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ROCKLIN ACADEMY FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

Board Meeting Minutes Meeting Held at 660 Menlo Drive 6:30 p.m., Monday, February 25, 2012

RA Board Members and Staff Present:

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

Voting Members Absent: Melissa Garrido

Visitors: Julia Pooler, Terri Gessaro, Sylvia Miersch, Elise Segers, Karina DeGuzman, Tamara Gerd, Brenda Dunbar, Wendy Lang, and Kim Dvorak

Staff Present: Phil Spears, Brigid Perakis, Miken Dayton, Amy Alford and Heidi Little

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm.

Hearing of Visitors:

Julia Pooler was the liaison between Turnstone and Meyers for those students wanting to compete in the science fair. There were four students who have entered and will show their projects at Western Sierra.

Amy Alford appreciated having the Western Sierra students give their presentation on healthy lifestyle choices. The elementary students enjoyed having the high school students on campus.

Heidi Little reported that Rocklin Academy is having a Higher Learning Academy visitation on March 1st and 8th. They will be looking at how we implement Core Knowledge.

V. Board Member Comments

No updates were given.

VI. Consent Agenda

- a. Enrollment: Rocklin Academy Turnstone, Rocklin Academy Meyers, and Western Sierra Collegiate Academy – *Informational item only*
- b. Minutes of January 28, 2013 – *Approval*
- c. Minutes of February 7, 2013 – *Approval*
- d. Expenditures – *Review and approval*

- e. Authorization to Pay – *Review and approval*
- f. Check Register – *Review*
- g. Donation Acceptance – *Acceptance of gifts made to the Rocklin Academy Family of Schools or the PSPs*

The consent agenda was passed. Pomeroy/Schwarz 6-0

VII. Administrative Reports

Superintendent Spears feels this is an exciting time at the Rocklin Academy Family of Schools and that the organization is moving forward in a positive way.

VIII. PSP, Committee and ASB Reports

Kim Dvorak reminded the Board and audience that this is the last week to purchase tickets for the Blue and Gold Gala.

The Meyers campus is getting ready for their dance performance, and the Tupperware fundraiser is being launched.

The Turnstone dance performances will be held on March 19th and the 21st. The Daddy Daughter Dance will also be coming up.

The Fundraising Committee held their first meeting and Superintendent Spears commented on what a nice well-qualified group of people we have to work with.

Western Sierra ASB has a draft constitution that will come before the board shortly to be ratified.

The Operations Committee is working on a school safety and emergency plan.

The Finance Committee is making a recommendation to move to a full accrual method of accounting and will be further discussing this at their March meeting. They are also having an ongoing discussion over internal controls and are also looking for a new committee member.

IX. Information Action

(a) Wendy Boyd Award

Melissa Garrido, David George and Adam Schwarz will serve on the ad hoc committee to review the nominees for this year's "Beyond the Call Award".

(b) Expansion Update

Rocklin Academy presented their charter to the Newcastle Board of Education and attended their February 13th meeting to answer any questions their board had. The charter is still under examination by Newcastle and their attorneys, and will be officially approved or denied at the March 13th board meeting. Administration has also met with the architect regarding the facility

design and is currently working with the Rocklin City Manager, the Planning Department and Economic Development Department.

Wendy Lang requested that Rocklin Academy sign a MOU to not pursue Prop 39 facilities. A conversation between the two parties will occur in the near future.

(c) Second Interim Report

The Second Interim Report was distributed and reviewed. Peggy Broussard requested more information about the waivers and deferrals. She and Nate Pomeroy prefer that Larry Pastore attend the meetings, so that they can request more detailed analysis. The Finance Committee would like to pursue a loan with either Umpqua Bank or from the bondholders to cover the state deferrals. A special meeting will be held to consider the specific offers. The Second Interim Report was approved Miller/Schwarz 6-0.

(d) Recommendation for Selection for Auditor for 2012-13

The Finance Committee has unanimously selected Gilbert and Associates to be the auditor for the 2012-13 year. The contract with the auditor was approved. Pomeroy/Broussard 6-0

(e) Board Policies and Procedures

An ad hoc committee was created to review the currently assembled policies and procedures. Melissa Garrido, Peggy Broussard and Nate Pomeroy have volunteered.

(f) Revision to the Western Sierra Parent Student Handbook

The Operations Committee has reviewed and approved changes to the Parent Student Handbook regarding the graduation requirements. The 240 credit requirement was changed to “graduation requirements meet or exceed the UC graduation requirements”. Also changed was the math requirement, bringing the courses required to three years instead of four. The language requirement must be met with high school courses, not middle school courses, and a third year of language is strongly recommended. Seniors will be expected to take a full course load. The revisions were approved. Broussard/Pomeroy 6-0

(g) Western Sierra Phase III Construction

The Board approved a contract with Milburn Architecture for the Phase III Construction of Western Sierra. Broussard/Schwarz 6-0

(h) Compensation Project

Chairman Doug Johnson was asked by Superintendent Spears to prepare information and analysis on compensation for certified and classified staff and faculty. Johnson prepared a PowerPoint on his analysis of the certificated faculty compensation. Administration is anxious to compensate faculty who have not had a pay increase in four years. The Teacher Advisors to the Board reached out to faculty and brought their comments to share with the Board. Broussard made clear that no decision has been made to compensate the faculty, however the Board is working towards that goal. The faculty asked for specific dates on when this decision can be

made and further explanations to the faculty as a whole. Superintendent Spears will follow up with them.

(i) Update on Proposed Changes to Bond Agreement

Amendments to the Bond Agreement are currently being discussed with administration and the attorneys who worked on the original agreement.

(j) Material Change to Western Sierra Charter Petition

Superintendent Spears expressed his desire to continue the vision of the original founders by keeping enrollment at Western Sierra at a level that still feels like a “small school”. However, as Superintendent he feels he has a commitment and responsibility to make recommendations that are financially sound and requested permission to pursue a material change to the charter removing the enrollment cap to allow a 750 student enrollment. A motion was made to pursue the material change. Broussard/George 6-0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Alldredge