

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Renaissance Charter School, Inc.
Board Meeting: June 27, 2008

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

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Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
06.27.08	10:35 a.m.	11:40 a.m.	08.29.08	10:30 a.m.	Mary Vecchione
Meeting Location:					
Charter Schools USA, 6245 N Federal Hwy, 5 th Floor, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308					

Attended by:	
Mr. Ken Haiko, Chairman Mr. Dennis Clark, Vice Chairman Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Treasurer Mr. Clarence McKee, Secretary	Mr. Jon Hage, President/CEO, CSUSA Ms. Debbie Von Behren, Executive VP, CSUSA Mr. Richard Page, VP of Operations, CSUSA Ms. Lorrie Davidson, VP of School Finance, CSUSA Mr. Mike Essik, Director of Finance, CSUSA Mr. Derek Kelmanson, Operations Mgr, CSUSA Ms. Mary Vecchione, Governing Board Liaison, CSUSA Ms. Jessica Rueda, Business Mgr, HAAS Mr. David McKnight, Principal, NBAE Ms. Ana Cordal, Principal, RECS
Absent: Ms. Laura Seidman, Director	
Highlights:	

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting commenced at 10:35 a.m. with a Call to Order by Chairman Haiko. Roll call was taken and quorum was established.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ken Haiko, Chairman

Chairman Haiko asked the Board to review the minutes from the May 16, 2008 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 minutes from the May 16, 2008 Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board of Director's meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. SCHOOL REPORT

Renaissance Elementary School

Ms. Ana Cordal, Principal

- Student enrollment is 493 with a budgeted enrollment of 500.
- All teachers have recommitted for next year with the exception of one.
- Ms. Cordal reported on academics, operations, and relevant school and community activities.
- The Renaissance Charter School was featured in the Miami-Herald as a top performing school on the FCAT's. The Board congratulated Ms. Cordal and her staff for a job well done.

Renaissance Middle Charter School

Ms. Ana Cordal, Principal

- Current enrollment is 123 students with a budgeted enrollment of 125.
- One staff opening and are currently interviewing.
- Ms. Cordal reported on academics, operations, and relevant school and community activities.
- First 8th grade graduation.

North Broward Academy of Excellence

Mr. David McKnight, Principal

- Student enrollment is 431 students, 10 students below budget enrollment.
- There are two staff positions opened for the coming school year.
- Mr. McKnight reported on academics, operations, and relevant school and community activities.

North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School

Mr. David McKnight, Principal

- Student enrollment is 185 students, 5 students over budgeted enrollment.
- Several positions are needed for teacher staffing and currently going through the interview process.
- Mr. McKnight reported on academics, operations, and relevant school and community activities.

Hollywood Academy of Arts & Sciences

Ms. Jessica Rueda, Bus Mgr

- Current enrollment is 674 students.
- There are currently 9 staffing positions open for the next school year.
- Ms. Rueda reported on academics, operations, and relevant school and community activities.

III. FINANCE

Mr. Mike Essik/Ms. Lorrie Davidson, Finance

- Student enrollment showed a positive variance of 6 students. NBAE was slightly under and unable to fill, so a Kindergarten class was added to balance the shortfall.
- FTE revenue per student had a positive variance of \$142, sustaining two budget cuts equating to approximately \$100 per student.
- Summary of school revenues maintained a positive variance, due to the combination of additional students and additional revenue per student.
- School Expenses resulted in a negative variance due to NBAE addition of Kindergarten, instructional expenses in excess of plan, and lower revenues than planned from the before and aftercare program.
- Mr. Essik commented that there were no deficits to report.
- The FY 08-09 budgets were built assuming a reduction of \$150 per student.
- RECS and HAAS enrollment is anticipated at remaining the same while NBAE is projected to grow to 841 combined students with the opening of the new building.
- Increases show wages at a 2% merit increase, additional funds for tutoring and planned increases in health care insurance costs.
- Appropriations from FY08 surpluses in the amount of \$108K help to balance the budgets for FY09 due to the decrease in FTE revenue.

Motion made by Mr. McKee with a second by Mr. Wheeler to approve the Budget for the Renaissance Charter Foundation, Inc. FY08-09. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

North Broward Addendum to Lease

Mr. Jon Hage, President/CEO

- Due to the expansion of North Broward Academy of Excellence, the board reviewed the addendum to the lease allowing for the expansion of 30,516 square feet.
- The rent was revised and the schedule outlined in the addendum will be followed.

Motion made by Mr. McKee with a second by Mr. Clark to approve the addendum to the agreement between ACS I, LLP and The Renaissance Charter School, Inc. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Mr. Hage suggested that we have an official opening of the new section of the school approximately one week prior to the opening of the school year. This will be low key, with a few dignitaries and media invited. He asked that all board members to plan on attending.

New Charters in Homestead Area

Mr. Jon Hage, President/CEO

- The 2 new charters in Homestead are moving forward. The K-8 site plan has been reviewed with the city. There are a few issues which need to be addressed but feel these will be resolved quickly. The Oasis Charter School, K-8, has plans of opening in 2009-2010.
- The Homestead High School has not negotiated a contract yet due to confirming a property site for the high school. We are working on confirming a site and plans to open the school for the 2010-2011 school year.

Georgia Charter Foundation, Inc.

Mr. Jon Hage, President/CEO

- Mr. Haiko attended the first Georgia Charter Foundation, Inc. Board of Director's Meeting on June 2, 2008 along with Charter Schools USA staff. He welcomed the board members and gave them a brief overview as to what to expect as a director on the board.
- The petitions have been submitted in Georgia and moving forward. We hope to have two charters open for the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Hage will keep the board informed of the progress.

Renaissance Charter School of St. Lucie

Mr. Derek Kelmanson, Operations Mgr

- The St Lucie charter contract has been negotiated and approved for the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Page commented that he welcomed their partnership.

Other Charters

Mr. Richard Page, VP of Operations

- New Charter applications are due August 1, 2008 in the state of Florida. Mr. Page commented that they are beginning the analysis process internally as to which counties they would like to submit an application for. He does anticipate that the board will have additional applications to review under their leadership.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- None

VI. OPEN FORUM

- Mr. McKnight commented that the Principal's Institute was well received by the administrators and thanked Charter Schools USA for their time and effort.

Motion made by Mr. Clark with a second by Mr. Wheeler to adjourn the June 27, 2008 Board of Director's meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.



Ken Haiko, Chairman

Date: 8/29/08