

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of Rainshadow Community Charter High School was called to order at 5:29 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 121 Vesta Street, Reno, NV.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Martin Braik, Kris Beck, Mike Pacheco, Josh Reddig, were present.

ACTION ITEM Discussion and approval of Art Gallery Proposal

Pan, Ryan and Alex, associated with the Hobson Gallery and Salvagery Artist Collection spoke about their desire to work with students at RCCHS to increase students' exposure to working art/artists. There are many projects and opportunities for students including welding, rock sculpture, ceramics, and painting. Beyond art, students may be exposed to marketing, how to put on a show, curating, etc. Being a working--and successful--artist is far more than simply painting. Pan suggested that the RCCHS art show could be held at the Hobson Gallery, and vice versa. Braik noted that there are no apparent downsides as long as kids are kept safe and well managed.

Donors would like to contribute via the Rainshadow Foundation.

Pacheco moved to proceed as described. Beck seconded. Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEM Discussion and approval of March 16, 2011 Board meeting minutes

Mike Pacheco moved to approve the minutes. Martin Braik seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Discussion and approval of expenditures

Mike Pacheco moved to approve the expenditures. Martin Braik seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Discussion and approval of the final budget for 2001-2012.

The plan is to cut 5%, while freezing all salaries. It is possible to end with a \$40,000 to \$50,000 surplus this year; so next year may not be as painful. Martin Braik moved to approve the budge. Mike Pacheco seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Information Item: Discussion of Financial Report.

- The coffee shop will close Fridays and during the summer.
- Advertising is very expensive and not very effective
- Utilities are down.
- Switched phone and Internet to Charter, saving \$200/month.

Action Item: Introduction, discussion and approval of new Board member.

Brucie Ingram introduced herself and presented her resume (see attached). She is the parent of a Rainshadow student and is very interested to be on the board. Mr. Pacheco moved to approve Ms. Ingram joining the board. Mr. Braik seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Information Item: Principal's report with staff comments.

Emily Orellana placed in the top ten at the national poetry contest in Washington. We all felt she did better than anyone else.

Washoe County School District audit was received and we did very well thanks to our great staff. Joe and senior class won \$7000 for their sustainability program, area schools competed and we won second place.

Art show went well, we made about \$400 from the sales. We still pay students 70% of the sales price. We are still looking for math teacher to hire for next year.

As far as we know will be fine for final budget next year, but we are still waiting to see what kind of money will be there.

Principal will be on the Board of Trustees as financial officer of the Charter School Association of Nevada. Full-time staff was paid \$500 bonuses each as part of our celebration of teacher week.

We will be looking at a couple of financial adjustments to staff salaries and bringing Dave Fontes on full-time next year.

Public comment.

There were no public comments.

Information item. Announcement of next meeting.

Annual meeting will be held on July 20, 2011

Action item. Adjournment of meeting.

Mr. Pacheco moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Beck seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.