

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: The Renaissance Charter School, Inc.
Board Meeting: January 29, 2010

School(s): Hollywood Academy of Arts & Sciences
North Broward Academy of Excellence
Renaissance Charter School
Renaissance Charter School of St Lucie

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Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
01.29.10	10:30 a.m.	11:27 a.m.	TBD	TBD	M. Vecchione
Meeting Location:					
CSUSA, 6245 N Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308					

Attended by:	
Mr. Ken Haiko, Chairman Mr. Dennis Clark, Vice Chairman (teleconference) Mr. Clarence McKee, Secretary (teleconference) Absent: Colonel Thomas Wheeler, Treasurer	Ms. Debbie Von Behren, COO, CSUSA Mr. Richard Page, VP of Development, CSUSA Ms. Hillary Diagle, Controller, CSUSA Mr. Derek Kelmanson, Ops Mgr, CSUSA Ms. Mary Vecchione, Governing Board Liaison, CSUSA Ms. Donte Fulton, Principal, HAAS Mr. David McKnight, Principal, NBAE Ms. Ana Cordal, Principal, RECS (teleconference) Mr. Eric Lewis, Principal, RCSL (teleconference)
Highlights:	

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 10:30 a.m. with a Call to Order by Chairman Haiko. Roll call was taken and quorum was established.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Haiko asked the Board to review the minutes from the December 4, 2009 Governing Board meeting and note any corrections or comments. The minutes stand.

Motion made by Mr. Clark with a second by Mr. McKee to approve the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Governing Board minutes from December 2, 2009. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Haiko addressed the Board suggested to the Board his recommendation to nominate and appoint Ms. Pam Houghten as a Governing Board member for the open seat.

Motion made by Mr. McKee with a second by Mr. Clark to appoint Ms. Pam Houghten as a Board Director for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. SCHOOL REPORT

Hollywood Academy of Arts & Sciences

- Ms. Fulton reported enrollment of 674 students with a budgeted enrollment of 680 students. There have been no new open staffing positions since the last meeting.
- Leadership Training and Leading Edge participants include 5 teachers/staff members.
- School improvement plans and professional development have been ongoing. Parent and Staff surveys have been completed and Camp M & M tutoring sessions have begun. The last SAC meeting was November 24th and professional development topics have included FCAT test specifications, RTI, and SIS lesson planning.
- Ms. Fulton reported on school and community activities.
- Currently the number of students recommitted for the next school year are 295 and the wait list is currently at 263.

North Broward Academy of Excellence

- Mr. McKnight reported enrollment of 936 students with a budgeted enrollment of 968. No new staff members have been added.
- Mr. McKnight commented that 7 teachers/staff are involved in the Leadership Training/Leading Edge Program.
- School Improvement plan and Strategic Plan updates include Instructional Focus and Tutoring and Mid Year Parent and Staff Surveys.
- The last SAC meeting was held on November 23rd.
- Professional development topics included RTI, Differentiated Instruction, Making Algebra Child's Play, and Cognitive complexity.
- Mr. McKnight reported on numerous school/community activities.
- In addition, technology updates include increased band-width capability to promote speed and additional traffic.
- Student recommits for enrollment for the year 2010-2011 is 237.

Renaissance Charter School

- Ms. Cordal reported enrollment of 635 students with a budgeted enrollment of 625.
- Leadership training and Leading Edge participants include one staff member, Paul Thompson.
- Ms. Cordal commented that School Improvement Plan and Strategic Plan updates include Intervention Tutorial Program and mid year Parent and Staff surveys.
- The last SAC meeting was October, 2009.
- Professional development topics for this month have been RTI, Reading Plus Program, and Data Analysis.
- The facilities team is still working on the A/C unit and work is needed to enhance the outdoor, grassy areas.
- Ms. Cordal also reported on School/Community activities.
- Student recommits are in progress and will report next month.

Renaissance Charter School, St. Lucie

- Mr. Lewis reported enrollment of 1184 students with a budgeted enrollment of 1242.

- Leadership Training and Leading Edge participants include 7 teacher/staff members.
- Professional development is ongoing for staff and this month's topics include SuperKids Reading Training, Instructional Focus Calendar update training, FAIR training, and TLC Teacher Training. Teacher observations have been conducted for fall review.
- Mr. Lewis reported on numerous school/community activities.
- Currently, the student recommits are at 1110 as of today. The School has received 404 new applications and of those, 300 are for Kindergarten stations.

III. FINANCE

- None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Broward County Update

- Of the 4 approved charter applications, the most promising to open in the fall of 2010 is the North Broward, K-8 Charter, in Coral Springs. We are anticipating a K-5 school and there is a positive demand in this area. There is a vacant commercial facility that we are looking to lease and working through those details now.
- The Weston Charter never came to fruition. There have been conflicts with the District and the land is a huge issue. The charter will expire this year.
- The HAAS expansion plans will not evolve this year. There have been many construction problems that need to be worked out.
- Mr. Page indicated a need for a high school in North Broward, as an expansion of NBAE.

Miami-Dade Area Update

- Two applications were approved and currently in charter contract negotiations. The District has 60 days to provide us this information and we have an additional 75 days to negotiate. Facility issues have been holding this and we are working with the City of Homestead. In addition, the consolidation of the Governing Boards has not been completed and we are waiting for final approval of the land before completing these negotiations.
- The K-8 Charter in Miami Gardens has fallen through due to concerns with the facility.

Duval County Update

- Mr. Page reported that the Duvall contract is in negotiations. The property has been identified and working with the landlord on an existing facility. Additionally, financing has not been procured as of yet.

Tradition Academy Update

- The charter has been denied and an appeal has been filed. The appeal has not been calendared as of yet.

North Broward Academy of Excellence Charter Contract Revised

- Mr. Kelmanson reported that the current NBAE contract has been revised to include the change of address and is being finalized with the District. This should be ready for signature by the next meeting.

Management Agreement for Renaissance Charter School, Inc.

- Mr. Kelmanson commented that the management agreement is being reviewed by the Board attorney, Mr. Levy Williams, and should be finalized for signature for the next Board meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Resignation of Mr. Clarence McKee

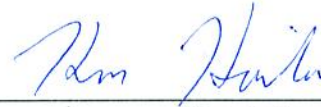
- Chairman Haiko regretfully acknowledged the resignation letter of Mr. Clarence McKee from The Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Governing Board. He thanked Mr. McKee for his service and dedication to the Board and asked for approval from the Board members.

Motion made by Mr. Clark with a second by Mr. Haiko to accept the resignation of Mr. Clarence McKee as a Governing Board member of the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. The motion was approved unanimously.

VI. OPEN FORUM

- Chairman Haiko asked the Board to hold the discussion of the Annual Meeting for the next Board meeting when the new member, Ms. Pam Houghten will be present. The Board was all in favor.

Motion made to adjourn the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Governing Board meeting. All in favor.



Ken Haiko, Chairman

Date: 3/5/10