



Ripon Grammar School Governors

Full Governing Board Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday 13th May 2025
MS Teams

1. Attendees and Apologies

Chair welcomed all to the meeting – and thanked all for attending this additional meeting to approve the start budget

In attendance Vicki Barton Brown (VBB), Matthew Bean (MB), Tom Cavell-Taylor (TCT), Adele, Laurie-Wilson (ALW), Siny Jayan (SJ) Eric Medway (EM), Rob O'Hare (ROH), Victoria Pang (VP), Jonathan Webb (JMW), Elizabeth Jarvis (EJ), David Winspear (DW)

Apologies were received from Peter von Hoven

No new declarations of interest were made.

2. To review the start budget 2025/2026 and receive recommendation from F&P Committee for Approval

The chair thanked the finance team as well as members of the F&P committee for their work in preparing the start budget – and for the detailed scrutiny that had taken place to enable a recommendation to be made. GL and ROH presented the key points and assumptions.

Detailed discussion around the assumptions and risks occurred – noting the projected expansion in student numbers being a key to enabling the projected year deficit to be reduced along with the assumed 3% uplift in funding.

All attendees agreed with a recommendation, and the budget was unanimously approved. It was noted that the F&P committee will continue to monitor the budget throughout the year, with monthly budget monitoring reports. Financial scrutiny will continue, and engagement with NYC will continue.

Governors noted that the budget would be submitted with the predicted deficit – this will be noted by NYC – but review will occur in December when the budget needs to be resubmitted – at which point a decision re the need to complete an application for a deficit license will be made.

The financial recovery plan is based on an increase in numbers of students on role – the benefit of which will not be seen until after the October census (2025).

16. Any Other Business

None raised in advance.

17. Date of Next Meeting

Confirmed: Wednesday, 16 July 2025

18. Meeting Closure

The meeting closed at 20:05.