

Rock County Christian School
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2015

Board members present: Phil Allen, Bryan Potts, Matt Finnegan, Gary Builta, Jeff Vanderkooi, Linda Ross, and Jackie Borgwardt.

Absent: None

Staff members present: Tim Befus

Absent: Bob Cerniglia

Guests: Jonah Voigt, Kathy Voigt, Jeff Voigt

1. The meeting started with prayer.
2. Jonah Voigt was presented with the Student of the Month award. His parents Kathy and Jeff Voigt were present.
3. A motion was made by Linda Ross and a second offered by Matt Finnegan to accept the December school board minutes as amended. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.
4. Campus updates were provided by Mr. Befus. Mr. Befus reported that at the Janesville campus attendance and punctuality of the students has improved, box tops and milk moola has been caught up, Mary Matthews is teaching third grade in the afternoon while Miss Waldner acts as principal, there were some issues with preschool teacher that have been worked out. At the Beloit campus, the first semester has been completed, Homecoming is next week, 5 Costa Ricans and 1 Chinese student have joined us for the second semester, now have a tutor, letters of intent are out and most have come back, possibility of 2 open positions for next year.
5. Mr. Befus presented the following in his Administrator's Report:
 - January 26-31 is Homecoming week. The game is at Aldrich Friday evening.
 - Open registration and voucher sign up begin February 1.
 - Grandparents Day at the Beloit campus is February 11.
 - March 5 is the banquet, hosts are needed.
 - Financial report still looks good, pending banquet results.
 - Leadership class is preparing for Grandparent's Day.
 - Teacher contracts are out, may have a couple open positions.
 - Enrollment forms have been sent home.
 - Currently investigating the option of purchasing one of the schools that Beloit School District has for sale.

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

Upon returning from executive session, the following team reports were given:

Academic Excellence- Staff development plans were given to the teachers. They were to be completed by January 19. Mr. Davila is looking at an art curriculum, Smarter Balance (state testing) coming up in March, going to try and get some training on how to use it. Test is online. Students will have the choice of doing it during school day or on a Saturday. A new writing club will be started.

Spiritual Maturity- No meeting this month.

Godly Stewardship- Will be discussed in “New Business”.

Community Relations- January 24th roller skate in Beloit, pancake breakfast February 28, Joe Hanson is mentor of the month, planning church visits, more meetings with Gatekeepers, 10 billboards in February and March for 30th anniversary, the Stoekel’s blind company is business of the month.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Two school buildings have come up for sale in Beloit. All staff and some board members have toured Morgan and Mclenegan schools, currently used by the School District of Beloit. Morgan is an older building at a higher price. Mclenegan has a lower price, the overall condition of the building is good and it has 10 acres, so plenty of room for expansion. The school would need a gym, offices and bathrooms added. After lengthy discussion, it was decided that we should continue to investigate the possibility of purchasing this building. This could give the school an opportunity to combine both campuses in a more economical way than a new building on the land that we own. A roof inspection will be done on the building, we will ask a contractor to look into possible code violations that would need to be addressed on the old building if we were to add on, get values on RCCS’ three properties and get some drawings/bids for the gym addition.

The next meeting was set for February 26, 2015 at 6:30.

A motion passed to adjourn.

Addendum to the January Board meeting minutes:

In an electronic vote by email on 2/11/15, Bryan Potts made a motion to hire Tim McKearn to explore fundraising possibilities to purchase a new building. Matt Finnegan offered a second.

The board approved this motion with two members abstaining; Gary Builta and Jeff Vanderkooi.