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**ROCKLIN ACADEMY**  
FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Held at 6550 Lonetree Blvd and 660 Menlo Drive  
6:00 p.m., Monday, October 21, 2013**

**Voting Members:** Chairman Doug Johnson, Rick Miller, and David George

**Voting Members Absent:** Peggy Broussard and Adam Schwarz

**Visitors:** Diana Higashi, Agnes Chang, Krista Dietz, Kim Dvorak, Sarah Chang

**Staff Present:** Phil Spears, Brigid Perakis, Gregg Moses, Tim Ribota and Mike Wells

**III. Closed Session**

The closed session portion of the meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Closed session ended at 6:50 p.m.

No action was taken.

Open session was called to order at 7:16 p.m.

**IV. Hearing of Visitors:**

None

**V. Board Member Comments**

Chairman Doug Johnson requested that the group keep Adam Schwarz and his family in their thoughts as his daughter is going through cancer treatment in San Francisco.

**VI. Consent Agenda**

- a. Enrollment: Rocklin Academy Turnstone, Rocklin Academy Meyers, and Western Sierra Collegiate Academy – *Informational item only*
- b. Minutes of August 26, 2013 - *Approval*
- c. Minutes of September 23, 2013 – *Approval*
- d. Minutes of October 3, 2013 - *Approval*
- e. Authorization to Pay – *Review and approval*
  1. *School Steps - \$15,572.50*
- f. Donation Acceptance – *Acceptance of gifts made to the Rocklin Academy Family of Schools or the PSP's*
- g. Ratification of Hires – *Review and approval*

- h. Rocklin Academy Turnstone & Meyers Admission Policies – *Review and approval*

The consent agenda was passed. George/Miller (3-0)

## **VII. Administrative Reports**

Superintendent Spears reported that due to the cash flow situation, Rocklin Academy will not require the RAN loan this year. He congratulated Gregg, his staff and students.

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

Finance Committee: Spears was asked to bring a “wish list” to the next board meeting so that the Committee will have knowledge of the wants and needs of the organization.

Western Sierra ASB: Sarah Chang reported that the ASB had a car wash to raise money for the homecoming dance. The dance was held in Roseville and over half the Western Sierra high school students were in attendance. They are now selling tickets for the middle school dance and the haunted house. The Western Sierra soccer team won their homecoming game 4-0. The City of Lincoln is currently working with Western Sierra to allow use of their fields for the soccer teams.

## **IX. Information/Action Items**

### **a. 1:1 iPads for Learning Program and Expenditure of Common Core State Funding**

Discussion over the new iPads occurred with Gregg Moses addressing “flipping the classroom” and potential problems with hackers. There was concern over families that might not have wireless in their homes to fully utilize the new iPads, and this matter will be addressed. Rick Miller discussed the need for having textbooks in the classroom, as required by the “Williams” law. This issue will also be looked at. Four classrooms and the special education program will pilot the iPads. The teachers are enthusiastic and will be attending training by Apple educators. It was recommended that Rocklin Academy rent the iPads. A process to evaluate the success of the project will be set in place. The iPads for Learning Program was approved. Miller/George (3-0)

### **b. Update on Western Sierra Petition**

Western Sierra administration will be presenting their information on the charter renewal to RUSD on November 6. Superintendent Spears has met with the RUSD Superintendent and they have had a positive interaction.

### **c. Request for Termination of Access Easement**

A request has been made from Lorraine Lew, who is representing the property adjacent to Western Sierra, that Western Sierra terminate the easement joining the two properties. David George requested that Western Sierra solicit the recommendation of the fire department. The Board was open to moving the easement to the back area of the parking lot and is requesting that Lew follow through with the research. Superintendent Spears will gather more information on this request and the issue will come before the Board again.

**d. Local Control Funding Formula Overview**

This item will return to the Board for review when more information is available.

**e. Board Development**

Discussion surrounding the recruitment of new board members led to a decision to develop a process where outreach is used to find candidates that meet the needs of the Board. Chairman Johnson will take responsibility for working on the options and surfacing candidates. He announced that if anyone at the meeting had recommendations of a candidate that would be an asset to the organization, to please contact him.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Nicole Alldredge**