



**ROCKLIN ACADEMY**  
FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Held at 6550 Turnstone Way, Room 6**  
**6:30 p.m., May 19, 2014**

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

**Voting Members Absent:** None

**Visitors:** Jennifer Salib, Kim Dvorak, Kelly Tajiri, Tanya Capulong, Keri Reno, Anda Grenfell, Caryn Brustman, Sandra Whitehead, Same and Vance Vanderjack, Pete Harrison and Janelle Lewis

**Staff Present:** Phil Spears, Jillayne Antoon, Gregg Moses, Brigid Perakis, Wendy Mitchell, Laura Regan, Heather Donovan, Ellen Lehman, Richard Dahl, Greg Mahaffey, Donna and Scott Jenkins, Tanya Capulong, and Keri Reno

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

**III. Hearing of Visitors:** None

**IV. Board Member Comments**

Peggy Broussard reported on the Western Sierra Awards Night. She was happy to see the wonderful presentation, and the seniors were proud of their accomplishments.

Doug Johnson gave kudos to the Western Sierra "Grease" performance. It was an amazing effort and the kids did great. Nominations for the Wendy Boyd "Beyond the Call Award" will be taken, and the honor will be awarded at the June regularly-scheduled meeting.

**V. Consent Agenda**

- a. Enrollment: Rocklin Academy Turnstone, Rocklin Academy Meyers, and Western Sierra Collegiate Academy – *Informational item only*
- b. Minutes of April 3, 2014 – *Approval*
- c. Minutes of April 28, 2014 – *Approval*
- d. April Expenditures – *Review and approval*
- e. April Check Register – *Review*
- f. Authorization to Pay – *Review and approval*
  1. School Steps – \$13,807.50

- g. Donation Acceptance – *Acceptance of gifts made to the Rocklin Academy Family of Schools or the PSPs*

The consent agenda was passed. Miller/Schwarz (5-0)

## **VI. Administrative Reports**

No verbal updates.

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

No verbal updates.

## **VIII. Information/Action Items**

### **(a) iPad Educational Program Expansion**

Students from Rocklin Academy presented iPad demonstrations. Surveys of parents, teachers and students regarding the successfulness of the iPad program were discussed. The areas of concern will help the administration more effectively implement the program.

Peggy Broussard suggested more professional development around the use of the iPad, and would like to see clearer goals for the program. She requested that this be presented in the 2014-15 budget. Spears committed to do so. Keri Reno informed the Board of the training teachers had with the program in this implementation year. Superintendent Spears pointed out that there would be a full-time, certificated employee providing teachers training and development for the next school year. Brian Dierksen, who spearheaded this program from the technology side, was recognized for his contribution.

A motion was made to expand the iPad Educational Program Pilot to a fully proposed program, as the budget allows. Johnson/Teilh (5-0)

### **(b) Western Sierra Parent/Student Handbook**

The handbook was presented for a first read and will return to the Board for approval at the next meeting.

### **(c) Parent School Partnership (PSP) Structure**

Superintendent Spears suggested operating the school-wide PSP structure under the Fundraising Committee 501(c)(3) for the first year. The name of the foundation has changed to the ACE (Academic and Community Education) Foundation.

A motion was made that there be a single, independent 501(c)(3) as the sole fundraising foundation. No other entity may operate without the express authorization of the Board. Teilh/Schwarz (5-0)

### **(d) Rocklin Academy Gateway Playground Equipment**

The bid for the Rocklin Academy Gateway playground equipment was approved. Miller/Schwarz (5-0)

**(e) Rocklin Academy Gateway Approval to Purchase Furniture**

The Board authorized the purchase of the furniture for Rocklin Academy Gateway. Broussard/Teilh (5-0)

**(f) Policy Prohibiting Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems**

The Policy Prohibiting Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems was approved. Miller/Broussard (5-0)

**(g) Policy as Mandated by Assembly Bill 1266**

The Policy as Mandated by Assembly Bill 1266 was approved. Miller/Teilh (5-0)

**(h) Approval of Revised Newcastle/Rocklin Academy Gateway Agreements**

Superintendent Spears led the Board through the new changes to the MOU and charter. The agreement will be revised surrounding the Special Education Funding at the suggestion of Peggy Broussard. Staffing and Supplies will be added to Section VII(a). At that time the Board decided to tighten up the language regarding this section. No action was taken.

This item was re-opened again for discussion later that evening at the suggestion of Rick Miller, who motioned that the Board pass the item, giving authority to the Superintendent to revise the MOU based on the guidance that he receives from legal counsel, and also based on the concerns raised at the board meeting. Miller/Johnson (4-0) (Broussard was absent, having previously excused herself from the meeting.)

**(i) Rocklin Academy Family of Schools 2014-15 Special Education Program**

Superintendent Spears presented the 2014-15 Special Education Program for the Board's information. No action was taken.

**(j) Proposition 39 California Clean Energy Jobs Act**

The Board approved a request to expend revenue provided by the State, to Support the Proposition 39 California Clean Energy Jobs Act. Miller/Teilh (4-0)

**(k) Selection of New Board Member**

Doug Johnson has been in contact with Diana Higashi, in order to have her assume her role as the leader of the selection process for the new board member. Johnson will work with Nicole Alldredge to disburse the information to parents.

**(l) WSCA Summer Construction**

The documents for the summer construction of Western Sierra were approved. Schwarz/Johnson (4-0)

**(m) Teacher Compensation Committee Report**

The proposed 2014-15 budget includes payment of teachers for 190 days and 2% on top. This will true up the compensation structure to be closer to the marketplace. The organization does not have step and grade aspects, but that criterion is being more fully-developed. Rick Miller spoke to creating a leadership pipeline, and compensating teachers to participate. He suggested embedding into the each principal's budget, a \$5,000 leadership stipend.

It was brought up that the administration will not be taking a COLA in order to help the organization.

The compensation agreement was approved. Miller/Schwarz (4-0)

**(n) Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and 2014-15 Draft Budget Development**

Ace Ensign guided the Board through the proposed budget. The budget is based on 802 students at Gateway and the LCFF calculator from Rocklin Unified and Newcastle. Rick Miller wants the Board to ensure that the LCAP money is spent on those it was intended for, (ELL, socio-economically disadvantaged etc.).

The Finance Committee has reviewed the budget. The cash flow will include the posting of covenants to keep the Board aware. Johnson requested that a list of items that were cut in order to make the budget, be given to the Board so that they can remain on their radar. A public hearing for stakeholders will be held later on in the month.

**(o) Installation of Technology Cabling for Rocklin Academy Gateway**

The installation of technology cabling for Rocklin Academy was approved. Miller/Johnson (4-0)

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Nicole Alldredge**