



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
RMCS BOARD of DIRECTORS**  
MINUTES: February 8, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

**Location(s)**

☐ Virtual: Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89335730882?pwd=bTRWVGxibnFnUXduWEhva1lOWGRaUT09>

Meeting ID: 893 3573 0882 Password: 4z5WfS

**A. Call to Order**

Roll Call: Director Hautau called to order at 5:30pm - Directors Akognon, Lohrentz, Hautau, Matthews, Hammons, Staff: Executive Director Mannion.

**B. RMCS Mission & Vision**

Read by Dir. Matthews

**C. Public Comment**

None

**D. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve with removal of F 2 and 3, Dir. Hautau, 2nd Dir. Matthews

Aye: Directors Akognon, Lohrentz, Hautau, Matthews, Hammons

Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

**E. Board Development**

**1. Community Members - discussed inviting community members to join Board**

**F. Approve Minutes:**

1. December 7, 2022 Motion to approve: Dir. Hammons, 2nd Dir. Matthews

Aye: Directors Akognon, Lohrentz, Hautau, Matthews, Hammons

Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

2. January 11, 2023 Postponed

3. January 25, 2023 Postponed

**G. Communications**

1. Executive Director's Report: Executive Director & Superintendent Mannion reported typical January student enthusiasm in returning from break and discussed special projects such as ancient civilizations timeline, autobiographies, local field trips, music, Black History Month, and stock market game. Family and student Move-Up meetings and visits have occurred. CAASPP assessment in Spring, ELPAC assessments being completed. Enrollment season/tours full of enthusiasm. Lack of subs remains an issue. The All Employee Embracing Equity meeting will be held March 3rd. District has yet to deliver food; conversations are ongoing. River Crew continues evaluating participation and costs. Student absences are impacting daily learning experiences on campus and finances. RMF's Walk A Thon is inspiring many for fundraising.

2. Finance Report: The Finance committee will meet before our next scheduled Board meeting.

3. River Montessori Foundation Report: The Creator Faire was a financial and community success; many school families were there for the first time. The Walk-A-Thon fundraising is looking good so far.

4. Marketing Report. None

5. Facilities Report. None

**H. Items for Board Consideration**

1. Discussion & Action: Determination of Virtual Meeting, the RMCS BOD makes an original determination to host

meetings virtually after considering the 1) state of emergency and 2) the continued recommendation of state/local officials to recommend social distancing which impacts the ability of BOD members and the public to meet safely.

Motion to approve Dir. Hautau, 2nd Dir. Hammons

Aye: Directors Akognon, Lohrentz, Hautau, Matthews, Hammons

Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

2. Discussion & Action: COVID 19 update: There is still an occasional case in the community but primarily experiencing the flu/cold season and school continues to promote a symptom-free environment. Considerations for ways to support health and wellness and attendance as well as ways to let parents understand the impacts and fiscal loss when students and faculty/staff are absent.

3. Discussion & Action: Circumstances of Emergency & Continuance of AB 361 Exemptions. In person meetings the RMCS BOD makes an original determination to host meetings virtually after considering the 1) state of emergency and 2) the continued recommendation of state/local officials to recommend social distancing which impacts the ability of BOD members and the public to meet safely., until the end of February. 4. Dir. Matthews, 2nd Dir. Hautau

Aye: Directors Akognon, Lohrentz, Hautau, Matthews, Hammons

Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

5. Discussion & Action Form 700: This form needs to be filled out yearly by April 1st. Discussion, no action

6. Discussion & Action: Final Audit for SY 2021 - 22: Reminder that the final audit date was

extended. We may need a special meeting, tentatively set for 2.27.23, 5:30 p.m. if necessary.

## I. Future Agenda Items

### J. Adjournment 6:27pm

Motion: Hautau, Second: Matthews

Aye: Directors Akognon, Lohrentz, Hautau, Matthews, Hammons

Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

**Future Meeting Date(s):** Virtual Meetings: 5:30 p.m., On-Campus Meetings: 6:30 p.m. TBD pending health directives

March 8, 2023      June 28, 2023

April 12, 2023

May 10, 2023

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I, Judith Matthews, Secretary of the RMCS Board of Directors, hereby certify that these minutes were approved at the 03/08/23 RMCS Board Meeting. Electronic Signature:

Judith Matthews

Secretary, RMCS Board of Directors

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