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

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Held 6550 Lonetree Blvd.**  
**6:30 p.m., Monday, October 20, 2014**

**Voting Members:** Chairman Doug Johnson, Rick Miller, Adam Schwarz and Pat Teilh

**Voting Members Absent:** None

**Visitors:** Kim Dvorak, Edith and Ardith Chavez, Donna Jenkins, Sharon Suggs and Tiana Evans

**Staff Present:** Phil Spears, Ace Ensign, Robin Stout, Brigid Perakis, Wendy Mitchell, Gregg Moses, Jillayne Antoon, Debra Kopp, Brian Dierksen and Keri Reno

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

**II. Hearing of Visitors:** None

**III. Board Member Comments**

Pat Teilh visited the Gateway campus for the first time, and was impressed with how spectacular it was.

Doug Johnson was happy to see an “all choir” night at Western Sierra. The growth in the music department is phenomenal and the performance was great. Gregg Moses also commented that he has enjoyed seeing the talent progression in the students.

**IV. Consent Agenda**

- a. Enrollment: Rocklin Academy Turnstone, Rocklin Academy Meyers, Rocklin Academy Gateway and Western Sierra Collegiate Academy
- b. Minutes of September 15, 2014
- c. Minutes of September 25, 2014
- d. September Expenditures
- e. September Check Register
- f. Acceptance of Donations
- g. Authorization to Pay – School Steps - \$27,717.50
- h. Ratification of Hires
- i. Field Trip Approvals

The consent agenda was passed. Teilh/Miller (4-0)

## **V. Administrative Reports**

### **Verbal Updates**

Phil Spears reported that on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October, a Business/School Partnership Meeting will be held to offer support to the neighboring businesses of Gateway.

Phil Spears also reported that he feels there is an enhanced focus on student learning at this time in the organization and that direction is very pleasing to the RAFOS administration.

## **VI. Committee Reports**

Western Sierra ASB: The Homecoming event had a lot of sales. Although the dance was held in the gym, there were more sales of tickets than in previous years. The WSCA Haunted House is being planned.

## **VII. Information/Action Items**

### **a. Western Sierra Operations Committee Bylaws Update**

The bylaws have been re-submitted to the Board for their approval. The bylaws will return for approval at the November board meeting.

### **b. Termination of Gateway Membership with the PCOE SELPA**

At the time that the Gateway campus was approved, the organization entered into a membership with the PCOE SELPA, which included Newcastle being named as the LEA. A process has been entered into in order to withdraw from the PCOE SELPA and join the El Dorado County Charter SELPA, with the other three Rocklin Academy Schools. It was suggested that at some point, the organization put aside funds for deferred maintenance, potential litigation etc. The Board voted to pursue the termination with PCOE and engage in the process to join with the El Dorado County SELPA. Schwarz/Miller (4-0)

### **c. Accounting Procedures for the Organization**

The administration is strongly recommending a switch in accounting systems to the more robust Escape system. Every school in Placer County is on Escape. This switch is recommended fully by Ace Ensign and Brigid Perakis. Adam Schwarz requested that the organization be mindful of the budget before this transition is made. Ace will check into the server fee and will break down the 12K charge. Ace requested that this system be implemented by July 1. This item will return in November and will be shared with the Finance Committee.

**d. Retention/Promotion Policy**

The Retention/Promotion Policy was brought to the Board for a first reading.

**e. iPad Education Program**

Over 2,000 iPads were distributed to students. There were a few issues regarding the keyboards, and those have since been resolved. iPad updates will be provided to the Board on a monthly basis. Keri Reno reported that 75-80% of the students were able to implement use of their iPad properly. There is a calendar available to all teachers, enabling Keri to assist teachers in the implementation of the iPads. She also has many resources, examples and models of apps and programs available. Other districts are following suit with similar iPad programs and Keri is attending a consortium where the ideas are being shared. Rick Miller requested a measurable way to evaluate the program. This idea will be taken back to the consortium for brainstorming. Phil Spears commented that he is anxious to have a teacher start flipping the classroom.

**VIII. Closed Session**

**1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUTION**  
Superintendent Phil Spears

The open session was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Closed session was called to order at 8:02 p.m.

Open session was resumed at 8:44 p.m.

No action was taken.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.**

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