

**RICHLAND ONE MIDDLE COLLEGE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 9, 2025**

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Dr. Erica Fields, Mrs. Tracy Dixon, Dr. Tracy Dunn, and Dr. Rob Gilmer, Dr. Mrs. Inger Ferguson, and Mr. Derrah Cassidy

Board Members Absent: Dr. Lara Anderson

ROMC Staff Present: Mrs. Teresa Niles and Dr. Carla Brabham

District Staff: Dr. Miundre Prince

Prestige Solutions Staff: Phoebe Grant (via Teams video conference)

Call to Order

Dr. Erica Fields welcomed everyone to the Board of Directors Meeting. She officially called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Invocation

The invocation was given by Mrs. Inger Ferguson.

Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Dr. Erica Fields conducted the roll call and noted a quorum.

Adoption of the Agenda (Action)

Mrs. Tracy Dixon made a motion to adopt the agenda, and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Inger Ferguson and passed unanimously.

Public Comments*

No Public Comments.

Approval of March 2025 Minutes (Action)

Dr. Erica Fields made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Tracy Dixon and passed unanimously.

Financial Reports (Information) for March

Phoebe Grant from Prestige Solutions presented the Critical Financial Metrics and Standard Financial Information for January 2025. Key highlights included:

- **Days Cash on Hand:** 322
- **Net Income:** \$187,790,.29
- **Operating Cash:** \$186,329

Financial Summary:

- **Total Assets:** \$1,433,402.38
- **Total Liabilities:** \$103,241.78
- **Total Cash and Equivalents:** 1,213,654.10
- **Total Fund Balance:** \$ \$1,330,160.60

Unfinished Business

FY 26 Budget Proposal – Second Reading

A. Second Reading of the FY 26 Budget (Action)

Phoebe Grant presented the Second Reading of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for review and discussion, outlining projected revenues and expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year. She also noted a change in district weightings, which was adjusted from **1.25%** to **1.0%**, resulting in a \$45,000 decrease in the budget.

Dr. Brabham encouraged the Board to conduct a thorough review of the proposed budget in preparation for the Second Reading before final approval.

Tracy Dixon made a motion to accept the First Reading of the proposed budget. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

FY 26 Teacher Staff Update

Dr. Brabham shared that all staff will be returning next year. We currently have 2 vacant positions (Teaching Assistant and JAG Specialist). Dr. Field made a motion to accept the recommendation as presented by Dr. Brabham. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Tracy Dixon and unanimously passed.

2025 Election Timeline Updates (Information)

Dr. Brabham reminded the Board that this is the Election year. **Richland School District One** will present a slate of five candidates for a vote, while **Midlands Technical College** will appoint two candidates for a two-year term. We will also have a parent representative on the Board.

New Business

There was no New Business.

School Update

1. Talent Show on tomorrow April 10, 2025
2. Male Empowerment Group will be traveling with Mr. Kerry Abel group to Atlanta for education tours.
3. JAG winners will participate in the National Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana this month.
4. Spring Break is April 14- 19, 2025
5. Prom is May 2, 2025, at the Cathy Novinger Leadership Building.
6. ROMC's graduation is May 23rd at 11 a.m.

Mr. Derrah Cassidy announced that MTC has appointed a new Vice President of Student Affairs, Mr. Lamar White. Mr. White is interested in meeting with Dr. Brabham and will be reaching out to arrange a meeting.

Committee Reports

No Committee Reports

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting: May 14, 2025