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REACH — River's Edge Academy Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday September 21, 2026 at 4:30 PM

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Directors Present
K. Clark (remote), R. Bush (remote), S. Whitson (remote)

Directors Absent
J. Walter, T. Hoppes

Ex Officio Members Present
C. Enright (remote), W. Bogard (remote)

Guests Present
A. Burnham (remote), M. Keirsey (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

R. Bush called a meeting of the board of directors of REACH — River's Edge Academy Charter School to order on Monday Sep 21, 2026 at 4:42 PM.
Board Members Present:
Sharre Whitson, Karla Clark,, Richard Bush

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Meeting Minutes 8.17.26

S. Whitson made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 08-17-26.
K. Clark seconded the motion.
Sharre Whitson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
Karla Clark seconded the motion.
Board approved the Consent Agenda which includes meeting minutes and reports.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

R. Bush	Aye
S. Whitson	Aye
J. Walter	Absent
T. Hoppes	Absent
K. Clark	Aye

B. Approve Reports

S. Whitson made a motion to approve the Consent agenda.
K. Clark seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

R. Bush	Aye
K. Clark	Aye
T. Hoppes	Absent
J. Walter	Absent
S. Whitson	Aye

III. AGENDA ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

A. Executive Director Report

Executive Director Report given by Wendy Bogard.
School Opening & Enrollment

- **School Start: Wendy Bogard** reported a positive start to the school year, emphasizing a continued focus on student belonging.

- **Enrollment Status:** Current enrollment stands at **228 students**, close to the district cap of **229** set by the **Rogue River School District**. Figures remain fluid.

Staffing & Academics

- **Personnel:** Hired **Tiffany Gotchall** as the new chef, who is transitioning well into the role.
- **Literacy:** Early Literacy groups have commenced programming.
- **Teacher Development:** Instructors at both campuses are preparing for development work with **Laura Miltonburger** and **Laura Gillette**.

Career & Workforce Readiness

- **Early College:** Hosted an **Early College Info Night** led by **Annie Bogard**, which yielded record attendance. The Early College initiative serves as the school's primary growth target.
- **Student Achievement:** One student successfully passed their final test.

Oregon Performance Growth Targets

- **State Metrics: Cecile** queried the state growth targets. Current documentation indicates an **88.4% target by 2030**.
- **Comparative Data:** This rate reflects data seen across **10 to 15 other Oregon charter schools** listed in the performance report. Specific school names were not available offhand.

Upcoming Events & Governance

- **Activities:** Upcoming school activities include a **Pumpkin Patch school-wide outing**, as well as a **Poker Tournament fundraiser** scheduled for October to support the school across all program areas.
- **2026 Charter Conference:** The school will cover registration and lodging for interested board members.

Action Items

- **Board Members:** Confirm conference attendance to Wendy by **October 10**.
- **Wendy:** Send a reminder email to the board regarding the October 10 deadline.
- **Wendy:** Place a calendar reminder for the deadline (per **Cecile's** recommendation).

B. High School Success Report

High School Report given by Annie Burnham:
Staffing & Enrollment

- **Personnel:** Welcomed **two new high school teachers, Drew Wilkerson and Katie Medart** who are adapting well to REACH instructional methods and rhythms.
- **Enrollment:** High school enrollment stands at **81 students**, with continued strong interest observed across both middle and high school levels.

Academic Programs & Electives

- **Project-Based Learning (PBL):** Students are focusing on an **Entrepreneurship** curriculum, preparing for an **SOU scavenger hunt**, and participating in life-support groups to earn **CPR certification**.
- **Journalism & Media:** The journalism cohort is developing the school yearbook and preparing a **3-to-5-minute radio broadcast** with potential live-air opportunities.
- **Early College: 32 students** are officially registered and commenced their college coursework on **September 28**.

Graduation Metrics & 9th Grade Tracking

- **Senior Status:100% of 12th graders** are currently on track to graduate.
- **Freshman Status:** The **9th-grade on-track rate is currently at 81%**. **Annie** clarified that tracking is based on student course completion, noting that freshmen who are not passing at least six classes are flagged as off-track.
- **District Benchmarks: Wendy** noted that the target district benchmark average sits at **94.9%**. **Karla** indicated that exact historical data from the Oregon Department of Education was unavailable at the moment but would be shared later.

Board Discussion & Risk Mitigation

- **Statistical Volatility: Cecile** noted that it is early in the term to definitively evaluate 9th-grade data, emphasizing that with a small cohort of **81 total high school students**, a shift in a single student's performance drastically alters public metrics. **Annie** will monitor these early indicators closely to provide interventions.
- **Public Reporting Concerns: Sharre** expressed concern regarding how these early figures appear on published documents. Because snapshot data may not fully reflect the actual efficacy of the program, it was recommended that published stats carry notations indicating they are preliminary and subject to rapid fluctuation.
- **Metric Framework:** In response to inquiries from **Richard** regarding the tracking framework, the administration confirmed they will continue utilizing internal credit-attainment indicators to catch academic variances early.

C. Integrated Guidance 25-26 Annual Report

Compliance & Reporting Requirements

- **Reporting Mandate: Wendy Bogard** noted that the school is required to produce an annual report detailed by the **Oregon Department of Education** as a condition of its state grant selections.
- **Public Disclosure:** Following official board approval, the final report must be published publicly on the school's website.
- **Documentation:** Board members will receive a full report outline directly from Wendy.

Funding & Program Framework

- **Student Investment Act (SIA): Cecile** provided context on the historical passage of the act, noting that SIA funds are strictly designated for specific target areas within district school accounts.
- **Financial Oversight:** The upcoming finalized report will reconcile these grant outcomes and specific budget summaries tied to the state allocation.

D. Interim Assessment Report

Wendy Bogard stated there is nothing to report at this time.

E. Legislative Update

State Briefing & Funding Discussion

- **Current Status: Cecile Enright** reported that there are no formal legislative updates at this time.
- **Superintendent Meeting:** Cecile recently attended a statewide meeting alongside other Oregon superintendents and the Governor to discuss targeted funding and performance areas.
- **National Standings:** It was noted during the session that Oregon currently ranks **48th in the United States for educational performance**. Data shared indicated that a similar turnaround effort in Mississippi required **10 years** to successfully improve state metrics.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. First Reading

S. Whitson made a motion to Waive the first reading of these documents.
K. Clark seconded the motion.
OSBA Policy Review

Board Discussion

- **Policy Review:** The board discussed a batch of policy updates received from the **Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA)**.
- **Review Process:** To ensure thorough oversight, it was proposed that a subset of these policies be reviewed by a designated board member, working in direct coordination with **Cecile Enright** and **Wendy Bogard**, prior to the next meeting.
- **Procedural Efficiency:** To streamline the process, the board discussed waiving the first reading to avoid reading the extensive documents aloud during the session.

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

Roll Call

S. Whitson	Aye
J. Walter	Absent
K. Clark	Aye
T. Hoppes	Absent
R. Bush	Aye

B. Employee Handbook - Reviewed by Attorney

S. Whitson made a motion to approve the revised employee handbook 26-27 as approved to the form recommended by the attorney.
K. Clark seconded the motion.
Employee Handbook Revision (Action Item)
Board Discussion

- **Legal Counsel Review: Richard** initiated the discussion by inquiring if the draft employee handbook had undergone formal review by legal counsel.
- **Attorney Adjustments: Sharre** asked for clarification regarding whether the attorney had made active revisions and if the document was now ready to incorporate the board's recommended changes.
- **Administration Confirmation: Wendy** confirmed that the attorney had completed the comprehensive legal review and integrated the necessary modifications.

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

Roll Call

R. Bush	Aye
J. Walter	Absent
K. Clark	Aye
S. Whitson	Aye
T. Hoppes	Absent

V. BOARD/ADMINISTRATION

A. Cecile: Look at meeting time next week on 29th . Sharre, after 11, Richard good for 11:30. Meet on 29th at 11:30. Cannot have quarum, Cecile, Sharre and Richard will meet.

Upcoming Evaluations
Leadership Oversight Scheduling

- **Special Session:** To address formal leadership oversight, a separate meeting was scheduled to discuss strategic plans for evaluating leadership goals.
- **Participants:** The session will include **Richard Bush**, **Sharre Whitson**, and potentially other designated board members.

VI. 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 5:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Bush

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