

**RIO GALLINAS SCHOOL
GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, April 09, 2025
APPROVED MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m. by Chairman Jude Romero.

Present: Jude Romero and Richard Vigil. Gabriella Martinez present via Zoom. James Esquibel and Raymond Sanchez absent. Quorum Present. Also in attendance, Interim Director Aja Currey. Guests included Janel Williams-Salazar and Katherine Lucero.

Pledge: Led by Jude Romero.

Proof of Notice: Posted on the school webpage and office door.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Gabriella Martinez, 2nd by Richard Vigil. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: March 11, 2025: Motion by Richard Vigil, 2nd by Gabriella Martinez. Motion carried.

Discussion:

1. FY25/26 School Budget was discussed, topics included SEG increases, Cost Differential, At Risk Index cuts, 4% salary increases, 5k increase in salary amounts for teachers, and \$6,801.30 per student will be the new rate. The school budget packet is scheduled to be presented to WLVS on 05/08/2025 at their monthly school board meeting. School calendar will also follow the WLVS district calendar for the new school year. Mr. Vigil requested a special meeting to review furthermore on the budget packet.
2. Black Education Act Policy is a new statute that requires schools to adopt a policy, along with an available tip line to be added to the schools website. Staff is also required to do 90(+) minutes of training. Council reviewed draft policy and will move forward to approve in the upcoming council meeting.
3. Interim Director Aja Currey additional stipends were presented to the council for review. Ms. Currey has coordinated and supported staff through training in Structured and Disciplinary Literacy modules. Additionally, the schools Community Schools Coordinator was out on maternity leave, therefore Ms. Aja stepped into the CS Coordinators role to fulfill and successfully report as needed for the position's duties.
4. Behavior Policy update will be worked though and looked into more in depth during the end of year council retreat. Council and Ms. Currey would like to take into consideration feedback from family members. State Statutes will also need to be updated for this policy.
5. Retreat date reschedule was originally scheduled for May 31, 2025, but due to conflicting events the updated Governing Council Retreat will be tentatively scheduled for June 14,

2025.

6. Director job posting will be placed soon and open to receive applications. Ms. Currey presented to council members a Director Posting Process guide. Posting position opening for Executive Director will need to be placed as a public ad announcement on the school website, [Indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com), or newspaper. Council members would take into consideration staff survey responses also when considering a director. A special meeting would like to be held to review framework, staff surveys, and evaluations for the Interim Director. Council will notify administrative assistant Katherine Lucero for interviews as needed after the job posting 30 day limit is closed.

7. Interim Director FY25/26 extended one month contract will be needed if the council chooses to not rehire Ms. Currey for the director position. This month of July will be utilized in transitioning the newly hired director.

Action Items:

1. **Approval of BARS:** N/A
2. **Approval of Check Warrants:** Motion by Gabriella Martinez, 2nd by Richard Vigil. Motion carried.

Reports: Directors Report: Interim Director Aja Currey briefly touched base on the following items:

- Spring Budget Conference
- Kinder-2nd grade trip to the Folk Art Museum in Santa Fe
- Community Girl Scouts Recruiting Event held at the school
- Upcoming collaboration with wildlife refuge
- Successful conference open house
- Spring Testing will be completed soon
- After school literacy program will begin in June
- Collins Lake Ranch program and school involvement
- Parent Advisory Council meetings held
- WLV Finance Meeting to present budget packet and calendar for next school year
- Honoring Mr. T at Celebration of Arts and Learning, as well as Steve Leger
- IMMSA scores improved from beginning of the year

Public Comments: No public comments were held.

Future Business: N/A

Announcements:

1. WLV Finance Committee: Tuesday, May 06, 2025 @ 3:30 p.m.
2. Rio Gallinas Council Meeting: May 14, 2025 @5:30 p.m.
3. WLV School Board Meeting: Thursday, May 08, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

Action Items to be included at the next meeting:

1. Approval of Black Education Act Policy
2. Approval of updated Behavior Policy
3. Approval of Director hire and contract
4. Approval of Interim Director Aja Currey additional stipends
5. Approval of Interim Director Aja Currey FY25/26 extended one month contract

Adjourned: 6:36 p.m.

Submitted by:

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