

**Rocklin Academy Board of Directors Minutes  
Meeting Held at 660 Menlo Drive  
Monday, November 14, 2011**

**RA Board Members and Staff Present:**

**Members Present:** Chairwoman Wendy Boyd, Stephen Siler, Jarrett Black, Melissa Garrido, Doug Johnson, Rick Miller and Margaret Broussard

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Robin Stout, Chip Kling, Jillayne Antoon, Brigid Perakis, Scott Crosson and Melissa Whitney

**Visitors:** Alicia Wagner, Nate Pomeroy, Beth Dixon, Angel Call, Miken Dayton, Scott Peterson, Sylvia Miersch, and Kim Dvorak

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:32

**II. Hearing of Visitors:** None

**III. Board Member Comments**

Jarrett Black attended the Chinese Inauguration Ceremony and was very impressed.

Melissa Garrido attended the cross county meet held at Rocklin Academy, and also the Chinese Inauguration Ceremony.

Doug Johnson attended the Western Sierra Band & Choir Concert and enjoyed the music.

Wendy Boyd also enjoyed the Western Sierra Band & Choir Concert held on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**IV. Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes of October 7, 2011
- b. Expenditures for September and First Quarter Fiscal Report
- c. Enrollment: Rocklin Academy Turnstone, Rocklin Academy Meyers, and Western Sierra
- d. Ratification of Hires

Item IV(b) was pulled and approved with an amendment. Johnson, Miller, 6-0, (Broussard abstained) The consent agenda was approved. Miller Johnson 7-0.

**V. Administration Reports**

Dr. Patterson acknowledged Peggy Kao, Wendy Lin, Miken Dayton and Nicole Alldredge for their work on the Chinese Inauguration Ceremony.

Principal Kling is looking forward to finishing Phase II of the building project. They are currently working through ADA issues.

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

Meyers PSP: The group is currently working for a joint campus IMAX event planned for December 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm.

Western Sierra PSP: The dances were a success and there was lots of volunteer participation. Recently the PSP secured the Hornblower Yacht for the Junior Prom. More granite tiles have been ordered for the front of the building for those who chose to participate in the donation program. The Naviance software will be introduced once the Powerschool information has been modified. Chairwoman Boyd asked that the idea of “tracking” students once they leave for college, as well as ACT/SAT information, college career planning and the Naviance software situation be addressed at the next board meeting.

Western Sierra Operations Committee: The committee is currently hashing out the last details of the grading policy. They will report back at the next board meeting.

Western Sierra ASB: The dances were a huge success and the students were very appreciative of all the effort of the volunteers.

## **VII. Information/Action**

### **a. Parent Volunteer Hours/Update on Proposed Changes**

The process for outreach to stakeholders to obtain their input regarding proposed changes to the Parent Volunteer Policy has begun. Stakeholders will be encouraged via the Wednesday Weekly and WSCA Newsletter to participate in the online survey.

### **b. Retreat Core Values**

Last month the Board participated in a two day retreat held at Western Sierra, facilitated by Steven Carney. The Board adopted five core value statements as developed by the Board of Directors to drive the focus of student achievement for the Rocklin Academy Schools.  
Broussard/Black 7-0

### **c. Strategic Planning**

The newly adopted core values will be incorporated into the current strategic plan proposal. This item will return to the board at the December meeting.

### **d. Upcoming Special Budget Workshop and Initial Review of First Interim Budget Report**

A special board budget workshop has been scheduled for December 1, 2011 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Charter schools expert Eric Premack, Director for the Charter School Development Center will be conducting.

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

District Registrar, Donna Walsh led the Board through the changes to the admissions policy and enrollment preferences. Changes regarding transitional Kindergarten are not being submitted at this time; and if changes are made, the policy will be amended. This item will return as consent item at the December meeting. All questions can be addressed to Mrs. Walsh.

**f. Advisory Panel Framework – Selection Process**

Due to a recently approved structure where the Board is supported by expert, teacher and student advisors, Administration recommended the practice of having three teachers directly supporting the work of the Board. The Board approved the process of outreach and recruitment, and this work is to begin as soon as possible. Miller/Garrido 7-0

The role of student advisor(s) was discussed and it was decided that this position would return for discussion at the January board meeting.

**g. Update on Charter Renewal for Rocklin Academy Meyers Street**

The date for final action on the renewal of the Rocklin Academy charter has been extended to December 7, 2011. This extension was mutually agreed upon in order to allow sufficient time for RUSD to review updated financial information that is relevant to the renewal and the ongoing Prop 39 in-lieu negotiations. Board member Rick Miller suggested a compact with RUSD in the recruitment and outreach area and Peggy Broussard asked to see the enrollment projections at Rocklin Elementary.

**h. Creation of a Finance Committee**

In light of the increased complexity of the Rocklin Academy organization and the challenges created by state funding cuts, administration proposed the creation of the Board Finance Committee. The Board approved the authorization of the Superintendent and the Business/Personnel Manager to work with the existing Audit Committee to develop a charge and proposed membership of the committee for board consideration. Johnson/Miller 7-0

Closed session was called to order at 10:18 ~~a.m.~~ p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 11:15 ~~a.m.~~ p.m.

Action Taken in Closed Session: None

Open Session was adjourned at 11:16 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Nicole Alldredge**