

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: The Renaissance Charter School, Inc.
Board Meeting: May 1, 2009

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

The minutes of Sunshine Law meetings need not be verbatim transcripts of the meeting. These minutes are a brief summary of the events of the meeting.

Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
05.01.09	10:30 a.m.	11:40 a.m.	06.04.09	10:30 a.m.	Mary Vecchione
Meeting Location:					
Charter Schools USA, 6245 N Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308					
Attended by:					
Mr. Ken Haiko, Chairman Mr. Dennis Clark, Vice Chairman Mr. Clarence McKee, Secretary Absent: Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Treasurer			Mr. Jon Hage, President/CEO, CSUSA Ms. Debbie Von Behren, COO, CSUSA Mr. Richard Page, VP of Business Development, CSUSA Ms. Lorrie Davidson, VP of Finance, CSUSA Mr. Mike Essik, Director of Finance, CSUSA Ms. Kristen Northup, Red Apple Development Mr. David McKnight, Principal, NBAE Ms. Donte Fulton, Principal, HAAS Ms. Ana Cordal, Principal, RECS Ms. Mary Vecchione, Governing Board Liaison, CSUSA		
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 March 27, 2009 Board of Director's meeting and note any corrections or comments. The minutes stand.

Motion made by Mr. McKee with a second by Mr. Clark to approve the March 27, 2009 Board minutes for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. The motion was approved 3-0 (1 absent; 1 open seat).

II. SCHOOL REPORT

Hollywood Academy of Arts & Sciences

- Ms. Fulton reported student enrollment at 677 with a budgeted enrollment of 683. A few students have withdrawn due to moving out of the area.
- The lottery has been completed with 423 students remaining on the wait list.
- The school is currently fully staffed.
- School academics included a spelling bee, upcoming Benchmark 4 and a successful CSUSA site visit.
- Ms. Fulton also reported on school/community activities. Included were the cookbook kickoff; art exhibition; and an upcoming book fair.

North Broward Academy of Excellence

- School enrollment is 546 for elementary and 282 for middle school. The budgeted enrollment is 550 and 308 respectively.
- Mr. McKnight reported that enrollment will increase to 950 for next year, adding an additional 217 students.
- Staffing letters of intent are being sent out and speaking directly with those teachers who will not be asked to return.
- Mr. McKnight also reported on numerous school/community activities. They included the book fair; Fleet Week; and honor roll ceremonies.

Renaissance Charter School

- Ms. Cordal reported from Disney World, Orlando where she was chaperoning a class trip. She indicated enrollment at 495 students for elementary and 129 students for middle school. Budgeted enrollment is 490 and 123 respectively.
- 99% of the students recommitted for next year with the lottery process scheduled for next week. The wait list is anticipated at approximately 500+ students.
- CSUSA held their site visit and the school received excellent scores.
- There have been a few minor plumbing issues along with leaking walls and windows.
- Ms. Cordal also reported on the school/community activities.
- Technology issues continue to be a slight concern.

III. FINANCE

- Mr. Essik reported on the 3rd Quarter Financials for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Enrollment exceeded the planned enrollment for FY09. The total for all schools shows a surplus of 28 students. This forecast includes the final February count.
- The forecasted revenue per student shows a deficit for RECS elementary and middle, HAAS elementary, and NBAE middle. This reflects the state budget cuts in FTE revenue.
- The forecasted school surplus is \$343,000 despite revenue cuts. All schools are exceeding the budget with the exception of RECMS. This is offset by favorable results at RECS elementary.
- Enrollment budgets for FY10 remain consistent with FY09 levels for the schools that are currently at capacity. NBAE is projected to show an increase in enrollment.
- Mr. Essik indicated that staffing reviews were completed by March 30th. Textbook and stipend budgets were completed by April 15th, final revenue projections will be adjusted in May, and final budgets will be ready for July 15th.

Motion made by Mr. McKee with a second by Mr. Clark to approve the 3rd Quarter Financials for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. The motion was approved 3-0 (1 absent; 1 open seat).

IV. OLD BUSINESSSt. Lucie Charter

- Mr. Page reported on the strong demand for the opening of the Renaissance Charter School of St Lucie. Enrollment was designed for 1290 K-8 students. We have received over 1300 applications. Over 1000 applicants were sent offers

with 550 of those accepting, to date. There is a strong demand for the charter school in this area.

- A ground breaking ceremony has been scheduled for May 16th, with CSUSA executives, Board members, Radio Disney, and public radio stations. In addition, the public has been invited to attend.
- Interviews are being conducted for leadership positions at the school.

Homestead 9th Grade at KGCS

- Mr. Page reviewed with the Board that our petition had been approved for a high school in the Homestead area. In order to facilitate the delay of the building, it was suggested that we open a 9th grade for 50 students at the existing KGCS. This will help financially for capital outlay funding and begin the feeder process for the high school. Mr. Page asked for a motion from the board regarding this topic.

Motion made by Mr. Clark with a second by Mr. McKee to approve that CSUSA pursue with the district the viability of opening a 9th grade at KGCS. The motion was approved 3-0 (1 absent; 1 open seat).

- It was suggested that members from the RECS board join CSUSA at the next Homestead Charter Foundation meeting to help transition this process.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Vecchione indicated the need to complete the 2 hour refresher course mandated by the Florida Department of Education for Governance Training. All Board members must comply with this by August 1, 2009.
- The Board members agreed to contract with the Clarion Council as their provider of choice to complete the Florida requirement on Governance Training. Ms. Vecchione will coordinate the process.

Motion made by Mr. Clark with a second by Mr. McKee to approve the Clarion Council as the provider of the 2-hour refresher course for the Governance training mandated by the Florida Department of Education. The motion was approved 3-0 (1 absent; 1 open seat).

VI. OPEN FORUM

- June 4th has been scheduled for the next Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board of Director's meeting.

Motion made by Mr. McKee with a second by Mr. Clark to adjourn the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board of Director's meeting. The motion was approved 3-0 (1 absent; 1 open seat).



Name, Chairman

Date: 6/4/09