

**RIVER CITY SCIENCE ACADEMY
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

Minutes

7565 Beach Blvd
Jacksonville, FL 32216
Thursday, January 15, 2015
7:00 pm at RCSA Media Center

-- Board members present--

Ahmet Birdal, Elizabeth Dorrian, Tonja Boswell, Elvan Aktas, Marilyn Young

Staff member present: Dogan Tozoglu, Executive Director

1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda items
3. Public Remarks
4. Approval of last board meeting (December 04, 2014) minutes
5. Board Member Election
6. Discussion and Approval of Offering Documents and Closing Documents for Capital Trust Agency Charter School Revenue Bonds (River City Education Services, Inc. Project), Series 2015.
7. Approval of School Recognition Fund Usage
8. Approval of RCSA Innovation Lease
9. Approval of Security Deposit for RCSA-Innovation
10. RCSA Elementary Renewal Update
11. RCSA Mandarin Contract Update
12. RCSA Middle-High School Grade update
13. Accreditation renewal update
14. Financials
15. Closure of the meeting

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Meeting Minutes

1. The Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the agenda items

Motion: Approve the agenda items (Mr. Birdal)
Second: Mr. Aktas
Vote: Yea – 4
No – 0

3. Public Remarks

There were no public remarks

4. Approval of the last board meeting minutes

Motion: Approve last board meeting (December 2014) minutes (Mr. Birdal) with a modification of the meeting date from November 4 to December 4, 2014.
Second: Mrs. Boswell
Vote: Yea – 4
No – 0

5. Board Member Election

Dr. Tozoglu presented Marilyn Young as a candidate for Board nomination. Her background was discussed as well as her connection to RCSA through her two children who are attending high school at RCSA. Mrs. Young was also selected as Secretary of the Board. Mrs. Young accepted the nomination to the Board and as Secretary.

Motion: Approval of Ms. Young to be appointed to the Board.
Second: Mrs. Boswell
Vote: Yea – 5
No – 0

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6. Discussion and Approval of Offering Documents and Closing Documents for Capital Trust Agency Charter School Revenue Bonds (River City Education Services, Inc. Project), Series 2015.

Presentation by Attorney David Cohen on the process and documents prepared for issuance of bonds to be used for the acquisition by River City Education Services of the properties located at 7555, 7565 and 7605 Beach Boulevard (current school campuses and gymnasium on Beach Blvd).

Motion: Approval of Documents Presented as discussed and Resolution of the Board of Directors to move forward with the acquisition and bond offering (Mr. Birdal)

Second: Mrs. Boswell

Vote: Yea –5
No – 0

7. Approval of School Recognition Fund Usage

Motion: Approval of funds received for “A” status from the Florida Department of Education for RCSA Elementary and RCSA Middle High to be allocated to school improvement projects/upgrades and remaining to employees as bonuses.

8. Approval of RCSA Innovation Lease

Motion: Approval of 5 year lease for the new location for RCSA-Innovation (K-8th grade) school at 8313 Baycenter Road, Jacksonville, FL 32256. Opening scheduled for the 2015-2016 school year.

9. Approval of Security Deposit for RCSA-Innovation.

Motion: Approval of the security deposit as a loan from RCSA Middle-High to RCSA-Innovation for lease of the Baycenter Road location.

Mr. Birdal made a motion to approve agenda items 7, 8, and 9 as discussed.

Second: Ms. Boswell

Vote: Yea-5
No-0

10. RCSA Elementary Renewal Update

Duval County District visit completed with an excellent outcome. Documentation submitted for approval for the next 5 years which is expected to be granted by the Duval County School Board. The final presentation will be held on Jan 20th by Dr. T. to the renewal committee. After the final presentation, the School will be notified by DCPS.

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11. RCSA Mandarin Contract Update

The proposed RCSA at Mandarin school has been approved by the Duval County School Board for the K-8th grade school. Negotiations for a location are on-going. 2015-2016 will be used for planning with a target opening of the 2016-2017 school year. The District will be notified by the School of intention to defer the opening to 2016-17 school year.

12. RCSA Middle-High School Grade Update

Florida Board of Education assessed an "A" grade to RCSA-MH based upon performance of FCAT scores for the 2014-2015 school year.

13. Accreditation renewal Update

Site visits from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditation team were completed in November 2014. All documentations were reviewed by the team. The team visited classrooms and conducted focus group interviews with teachers, students, and parents. Feedback was very favorable. Recommendation for extension of another 5 year accreditation from AdvancED was received.

14. RCSA Financials

The Board reviewed and discussed financial reports for the RCSA Middle-High, Innovations and Elementary schools. All are operating in excess of year to date budgeted amounts.

16. Closure of the meeting – The next scheduled Board meeting date of March 18, 2015 will be rescheduled to avoid conflicting with Spring Break. Date to be determined. Mr. Birdal moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

I acknowledge that these minutes reflect the business of the Board of Directors meeting of January 15, 2015.

Marilyn Young, Board Secretary