

## MEETING MINUTES

### **The Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board of Directors' Meeting**

School(s):     Hollywood Academy of Arts & Science Middle School  
                  North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School  
                  Renaissance Elementary Charter School  
                  Renaissance Middle 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.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>Next time:</b>	<b>Prepared by:</b>
9/9/2005	9:20 a.m.	10:50 a.m.	10/21/2005	11:00 a.m.	Brenda Santiago, CSUSA
<b>Meeting Location:</b>					
Charter School USA, 6245 N. Federal Hwy., 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308					
<b>Attended by:</b>					
Ken Haiko, Chairman & President Shane Strum, Vice President (by phone) Dennis Clark, Treasurer Thomas Wheeler, Director			<b>CSUSA Staff:</b> Dr. Thomas J. Geismar, Chief of School Support Maria de L. Rodriguez, Director of School Support Lorrie Davidson, Controller Marjorie Lekach, Staff Accountant Joe Scott, Sr. Staff Accountant Brenda Santiago, School Support Specialist/Governing Board Liaison Ana Cordal, Principal, RECS and RMCS Michael Hoffman, Principal, NBAEMS Leslie Brown, Principal, HAASMS		
<b>Not present:</b> Laura R. Seidman, Secretary					
<b>Highlights:</b>					

#### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting commenced at 9:20 a.m. with a call to order by Ken Haiko, Board Chair.

#### **II. Approval of Minutes**

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the Board meeting held on June 17, 2005.

**A motion was made by Mr. Shane to approve the minutes; Dennis Clark seconded the motion; the minutes were approved unanimously.**

#### **III. School Reports**

##### **A. North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School**

Mr. Hoffman, Principal of North Broward Academy of Excellence, reported:

- The opening of the new school facility, located at 8200 SW 17<sup>th</sup> Street, North Lauderdale, was delayed due to construction. The school operated out of the North Lauderdale Boys and Girls Club (grades 3-7), located on Kimberly Blvd., North Lauderdale, during the transition time.
- The school moved into its new facilities on August 23, 2005. Everyone is excited about the new facilities. Mr. Paul Hage has done a great job.

- There was a very successful Back to School Night with more than 400 people in attendance. The school enjoys great parental support.
- Mr. Hoffman expressed that it is a challenge to hire a receptionist for the school. Ms. Terri Brown is assisting with the advertisement; it has been difficult to find qualified people.
- The school is waiting for computers to be installed in the new facilities; additionally, they are in need of hiring additional janitorial services.
- The school has 367 elementary students currently enrolled in both campuses.

#### **B. Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science Middle School**

Ms. Leslie Brown, Principal of HAASMS presented:

- The school had a fabulous start with great support from CSUSA.
- The summer was used for extensive planning. The master schedule has been changed to add sixth grade. Current middle school enrollment is 101, with students on a waiting list for 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Open Court, the textbook vendor is very supportive and is offering free training to teachers.
- The nontraditional facilities are working fine. Traffic management in the mornings and at dismissal time is working well. The Police Department is pleased with the process established by the school.
- Some of the challenges identified by Ms. Brown include providing staff development for new teachers
- District support is very strong, Diane Carr and Frank Vodolo, Executive Directors from the Broward County Public Schools' Curriculum Department, will come to visit the school soon.

#### **C. Renaissance Charter School and Renaissance Middle Charter School**

Mrs. Cordal, Principal of RECS and RMCS reported:

- They had a wonderful fist week of school.
- Textbooks were received and middle school students have two sets, one for school and one for home.
- First and second graders took the Benchmark assessment this week.
- The school suffered hurricane damages of \$2000 for repairs due to tree damages.
- The school supports a relief effort for victims of hurricane Katrina.
- No Out-of-Field Waivers for teachers at this time.
- The school has five new teachers, three from the District and one Harvard graduate.
- The school has a grant of \$150,000 from the Florida Teacher Mentor Pilot for incentives for teachers and a mentor program.
- The school earned a \$48,900 bonus for an "A" grade. This can be used in staff bonuses and school upgrades.

#### **IV. Finance**

Lorrie Davidson presented financials for NBAEMS, HAASMS, RECS and RMCS.

- The Financial Audits for RECS are due September 30, 2005. The CSUSA Finance department is working diligently with the firm of Keefer & McCullough to have them ready by the deadline. They have about 30% of the field work completed. We are very proud of the results so far.
- Unaudited financials for RECS were presented. Maintenance and repairs to the school have been planned. There were no surpluses or deficits at the school level. Revenues will flow to CSUSA for management. Any residuals will remain with CSUSA as fee for services

Mr. Clark moved to approve the End of the Year Report 2004-2005 for the Renaissance Elementary Charter School. Mr. Wheeler seconded the Motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- New Budgets for the Year 2005-2006 were presented to the Board for NBAEMS, HAASMS, RECS and RMCS. Budgets were expanded to accommodate a total budgeted number of 446 elementary students for RECS, 49 students for RMCS, 495 students for HAASMS and 79 students for NBAEMS.

Mr. Clark moved to approve the new Budgets Year 2005-2006 for the North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School, the Hollywood Academy of Arts & Science Middle School, the Renaissance Elementary Charter School and the Renaissance Middle Charter School. Ms. Wheeler seconded the Motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**V. Old Business**

- Resolutions for Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science and North Broward Academy of Excellence, to transfer the schools from The Charter Foundation, Inc. to The Renaissance Charter School, Inc., were re-signed according to the new instructions provided by Betsy Donate, Charter Schools Coordinator, from Broward County Public Schools.

**VI. New Business**

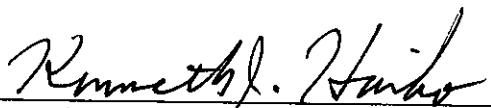
- Dr. Geismar explained to the Board members that four new charter applications have been submitted to the Broward County School District on behalf of The Renaissance Charter Foundation. These applications included two elementary schools and two middle schools.

**VII. Open Forum**

- Mr. Haiko encouraged Board Members to visit the school facilities.
- Dr. Geismar commended all school principals for a job well done commencing the new school year successfully.
- Dr. Geismar explained the new Jessica Lunsford Act to the Board; this new law requires fingerprinting and background checks for all school personnel, volunteers and vendors.

**VIII. Adjournment**

- There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and after a motion made by Mr. Haiko, seconded by Mr. Strum and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.
- *The next Renaissance Charter School, Inc. meeting will be held on Friday, October 21, 2005.*



Kenneth J. Haiko, Board Chair

Date: 11/4/05