RLOACS Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes June 14, 2016

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| Present: Absent: | Dr. Rob McBrayer, Chair; Greg Chambers, Treasurer – via phone; Sheree Darien, Secretary; Amleht Alston; Sergio Nuno; Dr. Karen Wicks, Executive Director; Les Wicks, Facilities Development; Bill Moser, Kelly-Moser Consulting – via phone  Pershawn Patterson, Eunice Spilliards, and Anne Bridgers |
| Venue: | Student Dining Hall |
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A quorum was present.

* **Old business:** 
  + **Open Meeting** - Chair

The meeting was called to order at 6:46 pm by Chair Rob McBrayer.

* + **Consent Agenda Revision –** The chair asked for a motion to revise the consent agenda for ESOL presentation by Mrs. Chaves. The motion was properly made by Sheree Darien and seconded by Amleht Alston.
  + **Approval of Minutes of May 17, 2016 Board Meeting** – A motion was made by Greg Chambers and seconded by Sergio Nuno to accept the minutes of the May 17th Board meeting and the motion carried.
* **New business:** 
  + **RLOA New Mission Statement**– The Chair read the mission statement.
  + **Finance Report for May 2016 with Third Reading of the FY17 Budget** – May 2016 financial reports were reviewed in detail noting various lines throughout which resulted in adjustments in the budget and fund balances. The Chair called for the board’s approval of FY17 budget. The board vote passed unanimously.
  + **Staff Presentations –** Mrs. Chaves updated the board on the success of the ESOL Department. She provided and reviewed copies of slides of ESOL data including 2015 State Testing results of RLOACS and the surrounding school district. Access 2016 measures student growth levels by grade as well as recommendations for 2016-2017.
  + **Update on Modular Buildings and New Campus Building, Finance, and Architectural Work** – Les Wicks informed the Board of the 2-week lag in schedule for bids as a result of pending USDA approval of the bidding process. Moody’s Investor service rated RLOACS a mid-level rating due to the age of the school. Plans were available for the boards review.

* + **Board Vacancy:** Board was reminded of the current pending board vacancy. One board member’s nomination is pending confirmation of the nominee. NOTE: The appropriate Board representation must consist of 50% business professionals and 50% education per the charter.
* **School Updates:**

* **Enrollment:** As of 6-9-16 all grades except for kindergarten, 11th, and 12th grade are currently full for next year with a total waitlist of 105. We will likely see some changes over the summer as marketing increases and parents make final decisions.
* **Close-Up Washington Trip:** High School History/Social Studies Teacher Mr. Williams and 10 high school students left for the Close-Up Washington Trip on Sunday, June 5th, for 10 days of intensive study and site seeing of historic sites in Washington. Twitter updates have been exciting! One student from this group will be selected to work with the Hardeeville City Council to provide feedback about initiatives affecting Hardeeville students.
* **STEAM/PBL/PLTW:**
  + **Robotics:** The Robotics Team made presentations to both the Hardeeville City Council and the Ridgeland City Council in the first week of June. The students are doing a Robotics Camp the last week of June for 25 students. The students have gone to Home Depot, Lowes, and Best Buys for donations and received a large tool chest, power tools, and laptops for the Robotics Program.
  + **Project-Based Learning:** PBL workshops have been held for elementary teachers in June. During the last two weeks of July, middle and high school teachers will participate in PBL workshops.
* **Literacy:** 
  + The Summer Reading Program began on June 6 with 25 students. The program’s theme is ‘Journey to Ooka Island’ Where Good Readers Live. The curriculum focuses on building vocabulary skills, reading strategies to improve fluency and comprehension skills, and reflective writing. Two teachers, two interventionists, and a coordinator are providing instruction.
* **Public Comment** – Mrs. Thelma Alston shared that she regularly makes reference of the school and its progress within the community.
* **Executive Session** – None
* **Motion to Adjourn** – With no further business to discuss, at 7:50pm Amleht Alston made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Sergio Nuno. The motion carried.