

**Rocklin Academy Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Held at 660 Menlo Drive**  
**Monday, July 18, 2011**

**RA Board Members and Staff Present:**

**Voting Members:** Chairwoman Wendy Boyd, Executive Director David Patterson, Stephen Siler, Jarrett Black, Melissa Garrido and Doug Johnson

**Voting Members Absent:** Jeff Nicolaysen

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Scott Crosson, Melissa Whitney

**Visitors:** Kamber Alldredge, Kim Dvorak, Sylvia Mirsch, Lisa Dye, Larry Salerno, Brigid Perakis

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

**II. Hearing of Visitors:**

Sylvia Mirsch asked if the CEF matter had been resolved and Chairwoman Boyd confirmed that it will be on the next agenda. Mirsch also inquired about the Western Sierra Calendar. The administration is currently working on it and it will come to the Board for approval.

Scott Crosson is excited that the Western Sierra Collegiate Academy ASB is already meeting and ready for the coming year.

**III. Board Member Comments**

Wendy Boyd introduced Chip Kling, the new Western Sierra Principal, Brigid Perakis, Business and Personnel Manager and also Larry Salerno, Construction Project Manager/Inspector.

Melissa Whitney was happy with the Board Selection Committee. All the top candidates were wonderful. Jarrett and Mark did a great job, and it was very professional.

Melissa Garrido was able to attend the Western Sierra D.C. trip over Memorial Day Weekend. She was with the students as they sat 20 rows away from President Obama speaking. She donated the picture of the students in front of the capital for the school.

Scott Crosson enjoyed the jam-packed itinerary for the D.C. trip as well. The tour guide commented that the Western Sierra kids and parents were wonderful. The students were able to tour the Washington Monument, the Capitol, and Arlington Cemetery. He is excited about the teacher interviews and the new transition at Western Sierra.

Jarrett Black commented that it was interesting to see the depth and breadth of talent in the organization from the standpoint of a parent.

#### **IV. Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes of May 16, 2011**
- b. Minutes of June 6, 2011 Special Meeting**
- c. Minutes of June 13 , 2011Special Meeting**
- d. Minutes of June 15, 2011**
- e. Expenditures Report (June)**
- f. Ratification of Hires**
- g. Turnstone/Meyers School Calendar**

Items c and d were approved with amendments, and the consent agenda was passed. Patterson Boyd/6-0.

#### **V. Administration Report- Executive Director – Dr. Patterson**

##### Verbal Updates:

Patterson reminded the Board about the Concert in the Park event, and also the Best of the Best Awards Night, at which Rocklin Academy and Western Sierra will receive four awards. Patterson noted the tremendous work the volunteers have offered during the move. They were professional and well organized. Angela Ziegler, Maria Frasier and Kim Dvorak are phenomenal ladies. Patterson recently acquired 300 theatre seats worth 30-60K for under \$1,000. He also testified recently in front of the legislature regarding charter schools.

#### **VI. PSP Report**

Western Sierra: Kim Dvorak reported that the Western Sierra fireworks booth made \$5,000. The PSP is focusing on recruitment and having a summer board meeting, discussing spirit wear and upcoming dances.

#### **VII. Information/Action**

##### **(a) Western Sierra Facility Update**

The Board has been receiving regular reports regarding the construction on the 660 Menlo building. Everything is on-schedule. Larry Salerno is ensuring that Rocklin Academy is represented, and is in charge of the quality assurance and control built into the project. He updates the administration once a week. The demolition is complete and the structural engineer is pleased. Wendy Boyd will do an “in the loop” during the coming week. Dave acknowledged Kim Dvorak’s participation in all the work.

##### **(b) Western Sierra Recruitment Update**

Thousands of flyers have been distributed by students. Patterson reminded the board members to participate in this as well. A full page ad just ran in all the Gold Country Media newspapers thanking parents and students for their votes for the Best of the Best awards. The Blue Oaks Theatre has been running the large screen ads and Western Sierra also had a ½ page, upscale glossy add in the local Style Magazine. Other areas worked on are: the QR Code application,

iPad campaign, WSCA facebook page, Student facebook page, direct mailing campaign, Rocklin Chamber of Commerce E-blast and City of Rocklin video. Wendy Boyd suggested a Western Sierra open house.

**(c) Update on MOU & FUA Draft**

Wendy Boyd will scheduling a meeting with RUSD.

**(d) Annual Survey**

This is still a work in progress and a draft email to families will go out by the end of the week.

**(e) Meyers Charter Update**

Attorneys will have their feedback to administration by the end of the week, with areas that need current language in such as the suspension and expulsion narratives. This item will come before the Board in August. Doug Johnson will also review the charter document.

**(f) Board Committee Selection Report**

It is clear that there was an excellent pool of candidates, and the top three of nine have been selected. Only two slots will be filled and it is the consensus of the Board that many of these candidates should be utilized as members or heads of other committees. The next discussion will occur in the open session of the next board meeting where the selection will be made.

**(g) RA Bylaws Update**

A change in the law, (AB 1233), governing California non-profit corporations, requires Rocklin Academy to make changes to the structure of the Board of Directors and the bylaws. The law no longer allows non-voting board members, and Rocklin Academy currently has three non-voting teacher members. To ensure teacher participation, the role of Special Advisor is being considered. Patterson will seek legal advice.

A motion was made to remove the language in the bylaws regarding teacher non-voting members. Siler/Patterson 6-0

The Board will give direction to the Strategic Planning Committee that there will be special advisors for faculty and other advisors who have expertise or interest in serving, but not as board members. Further discussion will ensue regarding the concept of term limits, number of years of service, and appropriate representations for each campus. Chairwoman Boyd created an ad hoc committee of Scott Crosson, Melissa Whitney and Heather Donovan. The board ratified the same. Patterson/Garrido 6-0.

**Adjourned at 8:20**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Nicole Alldredge**