

**Richmond Consolidated School
School Committee
1831 State Road, Richmond, MA 01254**

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 6:00 PM – RCS Conference Room

Approved as amended on 12/10, Motion DW, Seconded AE

Attendees: Adeline Ellis, Susan Benner, Jill Pompei, Dewey Wyatt, Michelle Smith,

1. Call to order: 6:05pm
2. Positive messages -open call to hear positive observations related to our educational efforts.
Attended an informative legal continuing ed on mental health, capturing earlier on. AE
Our community tends to lead by example of working together, supportive, which is nice given the national issues. DW
3. Public Comments: none
4. Correspondence: None
5. Review and approval of the minutes from 9/10/2019: approved ss amended AE motion, SB second.
6. Superintendent's report:
New custodian Tracy Bullett has started. BHRSD maintenance lead to provide mentoring.
Meeting on Friday at Town Hall to advance steps on heating system improvements.
7. Principal report:
General Positives:
 - Lockdown went well; Reunification Drill scheduled
 - Community Involvement: Fire-safety awareness day, BTG performance, Ioka Visit, Norman Rockwell visits
 - Positive Climate Committee: Crazy Sock Day, Breast Cancer Awareness Day
 - Teachers report fewer behavioral concernsConcerns:
 - Bussing is better but continues to be troublesome
 - Internet safety- Acceptable Use Contract- proposed student version
 - Attendance/Tardiness- phone calls/emails**Facilities/Staffing:**
 - Tracey Bullett has been hired as head custodian
 - We are advertising for a Spanish teacher
 - Heating system –**Academic:**
 - REEF and Richmond Cultural Council Grants are being written
 - MCAS results include celebrations and areas to focus(see powerpoint)
 - PLCs are focused on student achievement**Social Emotional:**
 - Mindfulness
 - Yoga for staff (thank you Mary Yarmosky) and also for students part of CAP
 - Jen Dailey secure to come back in January and March (thank you to the Title IIA grant)

Family/Community Involvement:

School Council

Fall Frolic

Fire Safety Day

Norman Rockwell visits- in house and field trips

Grade 3 Senior Friends

BTG play

Flying Cloud

Field Trips- Bartletts/Ioka Farms

Four middle school students (Elliott Stern, Ellie Caine, John Mullen and Maddie HolmesP) auditioned and were accepted into the Empire State Youth Orchestra Wind Orchestra. They rehearse every Sunday afternoon at the College of St. Rose in Albany. (Thank you to Joy Mullen for facilitating this!)

Save the date: November 9- Craft Fair

Communication:

Continue to send detailed Friday updates to staff and families

Positive notes home

8. Special Education Director's report:
PAC mtg 10/15 with 3 parents held. Dept of Education to be on site 11/12 for audit.
9. Next Steps on Shared Services arrangement:
Discussion on various options. The SC agrees to pursue a shared arrangement with BHRSD, but much need to be sorted out. Need community dialogue.
10. Financial Report:
Reviewed printout from town hall. No concerns at this time.
11. Adjournment and Warrant: Motion DW, second SB 7:40pm to move in to executive session with no business to follow.
12. Executive Session: to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for paraprofessionals contracts (because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect of the bargaining position of the School Committee, and to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-bargaining unit personnel, both pursuant to MGL c.39 § 23B (3)).
Enter: Motion DW, Seconded AE, roll call all in favor 7:40pm. Exited 7:48pm DW motion, seconded SB, all in favor.
13. Other unforeseen items: None