

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Renaissance Charter School, Inc.
Board Meeting: June 4, 2009

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

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:
06.04.2009	10:45 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	07.24.09	10:30 a.m.	Mary Vecchione
Meeting Location:					
CSUSA, 6245 N Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308					

Attended by:	
Mr. Kenneth Haiko, Chairman Mr. Denise Clark, Vice Chairman Mr. Clarence McKee, Secretary Absent: Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Treasurer	Mr. Jon Hage, President/CEO, CSUSA Ms. Debbie Von Behren, CEO, CSUSA Mr. Richard Page, VP of Business Development, CSUSA Ms. Sherry Hage, VP of Education, CSUSA Ms. Lorrie Davidson, VP of Finance, CSUSA Mr. Mike Essik, Director of Finance, CSUSA Ms. Kristen Northup, Project Manager, Red Apple Dev Mr. Rob Vilardi, Financial Analyst, CSUSA Mr. Derek Kelmanson, Operations Manager, CSUSA Ms. Mary Vecchione, Governing Board Liaison, CSUSA
Highlights:	

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 10:45 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 May 1, 2009 Board of Director's meeting and note any corrections or comments. The minutes stand.

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

II. SCHOOL REPORT

HAAS - NBAE - RECS

- School reports were printed and placed in the board packet for the Governing Board members review. The principals were not in attendance to verbally give their reports due to it being the last day of school. Therefore, the board reports held no discussion.

RECS of St. Lucie

- Mr. Page reported that offer letters for student stations have been sent to 1250 families and of those, over 900 have accepted. CSUSA has been receiving

documentation letters on students and has begun the sorting process. In addition, CSUSA is receiving 150+ phone calls a day from parents in the St. Lucie area on enrollment.

- Over 1300 applications have been received for employment at the St. Lucie School. HR is conducting phone interviews, has held hiring fairs, and beginning to target the list and setting up one on one interviews. No one has officially been hired yet and we hope to announce the new principal at the next Governing Board meeting. Over 70 instructional people are slated to be hired for the School and this gives us the opportunity to be very selective.
- The Ground Breaking ceremony was held and over 100 people from the community attended. Media Disney was invited and Chairman Haiko had the pleasure of speaking during the ceremony.
- Ms. Northup from Red Apple Development gave an overview of the construction process of the School. The rain has been a constant challenge in an effort to keep construction on schedule. Ms. Northup showed the present construction site and acknowledged that the roof would go on in a couple of weeks.
- Mr. Page indicated that an "offsite" staging office is currently being looked at. This will provide temporary offices, training centers, and storage while the building is under construction.

III. FINANCE

Mr. Clark noted at the beginning of the meeting that he had reviewed the FY 2009-10 Budget extensively and was in agreement with no questions. Therefore, in the event he had to leave the meeting, he would place his vote for approval of the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. FY2009-2010 Budget.

- Mr. Mike Essik reviewed the budget for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc.
- Mr. Essik had several comments regarding the budget: full enrollment is planned for all school; FTE revenue planned at 2.5% reduction from current FY09 levels; Capital Outlay is planned at a 10% per student reduction from FY09 levels; wages will remain the same; no decrease in staffing; and appropriations from FY09 fund balances were not required to balance school budgets.

RECS Elementary

- Enrollment will remain full at 500 students
- No increase in rent
- Food Service accounting will include K-8 in FY10
- Bottom line surplus of \$6K

RECS Middle School

- Enrollment will remain full at 125 students
- Food Service accounting moved to RECS Elementary for FY10
- No increase in rent
- Bottom line surplus of \$2K

Hollywood Academy of Arts & Sciences

- Enrollment will remain full at 451 students
- Before & Aftercare will move to "one price" method in FY10. Change reflects revenue increase.
- Title One funds approved for FY10
- Bottom line surplus of \$4K

Hollywood Academy of Arts & Science Middle School

- Enrollment will remain full at 231 students
- Bottom line surplus of \$1K

North Broward Academy of Excellence

- Enrollment planned to grow to full enrollment of 620 students, which is an increase of 66 students.
- Staffing added to accommodate student growth
- Before and Aftercare reflects enrollment increase
- Title One funds approved for FY10
- Bottom line surplus of \$9K

North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School

- Enrollment planned to grow to full enrollment of 345 students, which is an increase of 57 students.
- Staffing added to accommodate student growth
- Bottom line reflects balanced budget

Renaissance Charter School St. Lucie

- Will open with enrollment near capacity of 1242 students
- State of the Art facility
- Debt will be incurred to finance startup Capital needs in the amount of \$1.1M
- Management Fee will be contributed by the school in year one - FY10
- Bottom line reflects balanced budget

Motion made by Mr. Clark with a second by Mr. McKee to approve the FY 2009-2010 Financial Budget for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. The motion was approved 3-0 (1 absent; 1 open seat).

Motion made by Mr. Clark with a second by Mr. McKee to approve the engagement letter from the audit firm of Keefe, McCullough & Co., LLP for the year end June 30, 2009 audit. The motion was approved 3-0 (1 absent; 1 open seat).

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Homestead High School

- Mr. Page stated that due to issues involving political barriers and landlord concerns, he felt it was in the best interest of all parties to temporarily suspend the proposal of a 9th grade at Keys Gate Charter School. We will be meeting with the Homestead Charter Foundation and would like to come back to the board at a later date with a revised plan. The Board was in agreement.

Florida Charters

- Mr. Kelmanson reported that, under the acknowledgement of and on behalf of the Renaissance Charter School, Inc., CSUSA would be submitting, potentially, eleven new charters to the state of Florida for the year 2010-2011. These applications are due by August 1, 2009. He will keep the Board updated as to the progress of these applications.

V. NEW BUSINESS

FCAT Results

- Ms. Hage gave an overview of the FCAT results for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Governing Board Schools.

- Renaissance Charter School continues to excel and rank well among the district and state. 100% of the 8th grade students were proficient in writing. This is outstanding.
- Hollywood Academy of Arts & Sciences scored well above the district and state. The 8th grade students scored a 97% proficiency in writing.
- North Broward Academy of Excellence was commended for their overall scores. 8th Grade students demonstrated a 99% proficiency in writing and the middle school was also acknowledged for their learning gains. It was noted that the elementary school had many new students starting the school year and expected to score higher next year.
- Ms. Hage commented that we continue to work on those areas that we did not do as well in and working with the teachers to strengthen those learning skills. Various professional development seminars will be conducted throughout the year.

Governance Training Requirement

- Ms. Vecchione reminded the Board of the governance training requirement to be completed by August 1, 2009. The Clarion Council was chosen as the vendor and the on-line training was ready for implementation.

VI. OPEN FORUM

- The next board meeting will be held on July 24, 2009.



Ken Haiko, Chairman

Date: 7/24/09