



Rolling Hills Public Charter School

Board Director Application

Personal Contact Information

Darren	N.	Simonson
First Name	Initial	Last Name

Education Information

What makes you a good candidate for the Rolling Hills Public Charter School Board?

20+ years of working in a professional environment where I interact with many different team members to solve problems through cooperation and teamwork. As the parent of two children attending RHPCS, I am very invested in making sure our school stays viable and strong.

I am a strong advocate of transparency and full disclosure.

What is your area(s) of expertise?

I enjoy solving problems. I like to be able to see the big picture of an issue, then break it down into manageable sections. I have extensive experience in project management.

How do you see yourself being a team player as a member of the RHPCS School Board?

As noted, I have worked successfully within a team atmosphere for many years. I am respectful of the opinions of others though I am not afraid of speaking my mind.

What changes would you implement if elected to the board?

I would not make or suggest any changes until I completely understand the issues at hand. Bottom line however is that the school is a business and needs to be run as such in order to ensure long term viability.

Charter and School Board Knowledge

Would you consider yourself pro school choice? Yes No

What is your knowledge of Charter Schools in Idaho or elsewhere?
Only in Idaho. I have a working knowledge of the Charter School system.

How (if at all) are you affiliated with Rolling Hills Public Charter School?
My wife and I have two children enrolled, Kindergarten and 3rd grade.

How familiar are you with Rolling Hills Public Charter School's charter and bylaws?
At this point, I am not very familiar, though I would quickly educate myself on them if I were elected to the board.

How many Rolling Hills Board meetings have you attended?
One.

Have you ever attended any charter school or other school board meeting?

Have you ever attended a PFA or PTA meeting? I have not, though my wife has attended several. Typically only one of us can attend while the other watches the kids.

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Have you visited Rolling Hills Public Charter School during operating hours and what is your opinion?
Yes I have, I have always been impressed with the cleanliness, order, and general atmosphere. I especially appreciate the respect for our countries' history and founders.

What is your knowledge of the Harbor School Method of Instruction?
I am pretty familiar with the Harbor method.

Are you supportive of the Harbor School Method of Instruction? Yes No
When it comes to education, what are you passionate about?
Parent involvement in their kids' education.

What do you feel is important in a K-12 educational program?
Disciplined and orderly environment. One of the main reasons we brought our children to RHPCS is because of the uniforms and positive atmosphere. You provide a good learning environment, the kids will flourish. Obviously talented teachers goes hand in hand with this.
How do you feel about the current administration and staff at Rolling Hills Public Charter School?
I am always impressed by Dr. Montgomery and his dedication to this school. Likewise, the rest of the staff are very dedicated and committed to our children.

Misc. Questions

Do you have children? Yes No

Ages or Grades? Kindergarten, 3rd grade.

Do you understand that board members are not granted Founder status and do not get special provisions for their children to attend Rolling Hills? Y N

Do you understand that board members are not compensated for their time, board positions are totally volunteer positions? Y N

This is a two - year commitment with monthly meetings, other planning sessions, and special events.

Are you aware of the commitment and willing to follow through? Y N

Do you agree with the Code of Conduct (included with the Application)? Y N

Do you understand that all board members must be fingerprinted and undergo a criminal background

check at the expense of the board member? Y N

Are you a citizen of the United States? Y N

Legal Information

Have you ever resigned and/or been dismissed from a position, whether employment or otherwise, because you were accused of an incident of sexual misconduct or harassment?
 Yes No If yes, please attach a written explanation.

Have you ever been convicted of any crime? (Traffic infractions and motor vehicle violations classified as misdemeanors or felonies must be included) Yes No If yes, give the date, place, nature of offences, and circumstances. Include all guilty pleas, withheld judgments, pleas of nolo contendere and other convictions.

It is your responsibility to determine the nature of your criminal record. Failure to include any criminal convictions will be considered a deliberate misrepresentation and may result in dismissal. A conviction will not automatically disqualify the applicant from the board. The seriousness of the crime and the date of the conviction will be considered.

Date 2-16-12 Signature of Applicant [Signature]