

Rocklin Academy Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting Held at 6880 Destiny Drive, Room 305
6:30 p.m. Monday, July 19, 2010

RA Board Members and Staff Present:

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

Voting Members Absent: Jeff Nicolaysen

Non-Voting Members: Melissa Whitney

Staff: Steven Carney, Donja Garvey

Visitors: Sylvia Mirsch, Diana Higashi

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35.

II. Hearing of Visitors: None

III. Board Member Comments

Jarrett Black: Participated in the interviews for board positions and was struck by the talent pool in the school and how many of the parents from Western Sierra had children whose lives were changed by attending WS.

Wendy Boyd: Three people were nominated to serve on the Audit Committee and the auditors would like to pre meet with the committee. She announced that Roy Beckhorn and Jillayne Antoon would no longer be serving on the Board. She recognized their time efforts and contributions.

IV. Consent Agenda

- a. Enrollment Update
- b. Minutes of April 19, 2010
- c. Minutes of June 17, 2010
- d. Minutes of June 21, 2010
- e. May Expenditures
- f. Revised Annual Calendars 2010-2011
- g. Ratification of New Hires

Item IV(d) was pulled from the agenda. The consent agenda was approved Patterson/Beckhorn (6-0.) Item II(d) was approved with an addition of the retreat date of October 16 listed on page 3. Garrido/Beckhorn 6-0

III. Administration Report

- a. Executive Director – Dr. Patterson**
- b. Director of Education/Western Sierra Principal – Steven Carney**
- c. Director of Development – Donja Garvey**
- d. Committee Updates**
 - ii. Strategic Planning Committee – Roy Beckhorn**
 - iii. Western Sierra Facility Planning Committee – Jeff Nicolaysen**

Verbal Updates:

Dr. Patterson: Reinforced the appreciation for the work done by the Director of Development, Donja Garvey and the PSPs in launching the Annual Giving Campaign.

Donja Garvey: The Annual Giving Campaign was launched and the website is working. Ms. Garvey displayed the new ad to be featured in the Placer Herald for the “Best of the Best Awards” featuring Best Principal, Robin Stout, and best teachers Mary McGown and Tammy Penney.

VI. PSP Report

Turnstone: Will have spirit wear coming soon and the principal will encourage the kids to use the shirts on field trips.

Western Sierra: They are finalizing their operational policies and procedures to be submitted to the Operations Committee at the end of the month. They are also working on enhancements to the snack bar and launching the new spirit wear.

VII. Information/Action

(a) Parent Handbook K-6

No substantive changes were made and the 2010-2011 Parent Handbook was approved.
Patterson/Beckhorn 6-0

(b) Parent Handbook 7-12

Faculty, staff and parents will be reviewing the handbook and Principal Carney will take their input back to the Operations Committee. Roy Beckhorn would like a tighter definition of what a “closed campus” is. He would like a clarification on the difference of missing a half day versus a whole day. He also had concerns regarding the language relating to law enforcement’s role in

school safety on page 19. The handbook was approved with revised language coming back to the Board in September. Garrido/Black 5-1

(c) Update of the MOU and FUA with RUSD

The issue currently being addressed is Special Education services. Discussion regarding shared space still needs to be added and this will take place in August.

(d) Decision Matrix

The Decision Matrix was reviewed and revisions were made to clarify some items. It was suggested that students be added as stakeholders as well as a “community” stakeholder. Patterson recommended “other stakeholders” be added to the matrix to include any others. This item will come back to the Board in September.

(e) Board Selection

Chairwoman Boyd commented on the important addition of the teacher members to the Board and how they have been a valuable asset. The process for selection of teacher members this year started with an application, which was forwarded to all faculty and staff. There were no concerns from anyone. Scott Crosson, Heather Donovan and Melissa Whitney were appointed to the Board of Directors as Teacher Members for 2010-11. Beckhorn/Black 6-0 The teachers will begin their term at the August board meeting. Beckhorn suggested a student member be added to the Board Dr. Patterson relayed Principal Carney’s suggestion that the student serve on the Operations Committee at WSCA.

Chairwoman Boyd thanked Diana Higashi for serving as the chair on the selection committee for the new board member. She commented that all work was done in a timely fashion and she appreciated her efforts. The candidates for the pool of potential members were amazing. Three candidates were recommended and the Board agreed to bring Doug Johnson forward for appointment as a Board Member for 2010-11 at the August meeting. (Patterson recused himself from this item to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest.)

(f) Budget Update

Patterson expressed his rising level of concern that this will be a long summer with no movement by any party in a substantive way and shared three articles that dealt with the state budget crisis.

(g) MOU with Sierra College

As Western Sierra starts interacting with colleges and universities, they will join the rest of the high schools in Placer County in signing an MOU with Sierra College that ensures that students receive a-g coursework and take early assessments which will eliminate any need for remediation when they graduate. Sierra College will commit to bypass any assessments and give

the students an enrollment path to California State University, Sacramento. A motion was made to enter into the MOU with Sierra College. Garrido/Black 6-0

VIII. Closed Session

Closed Session was called to order at 8:50

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:43

Action taken in Closed Session: None

Open Session was adjourned at 10:44

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Alldredge