

Rocky Mountain Classical Academy  
Board Meeting Minutes for Regular Meeting -  
Board of Directors Meeting held November 12, 2009 at Piros Campus, 6:30 PM

Meeting Called By: Board of Directors  
Facilitator: Eric Sova

Attendees: Kristin Geesey (KG), Maryann Kephart (MK), Eric Sova (ES)  
Scott Cathey (SC)

**1.0 Call to order, Roll Call** Eric Sova at 6:37 PM

ES	Present
SC	Present
MK	Present
KG	Present

**2.0 Welcome and Pledge** - Eric Sova

**3.0 Approval of Agenda** - Eric Sova

Motion to add an Executive Session after 8.01 Executive Session

Roll Call	ES	Yes
	SC	Yes
	MK	Yes
	KG	Yes

Motion to approve agenda with change

Roll Call	ES	Yes
	SC	Yes
	MK	Yes
	KG	Yes

**4.0 Comments**

Bridget Mosely - Wants to "sing the praises of Mrs. Smith"

Mrs. Ramirez - Concerned regarding Gifted and Talented children and the loss of Angela Zimmerman. Reminded Board that ALP's are mandated.

Eric Sova explained that budget constraints are reason that RMCA has not hired to replace Mrs. Zimmerman's position.

Kelly Taylor stated she is working with RTI, Reading/Math interventionists to have all ALP's by 12/4/09. She stated that a pull out program is not required. Differentiation in the classroom needs to happen to accommodate G & T.

## 5.0 Consent Agenda

### 5.01 Motion to approve consent agenda - Acceptance and approval of meeting minutes

Roll Call	ES	Yes
	SC	Yes
	MK	Yes
	KG	Yes

## 6.0 Information Items

6.01 Kelly Taylor - RTI is operating with Mrs. Hall working at both campuses.  
Data Fridays are for progress monitoring.  
Case of confirmed Pertussis (Whooping Cough) - working with El Paso County Health Department  
Final Count on October 1 was 473 students (Not FTE)  
PTO raised \$8200 in their most recent fundraiser  
Building a float for the festival of lights parade.

6.02 John O'Connell Final Count for MS/HS 234 FTE  
Over 1/2 of students are participating in sports.  
Academic Booster Club is working to purchase lab kits for 6th grade, purchase music for holiday programs and Spanish vocal curriculum.  
Students are now being allowed to wear Spirit wear hoodies in the classroom due to cold temperatures in building.  
One of the modulars is being removed from the lot next door  
Many music students attended the performance of Wicked last night in Denver.  
Mrs. Driver is sponsoring the Brain Bowl competition  
Conducting a food drive next week  
Copier was down for 2 days - special thanks to Piro's campus for help with copying.  
Sports programs are pulling grades up  
Mr. Molsen has offered to donate a printer to the office  
Several staff members are participating in a Biggest Loser program  
RTI is getting started with Mrs. Hall

6.03 Carla Whitmer - 112 Students on count day (16 Kindies) all count as 1/2 FTE  
December 1 Home School will have a Christmas Program at Sand  
Creek High School Auditorium  
\$1000 raised by Silver Graphics Fund Raiser  
Having a good year.

6.04 Rick Veatch Money is still tight  
Everyday is a new mystery, Business office is getting organized.  
Trying to track expenses  
Utilities are very reasonable  
Getting New Quotes on custodial services  
New Accounting Software has to be configured by the company

## 7.0 **New and Ongoing Business**

7.01 Election Results - Eric Sova and Scott Cathey

Vote Count Kephart 119  
Geesey 119  
Cullen 106  
Elrod 81

Motion to enter results and approve election

Roll Call	ES	Yes
	SC	Yes
	MK	Yes
	KG	Yes

Welcome to Mr. Brian Cullen - invited him to join the board at the table.

7.02 Pony Tracks Teaching Staff Presentation - Debbie Womack

Letter presented to Board that was signed by majority of teaching staff at Pony  
Tracks campus in support of John O'Connell's leadership of the MS/HS campus.

Letter read out loud by Eric Sova - original presented to Mr. O'Connell, copy  
retained by the board.

7.03 Detention Policy change request.

Proposed new language for detention policy presented to the board. Several  
questions came up

Does this policy completely replace the current policy?

Mr. Gordon was unavailable due to Athletic Director duties.

Board feels we need more discussion

Motion to table until next meeting. Mr Sova directed administration to work together to word the policy more cohesively.

Roll Call        ES    Yes  
                     SC    Yes  
                     MK    Yes  
                     KG    Yes  
                     Mr. Cullen (BC)    Yes

- 7.04 Non RMCA student participation in RMCA sponsored events - John O'Connell  
Per CHASSA - RMCA can charge up to 200% of student fees (non refundable)  
to non RMCA students who participate in sports.  
      Recommend we charge the full fee. (200% of normal fee)  
      In addition recommends we charge 200% of deposits (refundable)

We need to draft a policy relating to this policy. Mr. O'Connell stated he would draft the policy and present it at the December meeting.

Mrs. Kephart asked about the need for a social events policy. Board agreed we need to write a social event policy. Mr. O'Connell will have a Social Event Policy draft for Board at December meeting. Mrs. Kephart will be board point of contact for this policy.

Roll Call        ES    Yes  
                     SC    Yes  
                     MK    Yes  
                     KG    Yes  
                     BC    Yes

- 7.05 Communication with parents - Eric Sova  
States need for rumor control letter by 12/1/09  
      Needs to highlight good things happening at RMCA  
      Rumor control - reference Parent/Student Handbook  
      Suggested a quarterly board update to keep parents informed on  
          what the Board is working on.

Kristin Geesey and Maryann Kephart will work together to draft a letter to parents regarding rumor control as well as board update.

Roll Call        ES    Yes  
                     SC    Yes  
                     MK    Yes  
                     KG    Yes  
                     BC    Yes

- 7.06 Memorandum of Understanding with D49 regarding Piros campus - Eric Sova  
Mr. Sova gave brief history of negotiations with D49. Stated that the current version of the Memorandum of Understanding is unacceptable .

Motion to reject current version of Memorandum of Understanding with D49

Roll Call	ES	Yes
	SC	Yes
	MK	Yes
	KG	Yes
	BC	Yes

- 7.07 Budget Review and Work Session scheduling

Gov. Ritter has proposed a 4.65% across the board cut in education funding for 2010-2011 school year. This would impact RMCA by reducing funding by \$230,000 .

Budget work session scheduled for 11/14/09 from 2:30 - 4:30PM at Piros campus.

## 8.0 **Other Business**

- 8.01 Executive Session (Refinance)

- 8.02 Executive Session (Building Negotiations with D49)

Reconvened at 10:20 PM

Motion to continue with negotiations with District 49 on Memorandum of Understanding with cash value of \$1.2 Million in addition to the proposed land .

Roll Call	ES	Yes
	SC	Yes
	MK	Yes
	KG	Yes
	BC	Yes

Motion to adjourn

Roll Call	ES	Yes
	SC	Yes
	MK	Yes
	KG	Yes
	BC	Yes

9.0 **Meeting Adjourned - 10:30 PM**