

Rock County Christian School
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2013

Present: Tim Befus, Phil Allen, Linda Ross, Jackie Borgwardt, Gary Bulta, Matt Finnegan and Bill Muether. Absent: Bryan Potts.

Staff members present: Tim Befus, Bob Cerniglia and Linda Hutson.

Guests: Rebecca Harper and her father and stepmother, William and Deborah. Rebecca was recognized as Student of the Month for October.

1. Phil lead devotion on Micah 6:8, this year's scripture verse for Rock County Christian School. God is charting a path that may be new to us. We need to walk humbly and accept whatever challenges God has planned for us. We tend sometimes to look back and dwell on the way things were. We need to look forward instead and trust where God leads us.
2. Motion made and seconded to approve the September 5th school board minutes as amended. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.
3. School updates were provided by the principals. Mrs. Hutson reported that the water issues at the Janesville campus have been fixed. Students are doing well. Everyone is looking forward to Grandparent's Day. Mr. Cerniglia reported that 87 students attended the retreat. There are 18 new students not counting the 6th graders which accounts for almost 25% of the Beloit campus student body. The new students were asked to rate the school. Sixteen gave the school an "A" but two students rated the school a "B+" because of the coordinated dress policy. The school has begun utilizing two tutors from Beloit College. At the first student council meeting of the school year, two new ideas were proposed. One is to write a history of the school and the other is to design a school flag. Students attended the Christian College Fair yesterday. Sue Stavn, who retired last year from Beloit Memorial as a guidance counselor and has a granddaughter who attends RCCS, has agreed to do some volunteer career exploration with our high school students. This is a wonderful blessing for our school.
4. Mr. Befus presented the following in his Administrator's Report:
 - Bowlathon had only 34 bowlers and the net may only be \$6000 (down by \$5000 from last year). Administration needs to decide if this fundraiser is worth continuing.
 - Grandparents Day is Oct. 11th.
 - Mission team fundraiser at Applebees is scheduled for Oct. 12th.
 - Fall Association Meeting is Oct. 14th at the Beloit campus.
 - Teacher conference is Oct. 17-18.
 - Oct. 25th is Pie Day.
 - So far this year, budget surplus is projected at \$65K.
 - WRISA will be the accrediting agency. CPA for audits will be Wegner. Work towards accreditation to DPI criteria continues in earnest.
 - Possible middle/high school building opportunities are being reviewed.

5. The following team reports were presented:

Academic Excellence – Team met Sep. 11th. On-line training opportunities for faculty through Nexus were discussed. Up to 500 hours of training are available. School is exploring the use of tablets for students. Two AP classes planned for the spring: writing and calculus. Math curriculum review is scheduled for the upcoming school year and books from various publishers will be ordered soon. School installed new hard drives at both campuses. Grant applications for more tech equipment to be written. Next meeting scheduled for Oct. 16th.

Spiritual Maturity – Team met October 9th. Prayer will be encouraged at the Fall Festival in the 2nd grade classroom. Faculty will lead prayer and a schedule of times has been established. Mentors need monthly encouragement and support. Plan for community service projects was updated. Team has contacted two churches in Costa Rica to help plan the mission trip. Devotion blog has been up for one week. Not much use yet. Bible class for international students is going well. All are attending church with their host families. Girl's Bible study is going well. Ten girls attended last Friday. Theme is "Girls with Swords". Next meeting is scheduled for November 20th.

Godly Stewardship – Team met today. Chimney liner at the Beloit campus needs repair. Team continues to explore the idea of four major donors at \$30K each. School banquet is scheduled for March 6th. Golf outing will be a tournament/dinner on April 26th. Team is working on grant writing for tablets. New building plans are being explored. Team is looking to promote business advertising in the gym.

Community Relations – The entire team (Gary Builta, Bryan Potts, Tim and Janet Befus) attended the Beloit after-hours business meeting. Sports pictures will be submitted to local newspapers to better promote the school. Plans are underway for the Pastor Appreciation Breakfast. Church visits on-hold till January.

6. Old Business: Revisions to the school constitution were discussed. Board approved the draft be presented to the school association for ratification at the fall meeting on Oct. 14th.

7. New Business: Policy Manual to be revised next.

8. Next board meeting scheduled for November 21st at 6:30 PM (Beloit campus). Board members were given an assignment to read Section One in the book "Christian School Board Governance".

9. At this point in the meeting, a motion was made and approved to move to the executive session. Due to confidentiality of matters discussed, executive minutes are reported separately and are not posted to the school website.