

Rock County Christian School  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2014

Board members present: Phil Allen, Linda Ross, Bryan Potts, Matt Finnegan and Jackie Borgwardt. Absent: Bill Muether and Gary Builta

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

Guests: Katerina Vanderkooi and her parents, Jeff and Monica. Katerina was recognized as Student of the Month for March.

1. Phil led devotions, discussing how the school has been going through some changes. The International program, vouchers, coordinated dress and the School Board refining policies are all examples. By nature, people are afraid of change, but Isaiah 30:21 says "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." Our goal should be to hear God's voice. We should listen to God and when we are, be certain that we lead that way. The meeting then began with prayer.
2. A motion was moved and seconded to accept the February school board minutes as circulated and amended. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.
3. Jeff Vanderkooi was interviewed as a candidate for an open seat on the school board. A motion was made and seconded to approve him as a candidate pending completed application and background check. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Upon returning from executive session:

4. Campus updates were provided by the principals. Mrs. Hutson reported that during the elementary campus Spiritual emphasis week, Laura from New Life Assembly of God visited during chapels, the high school leadership class students did some skits for the children, and the school traveled to the Beloit campus for chapel featuring a College tumbling team. All elementary students have shown enthusiasm in chapel. The teachers are working on integrating the Bible into all classes. They are also reviewing the book list for each classroom. Some special education specialists came into the school to have a meeting about a student. One of the teachers was in the meeting and has started using some of the techniques with the child and is seeing improvements. The specialists were impressed with RCCS, and commented that the school does an excellent job. Mr. Cerniglia reported that spiritual emphasis week was moved back a week, due partly to a teacher's illness. One of the students scored a 33 on the ACT, 2 juniors are eligible for the Porter Scholar program at Beloit College next year. Tanner Gonzales has been selected as Valedictorian, and Avery Befus is Salutatorian. School musical practice is going well with Mrs. Holcomb.
5. Mr. Befus presented the following in his Administrator's Report:

- Registration for 2014-2015 school year stands at 113. There are 118 students registered with the State for a voucher next year.
- A list of families that are not yet registered for next year was divided amongst the board members to call.
- The Banquet numbers are in. \$27,750 is the anticipated total. \$7000 of that came from people who were unable to attend, and \$14,400 is money that was pledged.
- End of Quarter 3 is March 21.
- Candy bar sales will begin April 2 and run through spring break.
- Parent/teacher conferences are April 3-4.
- Spring Association meeting is at 6:30 at the Janesville Campus on April 7.
- RCCS will host the middle school/high school speech meet on April 11.
- Spring Break starts April 11.
- The current financial projection is a surplus of \$103,000.
- The school received a \$20,000 grant from the Neese Foundation. This will go into the scholarship fund.
- Currently searching for athletic director and a tech teacher for next school year.
- Mr. Befus is part of a site evaluation team that will be visiting a voucher school in Madison on March 24-26.
- Contracts are out to teachers for next school year. They are to be returned in April.
- Considering moving the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class to the Janesville campus, mainly because the Beloit campus needs another classroom available.
- Gary Brabazon from Brabazon Title Company was in for a campus visit.

The following team reports were presented:

Academic Excellence- The math curriculum has been reviewed. K-7 will be using Abeka, and 8-12 will stay with GlenCoe. There will be no curriculum analysis next year; instead an analysis of PE will be completed. There is a need for more laptops for teachers. Spring play practice has begun, and spring clubs are developing.

Spiritual Maturity- Did not meet in March will be meeting in early April.

Godly Stewardship- The exterior gym doors will be framed and replaced in April. The east fence at the Beloit campus will be removed. Bushes and other landscaping will be planted in May. The Beloit campus roof needs to be re-shingled, waiting for quotes. There is a large crack in the new parking lot at the Janesville campus. Yoss will be contacted for possible repair. Plans are being made to clean out the back garage before next school year. A grant was awarded from the Neese foundation for \$20,000 that will go toward the scholarship fund. There are still 200 pies to sell. Cleanathon letters are out and should be returned by March 25. Candy bar sale April 2-21. Gym sign sponsors still needed. Worked on Accreditation 5.05-5.10. Next meeting will be set based upon the next school board meeting.

Community Relations- Did not meet in March, will be meeting in April.

Old Business: Board continued discussions through page 42 of the Board Governance book.

New Business: The next board meeting was set for April 17.

A motion passed to adjourn.