

**Rocklin Academy Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting Held at 5035 Meyers Street, Library
6:30 p.m. Monday, August 17, 2009**

RA Board Members and Staff Present:

Voting Members: Chairwoman Wendy Boyd, Executive Director, Dr. David Patterson, Stephen Siler, Roy Beckhorn, Jarrett Black, and Melissa Garrido.

Voting Members Absent: Jeff Nicolaysen

Non-Voting Members: Jillayne Antoon, Amy Alford and Melissa Whitney.

Staff: Donja Garvey

Visitors: Kathleen Doer, Stephanie Loureiro, Bruce Cotter and Ed Keller.

I. Call to Order: Wendy Boyd, Chairwoman at 6:32

II. Closed Session

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 6:33.

Open Session was reconvened at 7:15.

III. Action Taken in Closed Session: None

IV. Hearing of Visitors: None

V. Board Member Comments:

Roy Beckhorn: He toured the Western Sierra campus and felt that the energy was high and was impressed with what was being done.

Melissa Garrido: Having a seventh grader go through registration at Western Sierra and then attending back to school night at Turnstone, Melissa shared the same sentiments regarding the high energy.

Jarrett Black: Black also toured the facility and was impressed with the progress he has seen since June.

Chairwoman Boyd: Boyd felt there was positive feedback all around and WS was off to a good start.

VI. Consent Agenda

- a. Enrollment Update – Turnstone, Meyers, Western Sierra
- b. Minutes of July 20, 2009
- c. Minutes of August 3, 2009
- d. Monthly Expenditures (May, June, July)
- e. Ratification of MOU with CDE (Western Sierra)
- f. Parent/Student Handbook (7-9)

Item VI(f) was tabled.

Item VI(c) was removed from the consent agenda and approved with one amendment. Patterson/Beckhorn (7-0, Siler abstained)

Items VI(a), VI(b), VI(c), and VI(d) were approved. Patterson/Siler (4-0).

VII. Administration Report

(a) Executive Director – Dr. Patterson

Patterson acknowledged the enormous amount of work that has occurred at all the sites and extended his thanks to parents, and staff.

(b) Director of Education/Western Sierra Principal – Steven Carney

Principal Carney was unable to attend due to the Registration Day and other opening activities occurring at Western Sierra. His report was tabled.

(c) Director of Development – Donja Garvey

There were no verbal updates to Ms. Garvey's report

(d) Chief Financial Officer (CFO) – Melissa Tritle

Ms. Tritle was unable to attend the board meeting due to other RA/WS business. Her report was tabled.

VIII. PSP Report

Turnstone: Turnstone PSP reported that the Meet the Teacher event was a huge success. PSP had signups for almost every committee. They are working on the Harvest Carnival for October 16 and also discussing spirit wear with Donja Garvey. RA will be using the eagle mascot and the colors of green and gold. The tracking system that Western Sierra is using might be utilized by Turnstone for the same processes. PSP approved their donations to the teachers.

Meyers: Meyers PSP will be sponsoring a dinner and silent auction with the “Evening in Tuscany” theme. August 29th PSP will host a brainstorming session. PSP members will be available to meet with parents on the first day of school and also on Back to School Night.

Western Sierra: Western Sierra PSP President Daksha Shah, was participating in registration night and unable to attend.

IX. Information/Action

(a) Budget Update

CFO Melissa Tritle was attending other RA business and unable to attend. Executive Director Patterson discussed with the Board, the severity of the budget cuts and discussed cash flow issues. There were very large gaps in revenue. Many areas were hard hit, including schools. In the coming year education runs the risk of mid-year cuts. Patterson discussed a CCSA article analyzing the budget revisions. He also discussed the Rocklin Academy reserves and the plans to use those judiciously. The Charter School Development Center will be holding a two day workshop October 5th and 6th. The information on this workshop will be distributed electronically.

(b) Long Term Housing Agreement, MOU, FUA for 2009-2010

RA is still in the process of negotiating the MOU/FUA for 2009-10. There has been closure on all but one issue. Patterson will be meeting with the district August 18 to discuss pro rata sharing of the library donation, and the computer replacement fund. It was agreed upon that RA was to subsidize the libraries at Ruhkala and Rocklin Elementary, as well as contribute towards the upgrade of equipment. RUSD has not followed through on this commitment. As a cost cutting measure, RA proposed that they facilitate their own janitorial needs. This issue was not well received by the district.

(c) Prop 39 Facilities Request WS – 2010-2011

Although a two year lease has been signed with Sierra Christian, it is still necessary to apply for Prop 29 funds. The date to submit the application for such is November 1. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the application.

(d) RA Suspension and Expulsion Policy and Procedures

The State Board requires that all schools adopt their suggested Suspension and Expulsion Policy. This policy was adopted for both Rocklin Academy and Western Sierra. Siler/Beckhorn (6-0)

(e) Annual Calendar/Pending Agenda

The following items were added to the pending agenda: SARC, Expenditure Reports, Advisory Structure Standing Committees, and School Wide Goal Setting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Alldredge