien (remote), C. Coia (remote), D. Requena (remote), J. Berla (remote), J. Corn (remote), M. Dwomoh (remote), P. Thermitus (remote), S. Hunter (remote), S. Khaliq (remote)

Directors Absent

A. Saviello, E. Cunningham

Guests Present

A. Drake (remote), A. Griffin (remote), Ana Jimenez (remote), Andrew King (remote), Ashwani (remote), Brandy Lemen (remote), D. Thompson (remote), Janet and George Buehler (remote), Mendit R. (remote), Michael Lemen (remote), Nandu, Shweta Kautia (remote), Thomas Jones (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

S. Hunter called a meeting of the board of directors of Research Triangle High School to order on Wednesday Feb 18, 2026 at 5:38 PM.

II. Approve Board Meeting Minutes

A. January Board of Directors meeting

P. Thermitus made a motion to approve the minutes from RTHS Board of Directors Meeting on 01-21-26.

J. Berla seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

C. Coia	Aye
A. Saviello	Absent
D. Requena	Aye
E. Cunningham	Absent
S. Khaliq	Aye
M. Dwomoh	Aye
J. Berla	Aye
S. Hunter	Aye
P. Thermitus	Aye
J. Corn	Aye
A. Tobien	Aye

B. February Mini Retreat

J. Berla made a motion to approve the minutes from Mini Retreat on 02-13-26.

J. Corn seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

E. Cunningham	Absent
J. Berla	Aye
M. Dwomoh	Aye
J. Corn	Aye
P. Thermitus	Aye
S. Khaliq	Aye
A. Saviello	Absent
A. Tobien	Aye
S. Hunter	Aye
D. Requena	Aye
C. Coia	Aye

III. Public Comments

A.

Open to all community members (students, family members, faculty and staff, community members, and others)

Brandi Leman _ RTHS & Terrorbytes club parent => read statement related to concerns about RTHS school funding and support for the robotics club

IV. Chief School Officer Report

A. Executive Overview

A. Griffin provided the CSO report, details on attached to agenda and also provided updates on athletic winter sports.

V. Finance Committee Report

A. RTHS Monthly Financials and Other Business

C. Coia and A. Drake provided an update on the school financials

- DSCR: 1.55, which is above requirement
- ADM = 571 for this year
- Draft Budget for next year expected next month
- Staffing positions updates

VI. Governance Committee Report

A. Governance Committee Business

M. Dwomoh provided an update on the governance committee:

- attendance update to the Board procedure and manual
- board membership

M. Dwomoh made a motion to update attendance section to the Board of Procedures and Manual.

P. Thermitus seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

A. Saviello	Absent
E. Cunningham	Absent
S. Hunter	Aye
A. Tobien	Aye
D. Requena	Aye
C. Coia	Aye
P. Thermitus	Aye

Roll Call

M. Dwomoh Aye
J. Berla Aye
J. Corn Aye
S. Khaliq Aye

VII. Academic Excellence Committee Report

A. Academic Excellence Business

J. Corn provided an update on academic excellence:

- A. Drake covered snow make-up days, state allows 5 DLD days which were used this calendar year and 1 more
 - March 26 - workday to be changed to regular school day (to make up snow day)
 - Apr 26 - potential
- A. Griffin presented in deep dive on data related to course failures at RTHS

M. Dwomoh made a motion to update the 2025-26 school calendar due to snow days.
S. Hunter seconded the motion.

- 20 March 26 - converted from teacher work day to school day
- 6 Apr 26 - potential make up day

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

Roll Call

S. Hunter Aye
C. Coia Aye
A. Tobien Aye
J. Corn Aye
S. Khaliq Aye
J. Berla Aye
P. Thermitus Aye
M. Dwomoh Aye
A. Saviello Absent
E. Cunningham Absent
D. Requena Aye

VIII. Mini Retreat Report

A. Mini Retreat

S. Hunter provided a summary of the mini-retreat related to expansion of RTHS and the RTP Hub.

Decisions:

- School size to remain the same
- School to remain in RTP area

Next Steps: Consolidate the list of requirements for the school

IX. Other Business Matters

A. As needed

- Next Board Meeting March 18th

X. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

C. Coia made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

S. Hunter 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 6:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Tobien