

**MINUTES  
GOVERNING BOARD  
ROLLING HILLS PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL  
March 11, 2008  
6:30 p.m.**

**I. REGULAR MEETING PRELIMINARIES**

- A. Meeting Called to Order: by Chairman Varie.
- B. Roll Call: Governing Board members Doug Varie, May Slaughter, Nicole Morris, and Tavis Reche ' were present as well as Administrator Scheuffele. Board member Rick Hart arrived at 8:30.
- C. Approval of Minutes: Tabled until next meeting.
- D. Persons Wishing to Speak on an Agenda Item: No one.
- E. Persons Wishing to Speak on a Non-Agenda Item: No one.

**II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business this evening.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Middle School: A meeting was held with about 40 parents and the next day 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade students gave input on the proposed middle school changes. There is interest in understanding how recess and lunchtime will work, as well as ensuring that credits will transfer. With the gym floor being completed, sports will be added and there is interest in theater and band opportunities. Students will present dress code ideas to the Board at a later meeting. The Lowe's grant is decided in April and there is the possibility of an individual donating lockers. Parents and students are excited about proposed changes and want to see the school follow through with planned changes.
- B. Enrollment/Marketing: Enrollment is at 272 and our goal is 297 for next year. An advertisement will run in the Idaho Statesman tomorrow. Many open houses have been scheduled. The Statesman is writing an article about our school and planned changes. Notices are being posted wherever possible to inform people of our lottery and our school.
- C. Finance Committee: Budget: An increase in salaries funding from the Department of Education has been proposed. The best use of Charter Grant funds is being determined. The school will be receiving a reimbursement from Medicaid for some special education expenditures. Tavis Reche' is working with Qwest on our T1 line contract. There is the possibility of renegotiating our copier contract with Boise Office Equipment. A grant writer that receives a percentage

of grants awarded, may be a good option in the future. Leasing the school facility when school is not in session would increase income during the year. An invoice was received from Idaho Charter Network for membership dues. Due to our budget situation, membership will be tabled at this point in time.

- D. PFA/Fundraising Update: The PFA dinner action is planned for April 18<sup>th</sup>. Invitations have been sent out and donations are still being accepted. Administrator Scheuffele will work up a list of additional people to send invitations to. PFA is looking at no spring carnival but instead have an all school picnic on the last day of school. May 5<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup> is Teacher Appreciation Week. Script sales have increased.
- E. Site & Facilities: Gym Floor: Bids were received from Snap Sports 40,000, R&R Hardwood Plyboo 58,932 and #3 maple 51,977. Ramps will be needed at entrances to the gym at a cost of 2,880. A donation of 42.90 was received from 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. Can we prepay surface treatment for a year or two? Board member Morris motioned to accept option 2 for 51,977 along with ramps required by code and was seconded by Board member Slaughter. Motion carries 4-0.
- Three bids were received for lawn maintenance. Board member Slaughter seconded the motion by Board member Reche' to accept the Bid from Martin Lawn Care for the year. Motion carries 4-0.
- McAlvain is working to finish repairs. Allied Waste and McAlvain will meet on Friday to discuss dumpster issues. Mice are inside the building and measures are being taken to eradicate the problem. Brenda Taylor and her husband have offered to build a website for the school. The invoice for Creative Technologies will be paid in order to give us time to build a new website.
- F. School Calendar: Christmas break will be aligned with Boise and Meridian School Districts. Board member Morris seconded the motion by Board member Slaughter to accept the school calendar as discussed. Motion carries 4-0.
- G. Policies: Tabled until next meeting.
- H. Visiting Teacher Program: Two host families will be needed for visiting teacher next year. The Hills have expressed an interest in hosting next year. The visiting teacher would be from China. We will continue with the program for next year.
- I. Business Partnership Program: Our school will receive student teachers for next year at no cost to us. Deseret Industries, DI, has offered an employee to us for the rest of the school year. The employee will be paid by them and be required to go through a background check. We can get out of the contract at any time if the fit doesn't seem right. She can start now. Board member Slaughter seconded the motion by Board member Hart to enter into the partnership with DI by signing the contract and hiring the Educational Assistant. Motion carries 4-0.

The school will receive \$182.00 through the School Scratch Program. Morgan Stanley donated 8 computers and a server to our school. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.

Chairman Varie announced he would entertain a motion to recess into Executive Session in the manner and for the purpose authorized in Section 67-2345 (1)(b), Idaho Code, to consider the evaluation, dismissal, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member, individual agent, or public school student.

Board member Morris seconded the motion made by Board member Slaughter, and Chairman Varie declared the Governing Board into Executive Session with all members voting aye.

(Executive Session)

Chairman Varie reconvened the Board into Open Session at 11:35 p.m.

#### **IV. REPORTS & DISCUSSION**

Principal's Report: Services are being provided for students that tested low on IRI test and progress is being made.

The proposed changes to the middle school will leave us overstaffed. We currently have 4 teachers but only need 3 with this model. The math teacher would increase from a .67 position to a .75 position. The Spanish position would be at .5 for K through 8<sup>th</sup>. Teachers aren't being overtaxed by this proposed schedule. With the 9<sup>th</sup> grade not being offered next year, our budget has become an issue.

#### **V. CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda was tabled until the next meeting.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

After a full and complete discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

**The above minutes represent a true and accurate summary of this meeting.**

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**Chairperson**

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**Clerk**