

**River Valley Charter
School Board of
Directors Meeting
Meeting # 261 December
4, 2019 7:00 pm**

In

Attendance:

Pam Armstrong Mark
Belanger Nancy
Durkee Ali Fields
Amber Hewett Sam
Jordan (remote) Alfred
Link Catherine Martin
(remote) Jennifer
McCormack Karina
Moltz Erin Seaton

Absent: Mark Bishop, Nina
Keery

* All votes taken via roll
call

Jonnie Lyn Evans, Dan Bouchard, Deb
McCrevan

Director's Report Jonnie Lyn presented the revised
Enrollment Policy to the board.

Motion: To approve revised Enrollment Policy as presented to the Board with
inclusion of date of revisions, amendment offered for clarifying districts and towns

Discussion:

Nancy: date on the document that was sent is from 2017. Will that be changed for

current ver- sion?

JLE:

Yes.

Nancy suggested different wording to clearly define the towns that are included in the district. JLE asked for Nancy to send her the altered wording and will include it.

Mark Belanger: did the Superintendents of sending schools have any concerns or questions?

JLE: reached out to Sean Gallagher, and Brian Forgit (Triton). Forgit said he thinks kids from Rowley might come. Justin Bartholemew, of Pentucket, at first was accepting and then reached out with questions.

Mark Belanger: has transition money gone right to the towns or to the district?

JLE: in the past it has gone to the district. Erin: will the new equity law affect different towns/how we draw from different towns? JLE: not sure what demographic numbers look like yet from the different towns

JLE: reached out to Mass Public Charter School Assn to let them know, and talked with her coach (name?).

Vote: Motion: Mark

Belanger Second:

Erin Seaton

Roll call: unanimous in support

Discussion Jennifer: how is advertising usually done? JLE: flyers sent, outreach done to preschools, schools, etc. Pam: can we include new towns in the general outreach? JLE: yes, but a cover letter is needed since families and schools haven't seen the materials from RVCS before.

Amber: if we send out a press release, we create the message. We are excited to bring students from new communities into our school. Better for the message to come from us.

Alfred: tends to take the perspective of not creating an issue where there

isn't one yet

How many families are impacted? 5
kids.

Maybe JLE will reach out directly to those families to encourage them to apply again,
since they will have a better chance of being admitted.

Do families have recourse? A question for
DESE.

Motion to adjourn:

Made by: Alfred

Link 2nd: Mark

Belanger

Vote:

unanimous