

**Rock County Christian School  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 2, 2006**

Present: Tim Befus, Linda Hutson, Brenda Thompson, Greg James, Vicky DeRoos,  
Nicki Yoss, Bob Cerniglia, Kathy Ruck  
Absent: Keith Doering, Shelly Cronin

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Interview of Board Candidate

Due to Chris Davies moving from the Rock County area and stepping down from the RCCS Board, a new board member is needed to replace him. Randy Bakke was interviewed to fulfill this position. **A motion was made to appoint Randy Bakke to fulfill the RCCS Board position vacated by Chris Davies through the end of this fiscal year (June 2006).**

Reports

1. Secretary Report

The February 2, 2006 minutes were distributed via email.

**The February 2, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes were approved earlier in the month via email.**

2. Administrator Report (handout)

a. Hot Lunch Program

Stephanie Schliesman came to speak up for a more nutritious school lunch program. This would affect the Junior class because next year, as seniors, the class would potentially lose their opportunity to raise funds for their senior trip. Mr. Mulder came as a representative of the Junior class. It was not known how much the class actually makes in profit in the course of a year. This is a decision that will ultimately be made by the school administration.

b. Senior Trip

In the past, the seniors have been required to spend one day of service/ministry on their week long senior trip. Mr. Befus feels there should be more of a service focus, perhaps three days of service during the week. As another option, it was also suggested that the school organize a missions trip, separate from the senior trip. There is no change in the policy at this time.

c. Updates

- Student life reports were sent via email from Linda and Keith
- The lights have been installed in the gym at both campuses. This should be a significant savings in monthly utility costs.
- The after school monitoring program is going well.
- Kindergarten screening went well at the elementary campus with 18 students screened.
- The money has been donated for new jerseys.

d. Upcoming Events

- March 23 Candy bar sale begins
- April 1 Auction
- April 7 Grandparents Day

e. Present Priorities

- Administrative:
  - + Working on re-enrollment
  - + Working on Family Handbook modifications
- Development:
  - + Pastoral breakfast on March 1 went well
  - + Working to complete computer and ventilation grants

f. Other Issues

- Examine grading scale for MS/HS - the administration is proposing to change the grading scale to: 90%=A, 80%=B, 70%=C, 60%=D. This is being proposed to prevent our students from getting a "double whammy" from having both demanding classroom/homework expectations *and* a high grading scale. This also places our student athletes on a level playing field with those from other schools. The application of the number scale (4.0, 3.0, etc.) has not yet been fully determined.

**A motion was made to approve the grading scale change proposed by the RCCS administration. Second and approved.** This will need to be approved again at the next Board meeting to take effect as a new policy in the Student Handbook.

It was also suggested that we remove the class rank of students from their transcripts, as a student might be ranked 8 out of 9 (bottom of the class), yet still have a B average. The information might be misleading due to the small number of students. There was general agreement that the class rank would be removed.

- Valedictorian and Salutatorian proposal: To be eligible for these honors, a student must attend RCCS all four semesters of their Junior and Senior year.
- Educational philosophy modifications: Adopting a Biblical Teaching Methodology (handout)
- Football: investigating possible football team with other area Christian schools, homeschoolers, etc. Issues of cost and liability will all need to be considered.

3. Finance Report

There was actually a written financial report this month!

Making payroll has been a challenge in the last couple of months. We are in the process of securing a \$50,000 line of credit to finish out the end of the year. The reason for this need is because in the budget we had anticipated 4 payments from the estate, but the payments started later than expected and there will only be 3 payments in this fiscal year.

**A motion was made to accept the January 2006 Financial Report. Second and approved.**

Board Reports

1. Long Range Committee - no report

2. Building Committee - Executive Session

3. Recruitment / Retention Committee

A flyer for the profile of a RCCS has been developed for use in recruitment.

4. Facilities Committee - Executive Session

5. Finance Committee - no report

6. Personnel Committee - no report

7. Education Committee - no report

8. Development Committee

The committee just completed a successful Pastor Appreciation Breakfast.  
Completion of grants are a current priority.

New Business

1. Board Policy Discussion

2. Upcoming Meetings

Next regular Board meeting: Thursday, April 6, 6:30 pm, Beloit campus

Submitted by Greg James  
RCCS Board Secretary