

**Rocklin Academy Board of Directors Minutes  
Meeting Held at 660 Menlo Drive  
Monday, December 12, 2011**

**RA Board Members and Staff Present:**

**Members Present:** Chairwoman Wendy Boyd, Stephen Siler, Jarrett Black, Melissa Garrido, Doug Johnson, Margaret Broussard (arrived 7:10 p.m.), and Rick Miller

**Members Absent:** ~~Margaret Broussard arrived at 7:10 p.m.~~

**Staff Present:** Superintendent David Patterson, Principal Robin Stout, Principal Chip Kling, Jillayne Antoon, Brigid Perakis, and Scott Crosson

**Visitors:** Jessica Connors, Wendy Lang, Thom Gilbert, Kim Dvorak, Sylvia Mirsch, Mike and Cami De Bartolli, and Jen Suoto

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30

**II. Hearing of Visitors:** None

**III. Auditor Presentation**

The 20010-11 Audit was accepted by the Board. Siler/Garrido (6-0)

**IV. Board Member Comments**

Doug Johnson and ~~Melissa Garrido~~ chaperoned the Western Sierra Dance on December 8<sup>th</sup> and enjoyed it.

Melissa Garrido attended the Western Sierra awards ceremony and especially appreciated the students being recognized not only for their academic achievements, but for their character.

Wendy Boyd congratulated Robin Stout and Jillayne Antoon for the Rocklin Academy Meyers charter renewal. She also attended the Rocklin Academy Parent Information Night and was impressed by the presentation and pleased to see over 300 people in the audience. She thanked Eric Premack for the workshop he lead with the Board of Directors.

**V. Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes of June 29, 2011
- b. Minutes of November 14, 2011
- c. Expenditures for October, 2011
- d. Enrollment: Rocklin Academy Turnstone, Rocklin Academy Meyers, and Western Sierra Collegiate Academy

- e. Rocklin Academy K-6 Admissions Policy and Enrollment Preferences

Items V(a) and V(b) were approved with amendments. Miller/Garrido (6-0)

The consent agenda was approved. Johnson/Miller (6-0)

## **VI. Administration Reports**

Verbal Updates:

Superintendent Patterson added his congratulations on the Rocklin Academy Meyers charter renewal.

Principal Robin Stout acknowledged PSP's support with helping the administration, parents, students, teachers and staff for their work on the ISP's. Tardies have been reduced by 90% at Turnstone and 50% at Meyers. Absences have been reduced by 30-32%. Students celebrated by wearing perfect attendance bracelets and an extra recess.

Principal Chip Kling thanked Scott Crosson for his help at the dances. He has been instrumental in those activities. The bell system is in place and the staff has started tracking the tardies. They have had many helpers after school helping clean up as their consequence for being tardy. There is a winter choir performance December 19<sup>th</sup>, and Mrs. Dayton has formally invited everyone to attend.

Brigid Perakis is finalizing the installment of a security system at Western Sierra.

## **VI. PSP, Committee and ASB Reports**

Meyers PSP: Had a joint event with Turnstone at the IMAX theatre. They sold 140 tickets and the students and families enjoyed it.

Western Sierra PSP: There is a dance and spirit rally on December 15<sup>th</sup>. High schoolers will be going to San Francisco for an ice-skating trip the 18<sup>th</sup>. Basketball will be starting soon.

Western Sierra ASB: Students are selling hot chocolate in the mornings as a fundraiser. There is a canned food and sock drive. Students are encouraged to wear crazy socks to promote the fundraiser.

## **VII. Information/Action**

### **a. Adoption of Revised Budget & First Interim Report**

There were a small number of non-material changes. Upon approval, the report will be submitted to Barbara Patterson at RUSD. The Board approved a motion to include the First Interim Report and the most up to date adjustments with the schedule and revised budget. Garrido/Johnson (7-0)

### **b. Update on Student Achievement Goals for Rocklin Academy Turnstone, Rocklin Academy Meyers Street and Western Sierra**

Data from the end of year assessments was reviewed by the Board. The results were compared to other schools within the Placer County, as well as the average scores for California. The results showed current proficiency levels of students in Literary Response and Analysis, and Algebra and Functions. Information was also provided about strategies being implemented by grade level. The teams continue to work towards the school-wide goals. It was requested that more information regarding students with IEP's be brought to the board for analysis. This agenda item will return at the January board meeting.

**c. Annual Performance Report for Rocklin Academy Turnstone and Meyers 2010-2011**

The 2010-11 Annual Performance Report was adopted. Black/Siler (7-0). Wendy Lang requested more data be reported on the comparisons for ELL students, which will be provided in a revised report. The current version of the report will be submitted to Rocklin Unified School District in accordance with the deadline in the charters.

**d. Strategic Planning Presentation – First Presentation**

The Board reviewed the outlines of the proposed revised Mission, Vision, and Core Beliefs along with Rocklin Academy's proposed 5-year Strategic Plan. Chairwoman Boyd expressed her appreciation for the work done by the Strategic Planning Committee, and requested that the mission statement be re-visited. This item will return at the January board meeting for further review and possible adoption.

**e. Update on Building “College Bound” Culture at Western Sierra**

The high school transcripts are now ready, and training on the Naviance program starts December 13<sup>th</sup>. On January 30<sup>th</sup> there will be a college information night where students can get detailed information about where they stand with graduation requirements and college entrance requirements. Superintendent Patterson has been meeting with the Junior class and discussing with them their college goals and plans. The new ASB advisor Lindsay Greene is working on decorating the hallways with college “themes.” Another college visit will occur in January. There will be a second college information night in February regarding college aid ACT, SAT tests and essays. Teacher corrected essays will be completed by the students by the beginning of their senior year. The Senior Year Committee is planning graduation activities.

**f. Western Sierra Grading Policy**

The Western Sierra Grading Policy was approved and will be put in the handbook and updated annually with board approval to allow flexibility each year. The administrator will have flexibility with interpretation in consultation with the Operations Committee and reporting back to the Board. Broussard/Garrido (7-0)

**g. Western Sierra Building Update**

The building update will be completed as soon as possible. Board Member Peggy Broussard requested that the financial update be included as well.

**h. Parent Volunteer Hours – Second Presentation**

The outreach to families regarding the parent volunteer hours issue has been completed. The board moved to change the policy to require parents with students at one or more Rocklin Academy schools to volunteer 45 hours. Miller/Broussard (7-0) This item will be brought back to the Board in January for discussion of additional modifications to the policy.

**i. Review /Action Regarding Operations, Audit and Finance Committee**

The Board directed members Peggy Broussard and Melissa Garrido to start recruitment of the Finance Committee. Advertisements in the Wednesday Weekly will occur and Garrido and Broussard will bring back the revised changes to the charge in the committee as well as recommendations for potential membership.

**j. Report on Current Technology Infrastructure and Plan for Addressing Perception Goal for Rocklin Academy Turnstone and Rocklin Academy Meyers**

Board member Doug Johnson lead a review of the technology infrastructure at all Rocklin Academy schools. He is working on establishing a committee to work on identifying such needs. Board member Jarrett Black volunteered to serve on the committee. Johnson will talk with the Principals and Superintendent Patterson.

The board adjourned to closed session at 10:01 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 11:12 p.m.

Action Taken in Closed Session: None

Open Session was adjourned at 11:13 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Nicole Alldredge**