



## Board Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2020

300 NC-68

1. John Nosek called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm.  
**Board members in attendance at the Church on 68:** Jon Brewer.  
**Board members in attendance through Zoom:** Elaine Graziano, John Kreider, John Nosek, and Lisa Walker.  
**Others in attendance at the Church on 68:** Michele Harris, Robin Helms, Ann Miller, and Mary Catherine Sauer.
2. John Nosek read the Revolution Academy mission statement.
3. J Nosek asked if there were any questions or discussion concerning the August 23, 2020 minutes. There were none.

***A motion was made by J Kreider and seconded by E Graziano to approve the minutes from August 23, 2020. The motion carried 5-0.***

4. Finance
  - a. Review of Budget Reports

MC Sauer presented the budget reports with the recommended revisions. She explained that though the level 5 report shows a negative balance there was never a negative balance in the RA checking account.

J Nosek asked who produces the report. MC Sauer informed him that Acadia produces the report while RA produces the projections.

J Nosek asked how much is in the account now?

R Helms let the board know that there is \$77, 258 in the RA checking account.

MC Sauer said that she will be scheduling finance meetings every month so that RA board members can discuss and examine the financial documents in more detail. She let the board members know that there is also money in the state account and the budget should be accurate according to the student

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numbers. She went on to say that the county numbers are an educated guess because we have not received any county money yet. She explained that the money RA gets from PACES After School Care is pretty accurate according to the number of children in the after-school care program.

MC Sauer also let the board know that all the COVID funds from the state have been spent.

***A motion was made by J Brewer and seconded by L Walker to approve the budget revisions. The motion carried 5-0.***

#### 5. Principal's Report

MC Sauer went over the report with the board, attached.

The board discussed whether it would be okay to distribute non-partisan flyers that list candidates who support charter schools. J Kreider suggested that would not be a good idea, but we may be able to allow a parent to distribute them during carline. J Nosek suggested consulting an attorney about the legality before we do anything.

#### 6. Operations

##### *a. Discussion and approval of sibling preferences*

MC Sauer discussed the lottery and the new sibling preference law with the board. Schools may now grant sibling preference to students entered into the lottery but not already attending the school.

***A motion was made by J Brewer and seconded by L Walker to allow sibling preference for admitted students in the RA lottery. The motion carried 5-0.***

##### *b. Discussion and approval of articulation agreement*

MC Sauer suggested having an articulation agreement with Piedmont Classical High School that would allow Revolution Academy students preference in attending PCHS after leaving RA. She said that PCHS was interested in such an agreement.

L Walker asked if there are any plans for RA to have a high school?

MC Sauer said that is very difficult and expensive to add a high school to an elementary school. She went on to say that the demand is not there yet.

M Harris said that with her past experience with another charter school, that the quality of the school would go down.

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J Brewer commented that parents are going to want their children to stay at a great school.

***A motion was made by J Kreider and seconded by E Graziano to have the articulation agreement with PCHS.***

***The motion carried 4-1 with J Nosek opposed.***

*c. Discussion and approval of October 23<sup>rd</sup> Distance Learning Day*

MC Sauer let the board know that the Church on 68 has a large function on October 23, 2020 and that she would like to use this day as a distance learning day. She said this would be good practice for all the students and the teachers.

***A motion was made by J Brewer and seconded by L Walker to make October 23, 2020 a distance learning day. The motion carried 5-0.***

*d. Discussion and approval of revised design contract*

MC Sauer let the board know that the current design contract expires in December 2020 and she would like to revise the contract to go through June of 2021. She also added that she would like the board to approve adding an additional \$4000 to the contract to cover the additional time needed to work on the design of the school.

J Nosek asked if the \$6,000 allocated didn't already cover the design cost?

MC Sauer said no, that we have used most of that allocation but that there was more to do.

J Kreider reaffirmed that the amount would go from \$6k to \$10K.

J Nosek asked if she could just bill RA instead of approving a certain amount?

MC Sauer said she felt this way was more transparent. Getting the amount approved ahead of time would prevent surprises.

***A motion was made by L Walker and seconded by J Brewer to approve the new design contract.***

***The motion carried 4-1 with J Nosek opposed.***

7. Academics

*a. Discussion and approval of late work policy*

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MC Sauer discussed with the board the late work policy that would encourage students to turn in their work even if it's late but includes penalties for late work.

***A motion was made by J Kreider and seconded by L Walker to approve the late work policy. The motion carried 5-0.***

**8. *A motion was made by L Walker and seconded by J Brewer to enter Closed Session. The motion passed 5-0. (7:52 pm)***

***A motion was made by J Brewer and seconded by E Graziano to come out of Closed Session. The motion passed 5-0.***

9. Personnel

a. The board discussed approving the following persons as substitute teachers:

- Megan Brewer
- Ashley Staples
- Brannon Weismann
- Frances Deering
- Megan Paul
- Julie Daniel
- Nickolas Lindsay

***A motion was made by L Walker and seconded by E Graziano to approve the recommended list of substitute teachers.***

***The motion carried 3-0 with J Brewer recusing himself from the vote. (J Kreider had to leave the zoom call)***

10. Adjourn

***A motion was made by L Walker and seconded by J Brewer to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm. The motion carried 4-0.***

\* Requires Board action

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### Facilities

Summerfield Property

We are still waiting to see if things will line up to be ready on time. The roofs are on so the project is not as weather dependent as it used to be.

### Finance

Budget

The budget has been adjusted and is current. We are asking for budget amendments to better reflect our actual numbers and needs.

Allotments

We expect to be funded with an ADM of 362 based on our first 20 days. Those projections are reflected in the current budget. We should be getting more accurate numbers for our county funds in the next two months.

### Operations

Plan A

K-5<sup>th</sup> grades moved into Plan A on October 5<sup>th</sup>. We are continuing with the safety measures that we put in place including temperature screenings, symptom screenings, masks, and extra cleaning. The biggest change is that students in class are no longer 6 feet apart and we have more than doubled the core instruction that we are delivering.

Plan B

Our 6<sup>th</sup> graders are continuing to operate under Plan B.

Health

We have had some students sick, some quarantining, some being tested, but so far have not had any of our students or staff members test positive.

Chromebooks

We have received 10 of the 50 Chrome books that we have ordered.

### Instruction

Testing

We have administered the NWEA to all of our students except 1<sup>st</sup> grade. We will get them tested as soon as the newest Chromebooks are set up.

### Discipline

Students Referred to the Office

19

Detentions (before, after school, Saturday)

8

Suspensions

2

### Marketing

Advertising

We will be running two ads in the Northwest Observer; one this month and one next month.

Social Media

We are continuing to use our social media outlets well. We have surpassed 1000 followers on facebook.

### Enrollment

New Students				We have stopped enrolling new students in 6 <sup>th</sup> grade due to space constraints with our new Plan B. All of the other grades are full.					
2020-2021									
Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	
Applications	156	91	101	83	85	57	68	641	
Enrolled	80	52	56	30	57	54	68	397	
Spaces	80	52	56	29	57	54	68	396	
Waiting List	76	39	45	53	28	3	0	244	
2021-2022									
Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Applications	58	15	16	14	19	15	10	3	150
Spaces	80	80	81	81	81	81	81	81	646
Returning	0	80	52	56	30	56	56	68	398
Open Spots	80	0	29	25	51	25	25	13	248
Staff									
Positions				We will be actively recruiting new teachers for next year starting in November.					
Activities									
Teacher Appreciation Week				The PTO is organizing a fall teacher appreciation week next week.					
Raise the Rhino Fundraiser				The PTO is hosting a fundraiser this week where they are taking donations. The grade level with the highest percentage participation will get their own spirit day.					