

Red Barn Schoolhouse (RBS) - Governing Board (GB)
September 3, 2025

Minutes of the general meeting of the Crescent Community Schools Alliance dba Red Barn Schoolhouse Governing Board on September 3, 2025 called to order by Oamek at 9:00 am. In attendance: Oamek, Shea, Messerschmidt.

MOTION BY OAMEK to add a report of the Working Group to the agenda and approve amended agenda, seconded by Messerschmidt. All ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION BY SHEA to approve the minutes from August 20, 2025 meeting, seconded by Oamek. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion of flipbook, schedule and talking points. Flipbook will be completed by Oamek by September 8 with financial scenarios of two sites. Shea secured assistance from a graphic designer to improve the look of the flipbook to be more professional for meeting with funders. Original format, colors etc. for flipbook were never presented by the Implementation Team for Board approval. There is an interest in continuity of the brand; however, fonts, etc may be adjusted moving forward for a more professional appearance. The Board affirmed the need for prior approval by the Board of Governors of any material presented to the public before they are put into use. Messerschmidt agreed to draft a new policy on procedures of working with committees which includes review of communications in advance.

Jess Urban presented fundraising/donor update via phone concerning her work with Sasha Clifton. Go Fund Me accounts received contacts to request email addresses. An LGL form was built. Discussion concluded that this work was unnecessary since these were likely minor, one-time donations. Services should be presented to the Board prior to commencement of work. One of the funders (WF) can assist RBS in 3 ways 1) donate supplies 2) match fundraising and, or 3) pay employees to attend events. Noggle meeting in upcoming week. Meetings being set up with CBCSD School Board.

Website discussion held. Needs major revisions. Revisions and format of website will be put on hold to maintain continuity for the time being. Board expressed an interest in contacting Marcus again for input on format options.

MOTION BY SHEA TO TABLE APPROVAL OF HIRING POLICIES until next meeting, seconded by Messerschmidt. All ayes. Motion carried.

Report on Working Group was presented by Cynthia Gehrie. Working Group is meeting in natural areas to inspire approaches from the perspective of curriculum, nature, art and community experts. Four meetings have been conducted to date. The State Archeologist (retired) of Nebraska will meet with RBS Board of Governors, Working Group, and the HNC Education Coordinator at Hitchcock Nature Center on September 8 to discuss the possibility of a joint event with Hitchcock featuring State Archaeologist.

MOTION BY SHEA to adjourn, seconded by Oamek. All ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNED at noon.