

**RIVER CITY SCIENCE ACADEMY
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

Minutes

7565 Beach Blvd

Jacksonville, FL 32216

Thursday, August 19, 2021

5:30 pm

-- Board members present--

Mr. Shahriyar Mammadov (Mr. Yar), Mrs. Tanja Boswell, Mr. Baybars Bakay, Dr. Sakhavat Mammadov, Mrs. Lakesha A. Burton*

Staff members present: Dr. Dogan Tozoglu, Executive Director, Cihan Ozturk, Business Manager, Sel Buyuksarac, Parent Representative,

*Mrs. Burton joined the meeting starting agenda item #6

1. Meeting called to order by Mr. Yar at 5:33 pm.
2. Public remarks
None
3. Welcoming new board members
Mr. Yar welcomed the new board members, introduced them to the board, and thanked them for their willingness to serve at the RCSA board.
4. Approval of agenda items
Motion to approve by Mr. Yar and seconded by Mrs. Boswell. Approved unanimously.
5. Approval of last board meeting minutes
Motion to approve last board meeting minutes by Mr. Yar and seconded by Mrs. Boswell. Approved unanimously.
6. Approval of Opt-in to have a 2020-21 school grade for RCSA Schools
Dr. T. gave a presentation about projected school grades for RCSA Schools and a comparison with District and State test results in each grade level and tested subject area. RCSA Schools are projected to maintain their last reported school grades: three "As", and one "B" which is for RCSA Innovation. Overall, RCSA scores are significantly higher than the district and state averages in each grade level and subject area.
Motion to approve Opt-in to have a 2020-21 school grade for RCSA Schools by Mr. Yar and seconded by Mr. Bakay. Approved unanimously.
7. Approval of Teacher Salary Allocation Plan and authorize the Executive Director to modify the plan based on the feedback from the District or FLDOE
Dr. T. and Mr. Ozturk explained the updates and fund changes on the Teacher Salary Allocation Plan from last year. The base salary has been increased from \$37,000 to \$43,300 and then finally to \$45,000 for RCSA Teachers. They mentioned funding from the state will not be enough to cover accumulated increases, but the schools are in good standing and will supplement the difference from general funds. Dr. T. also added, if there is feedback from FLDOE or the district, they will make the necessary corrections.
Motion to approve Teacher Salary Allocation Plan and authorize the Executive Director to modify the plan by Mr. Yar and seconded by Mrs. Boswell. Approved unanimously.

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8. Approval of MOU with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office regarding Alyssa's Alert system

Dr. T. explained and presented the memorandum of understanding between RCSA Schools and JSO for the implementation of Alyssa's Alert system. Currently, RCSA Schools use "Raptor" to meet this requirement.

Motion to approve MOU with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office regarding Alyssa's Alert system by Mr. Yar and seconded by Mr. Bakay. Approved unanimously.

9. Approval of Finance Committee Report

Dr. T. and Mr. Ozturk presented and explained the RCSA Finance Committee Report. Mr. Ozturk presented the projected budgets for 2021-22SY as part of the report.

Motion to approve Finance Committee Report by Mr. Yar and seconded by Mrs. Boswell. Approved unanimously.

10. The executive order and COVID updates

Dr. T. shared the executive order from the state and the letter from the FLDOE school choice office asking schools to make the masks optional for students. Currently, mask is optional for students and staff. Then, board members discussed this issue and asked questions regarding COVID-19 prevention and reporting procedures. They suggested publishing the percentage of positive cases on school newsletters and continuing educating parents about COVID-19 measures at school, home, and in public. Dr. T. mentioned that schools were very proactive for contact tracing and isolations. Schools provide extra support for students who need to be quarantined for a certain period of time. In addition, schools monitor the updates from the FLDOE, CDC, and DOH and will make adjustments if anything changes. Then, Mr. Yar made a motion to keep current practices for mask wearing, Mr. Bakay seconded and approved unanimously.

11. Closure of the Meeting

Adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Baybars Bakay,
Board Secretary