

**Rocklin Academy Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting Held at 6532 Turnstone Way, Room 36
6:30 p.m. September 2, 2008**

RA Board Members and Staff Present:

Voting Members: Chairwoman Wendy Boyd, Executive Director Dr. David Patterson, Steven Carney, Jeff Nicolaysen, and Stephen Siler.

Non-Voting Members: Pat Teilh, and Jillayne Antoon

Staff: Mary Decker, Robin Stout, and Melissa Tritle

RA Board Members Absent: None

Visitors: Diana Higashi, Barbara Jones, Megan West, and Wendy Lang

I. Call to Order: Wendy Boyd, Chairwoman at 6:45 p.m.

II. Introduction of New Teachers:

New Teachers introduced themselves and discussed briefly their background and the current grade they were teaching for the 2008-2009 school year. New teachers in attendance were Mary Jo Barrett, Heather Donovan, Megan Dresser, Nicole Guaglianone, Wendy Mitchell, Claudia Pineiro, Laura Regan, Laura Russ, Keri Reno, and Jennifer Williams.

III. Hearing of Visitors: None

IV. Board Member Comments:

Steve Carney thanked the Parent Partnership Committee for their efforts in the special study session earlier in the evening and for launching a great start in development standards.

V. Consent Agenda:

V. (a) Enrollment Update was approved. Patterson/Carney (5-0)

V. (b) Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2008 were approved. Patterson/Carney (5-0)

V. (c) Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2008 were approved. Patterson/Carney (5-0)

V. (d) The New Hire Ratification of the Spanish Teacher, Claudia Pineiro was approved. Patterson/Carney (5-0)

VI. Administration Report

VI (a) State Budget Update:

Executive Director Patterson reported his increased concern regarding the State Budget. He will continue to monitor the situation.

VI (b) Rocklin Academy (Meyers Street) Grant:

Executive Director Patterson stated that the paperwork for the final payment of more than \$200,000.00 in the Charter School Startup grant has been processed. Board Chair, Wendy Boyd inquired regarding the timeline for receipt of funds and Patterson responded that the timeline was approximately three to six weeks.

VII. Information/Action:

VII (a) Adopt Parent Partnership Standards:

Vice Principals Mary Decker and Robin Stout facilitated the discussion of Parent Partnership Standards. Teachers, Board Members, administrators, and parents prepared responses to reflective questions before the meeting and discussed these responses in groups, ultimately reaching a shared understanding of the intent, meanings, and ramifications of the standards.

The next steps include:

Clarify language of standards, including definitions of key terms

Request parent and faculty input

Identify evidence that demonstrates certain standards are currently in place

Adopt the standards

Develop goals aligned with the adopted standards

The Board will then discuss implementation of the goals.

Vice Principals Stout and Decker and Parent-School partnership Committee Chairperson Megan West will continue work on the standards and the next steps. Further reports will be provided to the Board within a month.

VII (b) WSCA Update/Approval of WSCA Appeal to Placer County Office of Education:

Executive Director Dr. David Patterson discussed the status of the WSCA appeal. He referred the Board to the Statement of Reasons for Denial from RUSD and the press release regarding the denial. He reported that audio hearings will be available to the Board Members.

Rocklin Academy legal counsel Paul Minney, Executive Director Patterson, Board Member Carney and consultant Helen Wallquist met with County Superintendent Gayle Garbolino-Mojica and the Chief Administrative Officer Keith Bray the day after the denial to discuss the appeal process, including a timeline for submitting the appeal. At this point the Special Ed Language is the only issue that appears to be in flux. The public hearing is in October and action by the Placer County Board of Education should take place at the November Board Meeting. Patterson considers time wise, that WSCA is in reasonably good shape. If there is a delay and it becomes necessary to appeal to the State then there is a potential issue with timing in regards to the agenda for the Advisory Committee and the State Board Meeting Agendas.

The WSCA Planning Committee met on August 24, 2008. The committee recommended the appeal be pursued immediately. The committee also discussed the need for sufficient planning time to open WSCA in 2009. Based on this discussion, the Planning Committee recommended that the Rocklin Academy Board make a go – no go decision in November to begin significant preparation for a 2009 opening, even if the County Board process is not complete or if we will need to appeal to the state for approval.

Board Member Nicolaysen inquired regarding the cost effect of moving forward with the assumption and asked about the risks involved.

Patterson replied that the investment in time and development will still have value the following year and that it is not a risk of investing time and energy and having no return, but having a deferred return. The WSCA Planning Committee will be preparing a report and recommendations for the Board in November that discuss these issues.

Action Taken: Jeff Nicolaysen moved to submit the appeal. Steve Carney seconded. (5-0)

VIII. (c) School Wide Goals and Action Plans:

Vice-Principal (Meyers campus) Mary Decker reported that the RA Administration had a goal setting day on August 14, 2008 facilitated by Steve Carney with teachers, parents and staff members. The TASA results, STAR test results and Spring Surveys were distributed and data and trends were discussed throughout the day. On behalf of the

administration and faculty, Decker asked that four school-wide goals be adopted by the Board.

- By spring 2009 100% of Rocklin Academy students will be proficient or advanced in measurement and geometry on the CST.
- By spring 2009 100% of Rocklin Academy students will be proficient or advanced in literary response and analysis on the CST.
- By the end of the 2008-2009 school year 80% of Rocklin Academy students surveyed will respond that they have not been bullied at school this year.
- By the end of the 2008-2009 school year 80% of Rocklin Academy families surveyed will respond positively to survey questions regarding communication about student achievement.

Action Taken: Patterson moved that the goals be adopted with a request that the Board receive report on a regular basis and also that the Board be informed of how they can assist in terms of the educational process. Jeff Nicolaysen seconded. (5-0)

Additional Board Comments:

Executive Director David Patterson announced that the API scores have been released and Rocklin Academy's score was 942 which is the highest in the district as well as the county and is the highest in four surrounding counties.

Board Chairwoman Wendy Boyd announced that the next meeting will be at the Meyer's campus. She commented that RA is on track with the API scores and that the RA is moving from a good organization to a great one.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Alldredge