APPROVED

Rochester Academy Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Saturday August 15, 2015 at 8:00 AM

Location
Portland

Trustees Present
D. Calder, J. Santos, M. Gedemenli, M. Guler, W. Middleton

Trustees Absent
None

Guests Present
D. Ozcan, M. Demirtas

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Gedemenli called a meeting of the board of trustees of Rochester Academy Charter School to order on Saturday Aug 15, 2015 at 10:12 AM.
D. Ozcan arrived.

C. Approve Minutes

M. Guler made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 07-24-15 Board Meeting on 07-24-15.
W. Middleton seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
Change 1k per year to 1k per semester.

II. Finance, Facilities & Audit

A. Finance Committee Report

B. Monthly Financial Report

Figures for budget need to be adjusted-revenues were $88273 under budget due to several students leaving the school. Expenses were less than budget. Ending fund balance $954,210. $175,952 surplus. Final figures will be determined in the October audit.
6/30 Estimated total fund balance $1,370,802; ($200 K building designated; App. $200 K Assets.)

C. Chrome Book Approval

Quotes for chromebook purchase
Faculty feedback suggested that we need to purchase chromebooks; students need access to technology and we don't have enough for all students (only 50 per building)
State review suggested that we use surplus for instructional purposes
Purchase of 125 chromebooks will give us 100 chromebooks per building
Best buy education offered the best of three quotes for chromebooks ($23,225)
M. Guler made a motion to approve the purchase of new chrome books.
J. Santos seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. TV w/Ipad Purchases for classrooms

Demir presented cost analysis comparing approximate prices and configuration for classroom technology: Smartboard and Projector vs. TV and iPads: recommendation of IT department is to purchase TV and iPad; 15 units are needed
Faculty at other charter schools report a preference for TV and iPad
High school will continue to use smart boards; purchase will cover middle school only
TV and iPad are least expensive
Learning curve on the TV, iPad combo is much lower than with the smart board; training is much easier and quicker
Anything that can be displayed on the iPad can be presented with the TV without any special wiring
Long-term, smart boards in the high school can be phased out and replaced with iPad and TV if they are successful in the middle school
Higher-end smart boards are prohibitively expensive
M. Guler made a motion to approve purchase of TV and iPad package.
Y. Bilgic seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. I-Mac Approvals

Computers in computer lab need to be upgraded
Rule of thumb is that IT Hardware should be updated every two years.
Computers take as long as 5 minutes to boot-significant loss of instructional time.
IT department recommends iMac, they are all-in-one; less cabling
IMac will complement windows computers so that students will be familiar with both OS
M. Guler made a motion to approve purchase of iMacs.
D. Calder seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. Literacy Program

Student performance data show that the students' performance is getting better, but slow improvement and many students are below grade level: literacy gap is the most significant factor in disparities in academic performance.
We have hired literacy specialists
There is a need for a literacy program: Read 180 program has proven effective and has been highly approved of by an academic council who reviewed several programs
Initial cost is $65 k (discounted price-fees for training were waived); includes books and software; annual fee afterwards is $3 k
Program can be used by all students in the middle school
M. Guler made a motion to approve the purchase of the Read 180 LIteracy Program.
J. Santos seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

G. Budget Revisions

Budget impact of the three items: current surplus $771,066; Revised budget $281,622; Revised surplus $489,444; Expected 15-16 surplus $639,444
M. Guler made a motion to approve attached Budget Revisions.
Y. Bilgic seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Academic Excellence

A. Academic Excellence Committee Report

B. Director's Monthly Report

C. RACS DASA policy

M. Guler made a motion to approve RACS DASA policy.
Y. Bilgic seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D.

Editing Staff Handbook

Change handbook to included approved and unapproved tardiness for the determination of penalty points
M. Guler made a motion to approve revision of handbook policy on tardiness.
D. Calder seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Other Business

A. Staffing

M. Guler made a motion to approve hiring/dismissals list.
D. Calder seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. Middleton