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Redding School of the Arts
California Nonprofit Benefit Corporation
Adopted Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Open Session: 5:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Presiding Officer Heather Wright at 5:35 p.m.
Roll Call/Establish Quorum:

Jean Hatch, President	<u> X (via video conference)</u>
Heather Wright, Vice President	<u> X</u>
Lisa Stewart, Treasurer	<u> X (arrived 5:38 p.m.)</u>
Jonathan Sheldon, Secretary	<u> X</u>
Andrew McCurdy, Community Member	<u> X</u>
Daria O'Brien, Community Member	<u> X (arrived 5:36 p.m.)</u>

Additional Non-Voting Participants

Lane Carlson, Executive Director	<u> X</u>
Margaret Johnson, Outgoing Exec Director	<u> X</u>
Wendy Sanders, Special Ed Director	<u> X</u>
Carol Wahl, Principal	<u> X</u>
Cathleen Serna, Business Serv Provider	<u> AB</u>
Robyn Stamm, Business Serv Provider	<u> X (via video conference)</u>
Sophia Zaniroli, Staff Liaison	<u> X</u>

Board Recorder: Adel Morfin

Onsite Guests: Elizabeth Brown and Tiffany Blasingame

Zoom Video Guests: Dawn Cappolo, Jean Hatch, Linda Schexnayder, Robyn Stamm, Katie Swartz, Lissa Uhleman, and Erica Warmington

PUBLIC FORUM for NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS & CLOSED SESSION:

Hearing of persons desiring to address the Board on closed session item or a subject NOT covered in this agenda. NOTE: 1) Individual speakers will be allowed three (3) minutes to address the Board. The Board President may further limit the speaking time allowed in order to facilitate the progress of the meeting. 2) Complaints presented to the Board must not involve specific reference to employees. Citizens should contact the Director for complaint procedures regarding employees. 3) A charter school cannot take action on a matter that has not been placed on the official agenda. (G.C. 54954.2).

- No Comments

Adjourn to Close Session at 5:36 p.m.

- Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation; pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)
 - Case Name Unspecified: Disclosure would jeopardize existing settlement negotiations

Resume Open Session at 6:02 p.m.

Report Out on Closed Session:

- Board member, Lisa Stewart, joined the board in closed session.
- No action was taken by the board.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Art Presentation – Shasta County Arts Council, Middle School Juried Art Show 2022**
Elizabeth Brown and Erica Warmington presented awards to the recipients of the SCAC Middle School Juried Art competition. Award recipients included:

- Best of Show Award 2D – “The Wonders of Animals” by Hayden Tucker
- Excellence Award – “Hero Grid Portrait” by Elliot Roach
- Excellence Award – “The Ghost in the Way” by Roemoni’ Moore
- Award of Excellence – “Coco’s Mugshot” by Raine Zimmer
- Award of Merit – “Highland Cow” by Bella Allen
- Award of Merit – “Deam House” by Lucy Carter
- Award of Merit – “Elefont” by Theodore Horwath

- **Retiree Recognition**

Administration and the Governing Board recognized Elizabeth Brown for her 15 years of service to RSA.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

- **Lanc Carlson:**

Reported there’s a lot of inner workings to RSA and he’s been learning a lot over the past several months. He thanked RSA staff for their support and guidance, especially Margaret Johnson. Throughout the transition Margaret has been a great support and mentor.

Lane reported May has been the month of finance. He’s been working with Adel Morfin and Margaret to wrap up the end of the current fiscal year and plan for the next.

PRINCIPAL REPORT:

- **Carol Wahl:**

Reported there are only 13 days of school left. The 4/27 – 428 Application Validation parent meetings went well and helped RSA recruit more families for the coming school year. Administration has been working on classroom composition. RSA plans to have two full classes of kindergarteners and 1st graders.

Staff Appreciation Week is in full swing with lots of food and treats for RSA staff on behalf of PTC.

CASSP testing has been concluded. Carol reported 0 opt-out parent requests were received. Dean Teig finished helping administer make-up testing today.

Middle school teachers are busy planning for upcoming 8th grade activities and promotion ceremony.

5th Grade Growth & Development information is slated for May 18th. Notifications have been sent to all parents inviting them to preview the curriculum.

Carol reported PTC voted in new officers for the 2022/23 school year. Tiffany Blasingame will serve as the PTC Representative for the RSA Governing Board.

5/24 is the PTC sponsored RSA Family Water Works Night and 5/27 is Fun in the Sun Day.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT:

- **Sophia Zaniroli:**

K-2nd graders completed NWEA testing in conjunction with 3rd-8th students CASSP Testing.

The middle school teachers are planning a “Welcome to 5th Grade” assembly for upcoming 5th grader students in hopes of getting them excited about middle school next year.

Theme Day Planning for the 2022/23 Africa/Asia Theme and Renaissance Theme.

5/27 is school wide Fun in the Sun.

Teachers are conducting Social Emotional Learning surveys for their home room students to track where they are now compared to the start of the year.

Aladdin Musical is going on now. Last shows are scheduled for Friday and Saturday this week. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

5/19 is the upcoming Spring Recital.

GOVERNING BOARD REPORT:

- **Heather Wright:** Thanked the board for allowing her to serve for the last five years. She welcomed Tiffany Blasingame as the new PTC Representative.
- **Daria O’Brien:** Nothing to report at this time
- **Jonathan Sheldon:** Nothing to report at this time
- **Andrew McCurdy:** Nothing to report at this time

- **Jean Hatch:** Nothing to report at this time
- **Lisa Stewart:** Nothing to report at this time

GOVERNING BOARD CORRESPONDANCE:

- The board acknowledged having received and reviewed all board correspondence.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Discussion: 2021/22 LCAP Update

Administration presented the board with a Power Point presentation on the 2021/22 LCAP Update. The update was a review of RSA's LCAP goals and actions for the academic year. Admin also discussed the January 2022 parent survey results and comments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and are acted on by the Governing Board in one motion. There is no discussion of these items before the Board vote unless a member of the Board, staff, or public requests specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Agenda.

It is understood that Administration recommends approval of all Consent Agenda items as listed. Each item on the Consent Agenda approved by the Board shall be deemed to have been considered in full and adopted as recommended.

- 1.1 Approve 4/19/2022 Board Minutes
- 1.2 Approve April 2022 Warrants
- 1.3 Approve 2022/23 RSA/Columbia MOU – 2nd Read
- 1.4 Approve Vice Principal Job Description – 2nd Read
- 1.5 Approve 2022/23 High School Personnel Calendars – 2nd Read
 - 1.5.1 2022/23 High School Certificated Calendar
 - 1.5.2 2022/23 High School Counselor

Jonathan Sheldon moved to approve the consent agenda as listed, seconded by Lisa Stewart. Vote 6 Ayes: 0 Nays.

Call for Requests from the Audience to Speak to Any Item on the Agenda:

The regular agenda includes those individual items to be discussed by the Board. Some of those items may also require action or approval by the Board. Members of the public will have the opportunity to address the Board on any item at the time that particular item is discussed by the Board, and prior to any action taken by the Board. Individual speakers will be allowed three (3) minutes to address the Board.

- No Comments

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA:

2.1 Discussion/Action: Additional Directions to the Finance Committee for Annual Budget Development

Lane Carlson reported on the additional Directions to the Finance Committee for Annual Budget Development since board approval in March. Changes include reviewing anticipated department budgets, high school building costs, and other anticipated costs. Administration recommends board approval of the changes for annual budget development.

Andrew McCurdy moved to approve the Additional Directions to the Finance Committee for Annual Budget Development as recommended, seconded by Daria O'Brien. Vote 6 Ayes: 0 Nays.

2.2 Discussion: High School Building Update

Lane Carlson reported on the increased cost of building materials and supplies, not to mention interest rates. RSA received a financing proposal from Corner Stone Bank, unfortunately the monthly payments are substantially high. The Building Committee discussed looking into other financing options, including applying for funding through the Office of Public School Construction.

Andrew McCurdy presented the timelines for the high school construction project based on the different funding models. 1) If RSA maintains the same private financing model and design/build, the estimated project completion date would be around

December 15, 2023. 2) If awarded the OPSC Charter School Construction Grant, the current design/build model would have an estimated completion date of July 19, 2024. 3) If RSA is awarded the OPSC Charter School Construction Grant, and must go to a "Design - Bid Build" model, the estimated completion date would be around December 20, 2024.

The board discussed the information presented. The current immediate plan is to continue the effort to carry the process through the planning department with the City of Redding, but hold on further design and building permit applications.

Based on the timeline changes, the Building Committee recommends purchasing four portable buildings next school year. The original plan was to purchase two, but there could be a potential need for four. Overall it would be cost effective to move and set up all four at the same time. The associated cost for the purchase and installation of the portables will be included in the 2022/23 Annual Budget and MYP.

2.3 Discussion/Action: Office of Public School Construction Funding Resolution No. 2021-22-02

Lane Carlson reported RSA is proposing to apply for funding through the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) for the purpose of funding the high school expansion and potential TK program. The proposed resolution designates Lane Carlson as the board designee authorizing him to sign and submit applications on behalf of Redding School of the Arts. The application window closes on 6/3 and requires two separate applications, one for the high school expansion and a separate one for a TK program.

If approved RSA could receive up to 50% in funding for the cost of the high school expansion. RSA also has the option to apply for financing, through OPSC, for the remaining balance at a low rate of 2.5%.

If approved, the TK funding application would allow RSA to tie the plans to the existing construction project and potentially offer a TK program at RSA.

Final OPSC approval will be announced in the fall.

Daria O'Brien moved to approve Office of Public School Construction Funding Resolution No. 2021-22-02 as written, seconded by Jonathan Sheldon. Vote 5 Ayes: 0 Nays. Andrew McCurdy abstained from the discussion and vote.

2.4 Discussion/Action: 2022-23 Shara Presidio/RSA Service Agreement

Lane Carlson reported reaching out to Shasta Union High School District for technical support in setting up the new high school model in Aeries Student Information System. He stated the amount of work involved is very extensive. SUHSD recommended RSA reach out to Shara Presidio who currently provides consulting services related to Aeries.

The proposed contract will begin on 5/15/2022 and will remain in full force and effect until 06/30/2023 and shall not exceed \$5000.

Andrew McCurdy moved to approve the 2022-23 Shara Presidio/RSA Service Agreement as written, seconded by Jonathan Sheldon. Vote 6 Ayes: 0 Nays.

2.5 Discussion: 2021/22 LCAP Update

The 2021/22 LCAP update was presented and open to stakeholders & community members for questions and/or comments.

2.6 Discussion: 2021/22 Review of Governing Board Goals

Margaret Johnson reviewed the Governing Board Goals for 2021/22 and ongoing progress.

2.7 Discussion: 2022/23 Governing Board Openings

Margaret Johnson reviewed the list of current board members and their corresponding terms. Heather Wright and Daria O'Brien's terms are scheduled to conclude on 6/30/2021.

Heather Wright will be replaced by Tiffany Blasingame as the newly appointed PTC Representative. Daria O'Brien was given the opportunity to renew her Community Member term for a period of one year (formally held by Steven Riley) or renew for a two-year term. She stated she is happy to stay on the board and see the high school expansion project through.

Remaining board members Andrew McCurdy, Jonathan Sheldon, and Lisa Stewart will resume their current terms for one more year.

Margaret provided the board with a Board Composition Table and asked them to identify their range of experience, characteristics, and diversity. The information collected is intended to help identify the boards strengths and limitations as they start reviewing board member applications for the coming school year. The Governing Board has two community member vacancies available. Interested members of the community are encouraged to apply.

2.8 Discussion/Action: Personnel Updates

Retirement:

- o Elizabeth Brown -- 6/1/2022 Middle School Art Teacher

Resignations:

- o Lacy Schmall -- 5/27/2022 Paraprofessional
- o Zhen Wang -- 6/30/2022 Mandarin Teacher - K

New Hires:

- o Carolyn - Diskin -- 8/10/2022 High School English Teacher
- o Joshua Freeman -- 8/10/2022 Math Teacher
- o Sarah Spaschak -- 8/1/2022 High School Counselor
- o Caitlyn Spina 8/10/2022 School Psychologist
- o Vanessa Thomas -- 8/10/2022 Social Science Teacher

Lisa Stewart moved to approve the Personnel Updates as listed, seconded by Andrew McCurdy. Vote 6 Ayes: 0 Nays.


ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022
Time: 5:45 p.m.
Location: Redding School of the Arts/Community Room
955 Inspiration Place
Redding, CA 96003

Governing Board Minutes Respectfully Submitted,



Jonathan Sheldon
RSA Governing Board Secretary



Board Approval Date