

MEETING MINUTES

**Renaissance Charter School, Inc.
Board Meeting: August 25, 2006**

**School(s): Renaissance Elementary Charter School
Renaissance Middle Charter School
Hollywood Academy of Arts & Science Elementary School
Hollywood Academy of Arts & Science Middle School
North Broward Academy of Excellence Elementary School
North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School**

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Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
8/25/2006	10:00 a.m.	10:40 a.m.	TBA	TBA	Maria de L Rodriguez
Meeting Location:					
Charter Schools USA, 6245 N. Federal Hwy., 5 th Floor, Fort Lauderdale, Fl. 33308 Conference call at CSUSA Corporate Office					

Attended by:	
Board Members: Ken Haiko – Chairperson/President Shane Strum – Vice President (via telephone) Laura R. Seidman – Secretary (via telephone) Thomas P. Wheeler – Director	Jon Hage, CEO Lorrie Davidson, VP of School Finance Maria de L. Rodriguez, Director of School Support Mike Essik – Manager of Financial Planning & Analysis Leslie Brown, Principal, HAAS (via telephone) Ana Cordal, Principal, RECS (via telephone) Michael Hoffman, Principal, NBAE (via telephone)
Not Present: Dennis Clark, Secretary	
Highlights:	

Call to Order

The meeting commenced at 10:00 a.m. with a call to order by Ken Haiko, Board Chair. Quorum was established and members and CSUSA staff introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of 07/7/06 and 8/1/06 were reviewed by all the board members. **Mrs. Seidman moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion.**

School Reports:

A. Hollywood Academy of Arts & Science Elementary and Middle School – Mrs. Leslie Brown, Principal

- Student Enrollment: The school has approximately 660 enrolled students. The budgeted number of students is 700.
- First early release day September 13, 2006
- Diagnostic assessments are in process
- Benchmarks testing is next week
- IPT & II and CELLA tests are in progress for students identified as potentially LEP
- Vision and hearing screenings are also in progress
- Open house will be held on August 30 and 31st

B. Renaissance Elementary and Middle School - Mrs. Ana Cordal, Principal

- Renaissance Elementary Charter School was ranked 17th in the State of Florida. The school received a letter from the Governor's Office congratulating the school as one of the top 100 high-performing elementary schools in the State of Florida.
- Diagnostic testing is ongoing
- East Coast Curriculum Cadre meeting was hosted by Renaissance
- Student enrollment is 500 elementary and 95 enrolled in the middle school
- A visit to a potential facility for Renaissance Middle School has been scheduled

C. North Broward Academy of Excellence Elementary & Middle School – Michael Hoffman, Principal

- Mr. Hoffman welcomed Mark Hage, Dean of Students to his staff
- School has had the best opening of a school year yet; parents have been very understanding of the construction efforts underway and teachers/staff have adapted very well
- Student enrollment - approximately 535 enrolled students. The budgeted enrollment expected is 625 students.
- Construction for the new school building in the West Campus is underway

Finance

None

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was presented to authorize CSUSA to submit 2 applications to MDCPS one for K-8 and the other for 9-12. **Mrs. Seidman moved to approve the motion and Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion.**

Discussion followed on the focus to complete financial audits due on September 30, 2006. The board also discussed ESOL out of field waivers presented by the Principals. **Mr. Wheeler made a motion to approve the ESOL waivers and Mrs. Seidman seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.**

Open Forum

There was discussion of a newspaper article with information regarding low performance scores in Math and Reading for charter schools. However, the report generalized information and did not take into consideration that Florida charter school data is different. Mr Haiko recommended that a letter be developed, with the board members approval, which will respond to this article. **A motion was made by Shane Strum to approve the letter. It was seconded by Tom Wheeler. Motion was unanimously approved.**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, Mr. Haiko adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m. The next meeting date was not scheduled.



Ken Haiko, Chairperson

Date: 10/27/06