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**ROCKLIN ACADEMY**  
**FAMILY OF SCHOOLS**

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Held at 660 Menlo Drive**  
**6:30 p.m., Monday, September 23, 2013**

**Voting Members:** Chairman Doug Johnson, Rick Miller, Peggy Broussard, Adam Schwarz and David George

**Voting Members Absent:** None

**Visitors:** Sarah Chang, Kim Dvorak, Wendy Lang, Agnes Chang and Diana Higashi

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

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

**III. Hearing of Visitors:**

Wendy Lang commented that the MOU process between Rocklin Academy and Rocklin Unified School District went very well.

**IV. Board Member Comments**

David George shared that his family has moved to Half Moon Bay, but his children miss the Rocklin Academy schools. They appreciated the teacher collaboration, the students around them striving for academic excellence, and the respectful and polite environment. He also shared that every school he looked at in the Bay Area had an education foundation. At his current school, the LEF has accumulated 2.3 million dollars, a vast amount from corporate donations. He has sold his parking space for \$300.00 and that money will benefit the Western Sierra PSP.

**V. Closed Session**

The closed session item was taken off the agenda.

**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 10, 2013 - *Approval*

- d. Expenditures – *Review and approval*
- e. Check Register - *Review*
- 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. Unaudited Actuals – *Review and approval*
- i. Board Resolution for Special Education Funding – *Review and approval*
- j. Field Trip Calendar and Costs – *Review and approval*

Item x(b) was removed from the agenda. The consent agenda was passed. Broussard/Miller (5-0)

## **VII. Administrative Reports**

Superintendent Spears updated the Board on his meetings with Apple and Google regarding iPads. They are examining the needs for technology to make the items work. The building is not quite ready to handle the program, but he will bring recommendations when the program is ready to implement.

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

PSP Updates: The jog-a-thons are being held at Turnstone and Meyers. Western Sierra is currently working on a middle school dance and haunted house.

Western Sierra ASB: ASB just had elections for class representatives and Wally the mascot. They are discussing the dances and haunted house as well as homecoming and a car wash fundraiser on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

### **a. Testing and Reporting/Accountability**

The 2012-13 Test results for STAR, CAHSEE, AYP, SAT, AP, and ACT were reviewed by the Board. Rick Miller had a few questions about the results and will email Superintendent Spears directly so that he may pass those questions on to administration. David George requested the pass rate for AP tests be analyzed. Gregg Moses pointed out that for Western Sierra, our pass rates are above average, and yet not only the high-achieving students take the AP tests, but all students are encouraged, which is different from most schools.

### **b. Compensation Project**

The administration has met with classified employees as well as consultant Sheila Forsberg to discuss the findings of the new compensation plan. A few adjustments were made to three positions. The overall cost of implementation will be \$43,860, which is a 6% average increase. Chairman Johnson was supportive of the efforts of Brigid, Sheila and administrators. The new recommendations and implementation were approved. Johnson/George 5-0.

**c. Ratification of Parent School Collaboration Committee Members**

The following members of the Parent School Collaboration Committee were ratified.  
Miller/Schwarz (5-0)

Turnstone – Denise Arger  
Meyers – Carol Repetti  
Western Sierra – Angela Ziegler

**d. EL Master Plan**

The EL Master Plan, which serves as a guide in how Rocklin Academy works with EL students, was reviewed and approved. Miller/Schwarz (5-0) Tim Ribota was congratulated for making a big difference in a small amount of time. Rick Miller requested that the reclassification rates be visited annually by the Board.

**e. Transportation for Student Activities**

The City of Rocklin will not allow Western Sierra access to the city parks and fields for practices and games. The City of Lincoln has offered to assist Western Sierra with access to their fields. Athletic Director Mike Wells presented some alternative solutions, including the possibility of Western Sierra purchasing vehicles for student transportation. Chairman Johnson requested that the Board be provided a chart listing out the type of vehicle, usage and budget. He also requests that our parking requirements be considered before any decisions are made.

**f. WSCA Charter Renewal**

The administration has developed and submitted to the Operations Committee, the latest charter revision for Western Sierra. The Operations Committee unanimously supports this draft and believes it correctly encapsulates the current operations and future of WSCA and it is consistent with their mission and vision. A parent information night was held on September 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss parent input on the renewal. The charter was presented to the Board as well as a calendar of events leading to the submittal. The Board will meet on October 3 for a final review and approval.

**g. Common Core Implementation**

It is the recommendation of the administration that Rocklin Academy implement the Common Core State Standards to the fullest extent possible for the 2013-14 school year. The Board approved the implementation. Broussard/Schwarz (5-0) Rick Miller suggested that Rocklin Academy assess the students in both ELA format and Smarter Balance. A communication will go out to the parents in the “Know Your Organization” format to further inform families regarding the Common Core implementation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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