

**Rockford Charter School Organization
Board Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2020**

Meeting Held VIA Ring Central Pursuant to COVID-19 Executive Order No. 16

1. Call to Order – 11:33 a.m.

Present: Scott Anderson, Carla Redd (left at 12:37 p.m.), Anisha Grimmitt, Nathan Bryant (joined at 11:39 a.m.), Executive Director Mike Williams (left at 12:16 p.m.), Principal Shavina Baker (left at 12:11 p.m.), Rick Aylward (left at 12:11 p.m.) and Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski

Not Present: Kenneth Cunningham

2. Public Comment – None

3. Approval of Consent Items – Motion by Board

- a. RCSO Board Meeting Minutes from February 19, 2020
- b. RCSO Board Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2020
- c. Motion to approve the Consent Items was made by Carla Redd and Seconded by Anisha Grimmitt.
- d. All aye. Motion passes.

4. New Business

a. Appointment of New Board Members

- i. Discussion took place regarding nominating April Nelson to serve as a potential Parent Board Member.

1. Principal Baker stated that she received a letter of intent from April Nelson which was forwarded on to RCSO Board Members.
2. Principal Baker stated that April Nelson's daughter is currently in Kindergarten and going into the First grade. Ms. Nelson has been very involved in school events and on social media. She is the small business owner of a tattoo parlor and has a flexible schedule. She could serve as designated person with PTO to increase communication with students.
3. Anisha Grimmitt stated that she thinks Ms. Nelson would be a great fit.
4. Carla Redd stated that she thinks Ms. Nelson is a good fit.
5. A motion to nominate April Nelson to the Board was made by Nathan Bryant and seconded by Anisha Grimmitt.
6. All Aye. Motion passes.

- ii. Discussion took place regarding the nomination of Tony Turner, Jay Ware and Tamika Walker to serve as members of the Board.
 1. Executive Director Williams stated that he has known Jay Ware for twenty (20) years and he is a family friend. Mr. Ware is a retired machinist from Ingersol and is very active in the community and with his church. Executive Director Williams stated that he and Mr. Ware co-hosted Rockford Rap show for ten (10) years. Mr. Ware has expertise from his interaction with his Lutheran Church, where he served on the Board of St. Paul's Church while they had a school.
 - a. Principal Baker stated that Mr. Ware was very personable and could be a good resource for RCSO and can offer recommendations.
 - b. A motion was made to nominate Jay Ware as an RCSO Board Member by Anisha Grimmett and was seconded by Nathan Bryant.
 - c. All Aye. Motion Passes.
 - d. Executive Director Williams will reach out to Mr. Ware.
 2. Executive Director Williams stated that Tony Turner is very active in the community and has an enterprise developing working with youth. He is interested in helping young people and students.
 - a. Shavina Baker stated that she has met Mr. Turner before as he was on campus to speak with her about doing a graduation, however, it was not able to come to fruition because of the out of pocket expenses that would have been imposed upon parents.
 - b. Anisha Grimmett stated that Mr. Turner is currently a student at Rock Valley College and plans on going to University of Illinois.
 - c. Carla Redd stated that Mr. Turner lives with his family in Rockford and works at United Way. He is originally from Peoria and has been doing a lot of his education online.
 - d. Scott Anderson stated that he believes Mr. Turner will bring a unique prospective.
 - e. A motion to nominate Tony Turner as an RCSO Board Member was made by Anisha Grimmett and seconded by Carla Redd.
 - f. All Aye. Motion passes.
 - g. Scott Anderson will reach out to Mr. Turner.
 3. Executive Director William stated that Tamika Walker is a Family Attorney in Rockford. She lives in Roscoe and has no children in the Rockford School District. She has expressed a special interest in becoming a Board member. She has been sincere about wanting to share her experiences to bring about strategies to help children be successful.
 - a. Attorney Sosnowski stated that she has worked with Ms. Walker over the years and she served as Chair of the Family Law Chapter

- of the Winnebago County Bar Association. Attorney Sosnowski stated that she felt that Ms. Walker could also bring another legal perspective to the group and the flexibility in her schedule could be of assistance to RCSO.
- b. Scott Anderson stated that Ms. Walker served as an advocate representative for a staff member.
 - c. Carla Redd stated that she has served with Ms. Walker and knows that she fights hard for what she believes in.
 - d. No motion was made to nominate Ms. Walker. Scott Anderson will reach out to Ms. Walker to let her know.
- b. Election of Board Officers
- i. Scott Anderson stated that he has been recruited to work with a new company recently and he is not sure that he will be able to continue as President of the RCSO Board. He has spoke with Kenneth Cunningham about this and Mr. Cunningham is ready, willing and able to serve as President.
 - ii. Attorney Sosnowski stated that the Board needs a motion to nominate and a second and then a roll call vote for this to pass.
 - iii. A motion to nominate Kenneth Cunningham as President of the RCSO Board was made by Nathan Bryant and seconded by Anisha Grimmett.
 1. Roll Call Vote:
 - a. Nathan Bryant – Yes.
 - b. Anisha Grimmett – Yes.
 - c. Carla Redd – Yes.
 - d. Scott Anderson – Yes.
 - e. Motion passed.
 - iv. A motion to nominate Scott Anderson as Vice President of the RCSO Board was made by Anisha Grimmett and seconded by Carla Redd
 1. Roll Call Vote:
 - a. Anisha Grimmett – Yes.
 - b. Carla Redd – Yes.
 - c. Nathan Bryant – Yes.
 - d. Scott Anderson – Abstained.
 - e. Motion passed.
- c. Closed Session – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1 - Personnel
- i. A motion was made to enter into closed session by Nathan Bryant and seconded by Anisha Grimmett.
 - ii. All aye. Motion passed.
 - iii. During closed session Carla Redd had to leave the meeting at 12:37 p.m.

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- iv. A motion to leave closed session was made by Nathan Bryant and seconded by Anisha Grimmett.
- v. All aye. Motion passed. Closed session concluded at 12:56 p.m.
- d. Old Business:
 - i. FY 2020-2021 Proposed Budget
 1. Scott Anderson provided a summary of the budget regarding a 3 percent increase for staff, 250 student enrollment, additional investment in marketing and resources to ensure that the target is hit and they achieve the Charter milestone with a net cash reduction with \$150,000 less cash.
 2. A motion to approve the budget as proposed was made by Anisha Grimmett and seconded by Nathan Bryant.
 3. Roll Call Vote:
 - a. Scott Anderson – Yes.
 - b. Nathan Bryant – Yes.
 - c. Anisha Grimmett – Yes.
 4. All aye. Motion passes.
5. Adjournment: Motion by Nathan Bryant and seconded by Anisha Grimmett.
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.