

Rocklin Academy Board Meeting Minutes

****Special Meeting ****

Meeting Held at 660 Menlo Drive

6:30 p.m., Monday, September 10, 2012

RA Board Members and Staff Present:

Voting Members: Chairman Doug Johnson, Melissa Garrido, Doug Johnson, Peggy Broussard, Nate Pomeroy, Adam Schwarz and David George

Voting Members Absent: None

Visitors: Jake Rosenburg, Wendy Lang, Jerry Azevedo, Kim Dvorak and Diana Higashi

Staff Present: Phil Spears, Brigid Perakis, Miken Dayton,

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

II. Hearing of Visitors:

Kim Dvorak shared that there would be a pancake breakfast on Saturday the 29th and invited all board members to attend.

III. Board Member Comments: None

VII. Information Action

(a) CDE – MOU for Western Sierra

Superintendent Phil Spears has been in contact with Carolyn Pfister from the California Department of Education and asked her to review the MOU. There were three documents left to submit to the CDE and those will be completed by September 16th.

(b) Teacher Advisors/Student Representative

This item will be further discussed at the September 24th meeting. The title for Student Representative will be changed back to the former title of Advisor. The Board will solicit teachers for feedback they might have for the eight teachers who have applied for the position of Teacher Advisor to the Board. A ballot will be held the night of the 24th. Chairman Johnson will bring in the input from the teachers as well as a policy to approve.

(c) Board Retreat

Peggy Broussard requested that the Board review the charters at the retreat to be held in October in order to further clarify board duties as well as policies and procedures. Other areas to be covered at the retreat will be Brown Act Training and Conflict of Interest Training. A date will be selected soon and distributed to the Board for their information.

(d) State Charter School Facilities Incentive Grant Program

Turnstone has been selected to be awarded \$13,791 by the Facilities Incentive Grant Program. The Meyers campus is still under consideration, but has not received approval. The Board approved the grant agreement, resolution, and certification required for finalizing the acceptance of the grant.

(e) Securing Loan for the Purposes of Cash Flow

The Board was presented with two options for securing a loan to cover cash flow shortfalls as a result of deferrals. The Finance Committee recommended option one, and option two, only if option one is not available. The Board will be updated with any developments.

(f) Appointment of Expert Advisor

Jerry Azevedo was approved as an Expert Advisor to the Board. Pomeroy/Broussard 7-0 Azevedo brings with him an expertise in public relations.

(g) Fundraising Committee Update

Melissa Garrido, Chair of the Fundraising Committee updated the Board that the committee is recommending reinitiating the parent funding choice should Prop 30 fail with the electorate. The presentation of the plan will be given to Western Sierra on the 18th. Their goal is to raise \$150,000 and eliminate the possibility of furlough days. Working closely with the PSPs, it is the hope of the committee to form a long-term fundraising plan to maintain existing programs at an acceptable level.

(h) CDE Annual Site Visit

On September 17, members of the Charter School Division of the California Department of Education will make their annual site visit to Western Sierra. It has been requested that a few board members volunteer to make themselves available for a 30 minute interview with the CDE at the time of the visit.

(i) Special Education Resolution

A board resolution is required to distribute special education dollars from a site that is not allocating all funds to a site that requires more. The resolution was recommended by El Dorado County Charter SELPA. The resolution was approved. Broussard/Miller 7-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

**Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Alldredge**