

CodeRVA Regional High School Board Meeting Minutes

CodeRVA Regional High School School Board Meeting January 16, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

- **Virtual**
 - Dr. Lori Harper, Amelia
 - Debbie Walwer, Colonial Heights
 - Bernard Lundy Jr., Petersburg
 - Gregory Reimer, New Kent
 - Latesha Anderson, Cumberland
- **In-Person**
 - Dr. Kume Goranson, CodeRVA
 - Marcie Shea, Henrico
 - Jeanne Wade, Powhatan
 - Dr. Sarah Tanner-Anderson, Amelia
 - Dr. Chip Jones, Cumberland County
 - Ashton Girolmo, Prince George
 - Whitney Welsh, Hanover
 - Dr. Lisa Pennycuff, Hanover
 - Rodney Tyler, Charles City
 - Lisa Hudgins, Chesterfield
 - Melody Krupnik, CodeRVA
 - Patrick Neuman, Colonial Heights
 - Mary Benjamin, Dinwiddie
 - Yolanda Brown, City of Petersburg
 - Dr. Amy Cashwell, Henrico
 - Linda Hyslop, Hopewell
 - Dr. Brian Nichols, New Kent
 - Dr. Beth Teigen, Powhatan
 - Dr. Julius Hamlin, Sussex
 - Dr. Dalphine Jopyy, Charles City
 - Dr. Belinda Merriman, Chesterfield
 - Michelle Powell, Dinwiddie

1. Call to Order

- a. Dr. Goranson called the meeting to order at 11:14 a.m.
- b. Good Morning and welcome to the January 16, 2025, CodeRVA Regional High School Board Meeting.
- c. Quorum was established.

2. Reorganization of Board

- a. Floor open for nominations of School Board Chair.

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Motion to nominate Marcie Shea as School Board Chair by Dr. Tanner-Anderson, seconded by Ms. Wade. Unanimous vote to approve, none opposed.

b. Floor open for nominations of School Board Vice-Chair.

Motion to nominate Rodney Tyler as School Board Vice-Chair by Ms. Wade, seconded by Marcie Shea. Unanimous vote to approve, none opposed.

c. Floor open for nominations of School Board Clerk.

Motion to nominate Melody Krupnik as School Board Clerk by Marcie Shea, seconded by Ms. Wade. Unanimous vote to approve, none opposed.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Agenda

b. Approval of 10/17/2024 [Minutes](#)

Motion to approve Consent Agenda & Minutes by Dr. Tanner-Anderson, seconded by Ms. Hudgins. Unanimous vote to approve, none opposed.

4. Closed Session

Motion to enter into Closed Session by Ms. Hyslop and seconded by Ms. Wade. Unanimous vote to approve, none opposed.

Motion to end closed session by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Ms. Wade. Unanimous vote to approve, none opposed.

5. Certification Statement read by Rodney Tyler

a. Read by Rodney Tyler

Motion to certify closed session by Whitney Welsh, and seconded by Ms. Hudgins. Unanimous vote to approve, none opposed.

Motion to approve personnel matters as discussed during Closed Session by Dr. Tanner-Anderson, seconded by Lisa Hudgins. Unanimous vote to approve, none opposed.

6. Public Comment

a. Dr. Goranson reported there is no public comment.

7. [Executive Director's Report](#)

a. Dr. Goranson presented the Executive Director's Report

8. Old Business

a. [Proposed Budget for 2025-26](#) (action required)

i. Once approved, seat commitment letters will be sent to divisions.

ii. In depth discussion of \$800.00 tuition increase to balance the Proposed Budget for 2025-26.

iii. The discussion led to a general consensus that further research and review of different models is worthy of consideration.

Motion to approve the budget based on the \$800.00 per student increase as presented by Ms.

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Wade, Seconded by Mr. Tyler. Unanimous vote to approve, none opposed.

9. New Business

- a. Approval of additional annual stipend for staff (action required)
 - i. Provide matching \$2500 for National Board Certified Teacher(s) from CodeRVA grant funding (teacher also receives \$2500 from VDOE)

Motion to approve the stipend by Ms. Welsh, and seconded by Ms. Wade. Unanimous vote to approve, none opposed.

- b. [School Board Calendar for 2025-26](#) (action required)

Motion to approve the School Board Calendar for 2025/2026 by Ms. Hudgins, seconded by Ms. Welsh seconded. Unanimous vote to approve, none opposed.

- c. [Facility Lease Extension](#) (action required)–Postponed

- d. Revised [Student Code of Conduct](#) Language (action required)

In response to Governor Glenn Youngkin's [Executive Order 33](#) on Cell Phone-Free Education, the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) released Cell Phone-Free Education guidance for Virginia K-12 public schools. CodeRVA Regional High School seeks to both respond to this guidance and recognize that ~~student~~ access to cell phones is a part of daily life for both students and adults ~~and other electronic devices is common in 21st century society~~; however, it is imperative that students and families ~~understand that~~ as our teachers and staff prepare students for college and/or the workforce, we want to ~~teach~~ that there are appropriate and inappropriate times for the use of such devices.

Students may possess a ~~cell mobile/smart phone, tablet, or other communications device~~ while on school property, including school buses, provided that the device remains silent and out of sight during instructional time. ~~This may include when students are working both in classrooms and open spaces. Students are to follow teacher directions to know when accessing their cell phones is permitted. Procedures may vary by teacher, and students should clarify with their teachers if they have any questions. Students are expected to display courtesy towards staff members by not interacting with their phones when an adult is speaking, much like in the workplace an employee would not use their phone while being spoken to by a supervisor. unless it is being used for instructional purposes under the direction of a teacher or school staff member.~~

A student using cell phones or other electronic devices to record anything or anyone without authorization on school property, or at school events, is strictly prohibited.

Motion to approve the Revised Student Code of Conduct Language by Ms. Hudgins, seconded by Ms. Wade. Unanimous vote to approve, none opposed.

10. Board Member Comments

- a. No Comments

11. Adjournment

- a. Marcie Shea Adjourned @ 12:23. Next Meeting: 4/10/25 @ 11:00 a.m.