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ROCKLIN ACADEMY
FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

Board Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting
Meeting Held at 660 Menlo Drive
6:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 11, 2013

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

Voting Members Absent: Rick Miller

Visitors: Kenneth Logan, Joe and Amy Dunham, Helen Murray, Janelle Lewis, Gaby Guzman, Myrabel Guzman, Mercedes Guzman, Zulema Balderas, Mireya Guzman, Corrina Gaddy

Staff Present: Phil Spears, Brigid Perakis, Jillayne Antoon, and Mike Wells

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

II. Hearing of Visitors: None

III. Closed Session

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 6:41 p.m.

Action Taken: None

Open Session resumed at 7:24 p.m.

IV. Consent Agenda

a. Consolidated Application

Superintendent Spears reported that Rocklin Academy received the Rural Achievement Grant and will receive 40K to support instruction, curriculum and technology. The Consolidated Application was approved. Pomeroy/Schwarz 6-0

V. Information/Action

a. **Board Bylaws**

The Board Policy and Procedure Committee is currently vetting the bylaws and will present them to the board for approval at a later date.

b. Special Education Presentation

An independent study was conducted by Emi Johnson, former director for the El Dorado County Charter SELPA. Her conclusion was that Rocklin Academy fits the model of schools ready to provide students direct services to students with disabilities. Due to feedback from families of special education students, administration requested further input from the Rocklin Academy Family of Schools community.

Several parents and a few students addressed the Board. They felt very passionately that the services they were receiving were excellent and were concerned with a change in staff. Parents were worried that a transition from the current program, staffed by STEPS to an entirely new staff would have a detrimental effect on their children. Administration agreed that STEPS has provided excellent service, but the benefit of the organization providing their students with staff who coordinate on a consistent basis with the teachers is a very strong one.

It was moved that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent regarding the new special education structure, with the direction that he will ensure a carefully, thoughtful student-centered transition between any new RAFOS employee and STEPS to the best of his ability and that he will involve members of the special education community in some way in the hiring process for the Special Education Director. Broussard/Pomeroy (6-0)

Chairman Johnson thanked the parents and students and reinforced the positive benefits of this transition.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Alldredge