

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: The Renaissance Charter School, Inc.
Board Meeting: October 12, 2007

School(s): Hollywood Academy of Arts and 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:
10.12.07	10:30 am	11:50 am	12.14.07	11:30 am	Mary Vecchione
Meeting Location:					
Charter Schools USA, 6245 N Federal Hwy, Ft Lauderdale, Florida 33308					

Attended by:	
Mr. Kenneth Haiko, Chairman Mr. Dennis Clark, Treasurer Ms. Laura Seidman, Secretary Mr. Clarence McKee, Director Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Director	Mr. Jon Hage, Preseident/CEO, CSUSA Ms. Debbie VonBehren, Exec VP, CSUSA Ms. Lorrie Davidson, VP of Finance, CSUSA Mr. David Cash, VP of Finance, CSUSA Ms. Diane Ratcliff, Dir of HR, CSUSA Ms. Mary Vecchione, Board Liaison, CSUSA Mr. David McKnight, Principal, NBAE Ms. Donte Fulton, Principal, HAAS Ms. Ana Cordal, Principal, RECS
Highlights:	

CALL TO ORDER

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 August 24, 2007 Board of Directors' meeting and note any corrections or comments. The minutes stand.

Motion made by Mr. Clark with a second by Mr. McKee to approve the August 24, 2007 Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board of Director Minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. SCHOOL REPORT

Hollywood Academy of Arts and Sciences

Ms. Donte Fulton, Principal

- Total school enrollment stands at 679 students, one under the budgeted enrollment.
- Ms. Fulton commented that they were fully staffed.
- Ms. Fulton reported on Academic Highlights, Operations Update, and School and Community activities.

North Broward Academy of Excellence

Mr. David McKnight, Principal

- The school enrollment is 628 students, 7 over the budgeted enrollment. Mr. McKnight thanked the CSUSA team for helping to achieve this goal.

- Mr. McKnight reported on staffing.
- Funding for the construction of the new building has been approved and they are waiting on the construction to begin. The anticipated opening date is scheduled for July 2008. The facility will house 450 new students stations.
- Competitive basketball has begun with the middle school students playing other local middle schools.
- Chairman Haiko acknowledged that Mr. McKnight received a certificate of recognition from the Florida Department of Education for increasing the school's rating by two letter grades. The Board expressed their congratulations.

Renaissance Charter School

Ms. Ana Cordal, Principal

- Total student enrollment is 628, 3 students over the budgeted enrollment.
- Ms. Cordal reported on the Academic Updates, Operations Updates, and School and Community Activities.
- Ms. Cordal commented that the Renaissance Elementary Charter School PTO was selected for their Outstanding Outreach to a Multicultural Parent Base in the 2007 Parent Group of the Year search for PTO Today. She shared the article written on them in the last issue of PTO Today. Chairman Haiko and the Board expressed their congratulations to the school and PTO.

Out of Field Waivers

- The final ESOL Out of Field Waivers were read by each school and approved.

Motion made by Mr. McKee with a second by Mr. Clark to approve the Out of Field Waivers for Hollywood Academy of Arts and Sciences. The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McKee with a second by Mr. Clark to approve the Out of Field Waivers for North Broward Academy of Excellence. The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Clark with a second by Ms. Seidman to approve the Out of Field Waivers for Renaissance Charter School. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. FINANCE

Ms. Lorrie Davidson, VP of Finance

- Audits - Ms. Davidson reported that the school audits have been completed and had no questionable findings and all were clean. They were completed in a timely manner. She did hold back 1% of the FTE fund in reserve (as the Board approved), showing a strong financial position. All the schools did a great job of controlling costs.
- Capital Outlay Plan for Renaissance Charter Schools - Ms. Davidson commented that the Miami Dade County Public Schools require the Capital Outlay Plans to be submitted along with an additional form verifying the lease payments. This will require Chairman Haiko's signature on behalf of the Board and the Board's approval to present the Capital Outlay Plan to the state.

Motion made by Mr. McKee with a second by Mr. Clark verifying that the school meets all the eligibility requirements mandated by the state on the Capital Outlay Plan and will be used for said purposes. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Credit Card Processing - Ms. Davidson presented a credit card and check processing plan to the board. She asked for their approval to go forward with Nova Information Systems as the merchant service provider for such use.

Motion made by Mr. Clark with a second by Mr. Wheeler to authorize the Chairman to move forward and sign on behalf of the foundation to proceed to use Nova Information Systems as the merchant service provider for credit card and check processing. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- Amendment to Lease Agreement - Mr. Hage asked the Board to review the amendment to the Lease Agreement between RCF Leasing, Inc./Riverside Christian Fellowship, Inc. and The Renaissance Charter Foundation, Inc. as stated in the attachment.

Motion made by Mr. Clark with a second by Ms. Seidman to approve and confirm the First Amendment to the Lease Agreement between RCF Leasing, Inc./Riverside Christian Fellowship Inc. and The Renaissance Charter Foundation, Inc. as stated. The motion was approved unanimously.


V. OLD BUSINESS

- Compliance Issues with Miami Dade for South Dade Charter High School and Approval - Mr. Hage reported that the new charter application for the Homestead area will be up for vote next Tuesday and approval through the committee prior to the school board meeting. He fully expected the application to be approved which at that point we can begin to move forward with the financing. The intended site is approximately six blocks from Keys Gate Charter School and purchasing arrangements have been in progress. Mr. Hage will keep the Board informed of the progress on this anticipated approval. The issues have been worked out and an agreement has been made. With approval, construction could begin next summer and the school opening in 2009. Mr. Hage reported that the review staff gave the application its highest approval. Congratulations to the entire staff of CSUSA.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Class size reduction was discussed and Mr. Hage reviewed the issues which tend towards non compliance within the Charter Schools. Mr. McKee asked if SAC and PTO could work together and become involved in the legislation for change.

Motion made by Mr. McKee with a second by Ms. Seidman to adjourn the Board of Directors' Meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.



Chairman's name, Chairman

Date: _____