

RISE PREP MAYORAL ACADEMY

MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 4, 2015 4:30 P.M
303 CLINTON STREET, WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Paulette Hamilton. In addition to Ms. Hamilton, the directors present were Lisa Baldelli-Hunt, Chris Gruttadauria, and Donna Stone.

SECRETARY OF THE MEETING

Mr. Gruttadauria, seconded by Ms. Baldelli-Hunt, moved to appoint Daniel C. Waugh as secretary of the meeting. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, GRUTTADAURIA, STONE, HAMILTON. NAY: None.

MINUTES

Ms. Stone, seconded by Mr. Gruttadauria, moved to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2015 meeting. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, GRUTTADAURIA, STONE, HAMILTON. NAY: None.

HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

Ms. Murphy reported that the School has moved through the RIDE checklist for final approval and is in good shape to be approved at the Council for Elementary and Secondary Education scheduled for June 9.

- The school's 501(c)(3) status has been applied for
- The Board-approved Financial Policies have been submitted for RIDE review
- The facilities acquisition plan is underway
- RISE Prep has admitted its first class, pursuant to a RIDE-approved procedure
- The first class' faculty has been appointed and appropriate support staff have also been hired
- Facilities remain to be finalized, which will be the topic of the Executive Session

Certain pending legislation may affect the school's ability to open. RIMA is monitoring the legislation and providing assistance where possible.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported that the political situation surrounding the school was continuing to evolve. Ms. Baldelli-Hunt lamented that RIMA was unable to provide more significant political support for those who were bearing the burden of supporting the school.

PUBLIC FORUM

A member of the public expressed outrage that his representatives were attempting to implement roadblocks to the opening of the school and stated that he would contact them to express his support for the school and to urge them to do the same.

FACILITIES

Ms. Stone, seconded by Mr. Gruttadauria, moved pursuant to R.I. General Laws § 42-46-5(5) to go into Executive Session to consider the acquisition or lease of real estate. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, GRUTTADAURIA, STONE, HAMILTON. NAY: None.

* * * EXECUTIVE SESSION * * *

Ms. Stone, seconded by Ms Baldelli-Hunt, moved to leave executive session. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, GRUTTADAURIA, STONE, HAMILTON. NAY: None.

Ms. Baldelli-Hunt, seconded by Ms. Stone, moved to seal the minutes of the executive session. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, GRUTTADAURIA, STONE, HAMILTON. NAY: None.

Mr. Waugh announced that the board had voted to authorize execution of a lease provided certain additional negotiations were conducted.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gruttadauria, seconded by Ms. Stone, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, GRUTTADAURIA, STONE, HAMILTON. NAY: None.

Ms. Hamilton declared the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel C. Waugh,
Secretary to the meeting