

RIDGEVIEW CHARTER SCHOOL
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
207 W. Bradley Street * Gastonia, NC 28052
January 27, 2024

BOD Member Attendees:

1. Attorney Colleen Samuels, Board Chair
2. Mikel Brown, Board Treasurer
3. Principal Reshall Williams, Guest
4. Dr. Doris Sanders, Board Relations; Interim Recording Secretary
5. Naomi Mothersill, Board Member
6. Olivia Hightower, Guest Parent
7. Antwon McNeill, Guest PTO President
8. Agnes Miller, Guest Curriculum Dean

The regular Board of Directors of Ridgeview Charter School Meeting was called to order at 10:17AM. There is a quorum.

- I. **Approval of Agenda** – Distributed and unanimously approved. Motion made by Attorney Samuels, Board Chair, and the motion seconded by Mikel Brown, Board Treasurer.
- II. **Approval of December 2, 2023, BOD Meeting Minutes** – Motion made by Mikel Brown, Board Treasurer and the motion seconded by Naomi Mothersill, Board Member.

Board of Directors DISCUSSION:

1. The BOD Meeting was called to order at 10:17AM by Interim Board Chair, Attorney Colleen Samuels, and there is a quorum.
2. **Principal Williams Report:**
 - i. Mary C. Sauer, of American Traditional Academies expressed her interest in assisting us in this renewal process. Due to a family emergency, she was unable to be with us today. Based on her monthly fee (\$10K), the BOD agreed to use her services only on an “as needed” basis.
 - ii. On January 9, 2024, the church was burglarized. The burglar was 15 years old, and his mother turned him in after his photo was posted on FB. The kid walked through the school. He stole several computers, the church van, and he broke into her office. The stolen computers were returned to us by the police.
 - iii. We have been awarded a Safety Grant, and we are preparing to change all locks, and prepare to purchase a new gate to be placed around the school.
 - iv. Presently, working with Katy Ridenour, Mary Sauer, and Mr. Slocum on

- v. We are no longer 95% African American. This figure has been reduced to 72% as referenced in the Academic Growth Plan distributed today.
- vi. We have partnered with the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (AKA), as they provide food bags every Friday for approximately 85 students.
- vii. Dr. Wanda Jones, a Licensed Therapist, provides therapeutic services to our students twice weekly. We are serving the population of students that are referenced by the Charter Board.
- viii. Tutoring is being offered to retired teachers to come into the building. Tutoring is happening during the regular school day, and it's called WIN Time (What I Need).
- ix. Specials Teachers are no longer providing "specials" during the day, they are pulling out "small groups."
- x. A group of 5 kindergartners are being tutored by their grandparents.
- xi. Announcements are sent out weekly via Parent Square and Class Dojo. Mikel Brown, Board Treasurer suggested that all athletic announcements be sent out by Coach Miller.
- xii. She is seeking to get several trainers from "Teach Like a Champion" to come out to the school to train our teachers. In addition, she is working on getting someone from "Linda Moo Bell" to come for a 3-year period to help train our teaching staff. Last, she is seeking to speak with her friend Professor Charles Hutchinson, PhD.
- xiii. She is sharing with Agnes Miller, Curriculum Dean, and the Instructional Leaders on really knowing how to do correct instruction.
- xiv. She wants to create a virtual reality of math, Black History etc., using artificial intelligence (AI).

New Business:

- a. The Renewal Meeting, Monday, February 5, 2024, Raleigh, NC at 2:30pm.
- b. Land Property Deals - Mr. McNeill (with his listing agent) has offered to assist in the process of locating property for a new school.
- c. Mikel Brown, Board Treasurer, named Mr. McNeill as the BOD School Realtor.

Motion to Adjourn made by Attorney Colleen Samuels, Interim Board Chair, and the Motion Seconded by Mikel Brown, Board Treasurer.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:24am

Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Doris Sanders

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BOD Interim Recording Secretary