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ROCKLIN ACADEMY
FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting Held 6550 Lonetree Blvd.
6:30 p.m., Monday, March 16, 2015

Voting Members: Chairman Doug Johnson, Adam Schwarz, and Larry Stieber

Voting Members Absent: Rick Miller and Pat Teilh

Visitors: Edith Chavez, Tiana Evans, Kim Dvorak

Staff Present: Phil Spears, Robin Stout, Brigid Perakis, Ace Ensign, Jillayne Antoon, Laura Regan, Gregg Moses, Leslie Levine McGhie, Kristel Kamrar, Rachel Lewis and Wendy Mitchell

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

III. Hearing of Visitors:

None

IV. Board Member Comments:

V. Consent Agenda

- a. Enrollment: Rocklin Academy Turnstone, Rocklin Academy Meyers, Rocklin Academy Gateway and Western Sierra Collegiate Academy
- b. Minutes of February 17, 2015
- c. February Financials
- d. February Check Register
- e. Second Interim Report
- f. Acceptance of Donations
- g. Ratification of Hires

The consent agenda was passed. Schwarz/Stieber (3-0)

VI. Administrative Reports

No verbal updates were given.

VII. Committee Reports

Ardith Chavez, Western Sierra student representative, informed the Board that the ASB made a \$1300 profit for the winter dance. They are planning for the upcoming prom and also a casual dance for those who don't want to attend the prom.

VIII. Information/Action Items

(a) Rocklin Academy Preschool

General information was presented to the Board including job requirements for the preschool director. Although the preschool will be located on the Gateway campus, it will be a separate entity. The outreach and registration process will begin shortly and the intent is to offer the program on the same calendar as the Rocklin Academy schools and maintain the day care portion of the program year-round. It is being recommended that Rocklin Academy employees receive a reduced fee. More information on this item will come before the Board at the April meeting.

(b) LCAP and Core Value Survey Results

Perception surveys, given to parents, students and staff have this year been aligned to the Core Values and the LCAP, (Local Control Accountability Plan). The information gathered from these surveys will guide the LCAP Committee in maintaining a quality education for all students, as well as assist them in identifying areas that may need improvement. The LCAP Committee is made up of administration, staff and parents that represent the diversity of the student population from all sites.

(c) Auditor Selection

In accordance with Education Code, the organization is required to approve an auditor by April 1 of each school year. Rocklin Academy has been with Gilbert & Associates for many years. The Finance Committee has reviewed the proposals from three firms, and is recommending James Marta & Company. The Board approved this recommendation. Stieber/Johnson (3-0)

(d) Fundraising Committee

Ace Ensign, Rocklin Academy Chief Financial Officer, with support of the ACES Foundation Board of Directors, recommended the ACES Foundation be dissolved and the Fundraising Committee return to the original board charge. As part of this dissolution, the administration recommends that outreach to the original donors be sought, to ask if they would like to contribute their “seed” money to Rocklin Academy, or if they would like it returned. The Board voted to dissolve the foundation. Steiber/Schwarz (3-0) Ensign thanked the committee for their hard work.

(e) Teacher Compensation

Currently, the Rocklin Academy organization is authorized to accept up to seven years of public school teaching experience when offering a contract to a new teacher. It is now being recommended by administration to allow up to 13 years of service. This will make the organization more competitive when hiring new teachers. The Board voted to increase the accepted years of service to 13. Johnson/Schwarz (3-0) Pay for Performance issues will be discussed in the near future.

(f) Occupancy Lease Agreement for 6550 and 6552 Lonetree

Administration is currently working with the owner of the Gateway buildings on addendums to the Gateway lease. Phil Spears presented the loan amortization schedule and lease addendums as an update to the Board.

(g) Revision to the 2014-15 Western Sierra Collegiate Academy Handbook

The WSCA administration has been exploring the need to develop a new grading policy and procedure document. With work from the teachers and leadership team, the decision was made to split the philosophy from the procedural portion. The new policy is designed to support the

core values. Gregg Moses reviewed the nine points of mastery learning. This was a first reading for the Board and the revision will return for a second review at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Alldredge**