

GOODWIN COLLEGE MAGNET SCHOOLS, INC.

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

4:30 p.m., May 15, 2019

Goodwin College, 6th Floor Board Room

Members present- Eddie Meyer, Jackie Jacoby, Megan Mehr and Merilee Dejohn

Members absent- Todd Andrews, Mark Scheinberg

Staff Present- Lynn Guerriero, Craig Drezek

Guests- Tonja Kelly, Interim Principal of Riverside Magnet School and Tara Amatrudo, Principal of Connecticut River Academy, JT Foster, Vice Principal of CT River Academy, Kelly Gelineau, Tracy Purcell, Casey Guiheen from Riverside Magnet School

Representing the public- none

1. Call to Order

- Jackie Jacoby called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm.

Jackie recommended moving the schools reports to the beginning of the meeting so the staff could leave when finished.

2. Public Comment

- None

3. Consent Agenda

3a. Approval of GCMS Board Special Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2019

- Eddie Meyer motioned to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2019 GCMS Board Special Meeting. Megan Mehr seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

4. Special Reports

- **School staff reports on initiatives**

Tara Amatrudo for CTRA

- Spoke about how successful the schools efforts have been around establishing a safe environment for our students. Serious behavior incidents are down significantly from 4 years ago. This is primarily due to staff being trained in restorative practices and application of those methods on a consistent basis through the school.
- This year there was a significant growth in evidence based reading and writing scores. CTRA went from 39% to 53% in one year. Math scores are also increasing significantly and moving in the upward direction
- 83% of seniors are graduating with college credit from Goodwin College and more students than any other previous year have applied to Goodwin after high school.

Tonja Kelly and RMS staff presented

- The team highlighted all the upcoming end of year events and “traditions” that are being developed at Riverside Magnet School our first group of 5th graders will have their moving up ceremony
- The group also highlighted the various collaboration efforts with Goodwin and CTRA
- Next year they will be rolling out a new gifted & talented program, Spanish will be moving down to the primary grades and Orchestra will be offered in 3rd-5th grade.
- **Staff reports on budget of magnet schools**
 - Lynn Guerriero summarized the 2019-20 Budgets for RMS and CTRA.
 - Headcount/funding is fairly flat
 - Local tuition rate will stay flat at 5,832
 - We anticipate full funding from SDE on operating funds at 10,443 but have held back some funds until we have confirmation
 - Staff reductions were made at CTRA and RMS primarily through attrition and cut back in hours
 - Expenses are up for this year primarily due to contracted salary increases, and benefit cost
 - The increase in the amount of students attending college classes has also increased that line item
 - Repairs & maintenance costs are up

5. Business Requiring Action

5a. Resolution GCMS 19-02- Connecticut River Academy SY 19-20 Budget Approval

Merilee DeJohn made the motion to approve Resolution 19-02, and Megan Mehr seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

5b. Resolution GCMS 19-03- Riverside Magnet School SY 19-20 Budget Approval

Merilee DeJohn made the motion to approve Resolution 19-02, and Eddie Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

6. Adjournment

- Jackie Jacoby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 pm. Eddie Meyer seconded. Meeting adjourned