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## **RLOACS Board Meeting**

### Meeting Minutes

*September 17, 2013*      *1398 Church Rd, Hardeeville, SC*

*Present:* Rob McBrayer, Chair; Sheree Darien, Treasurer; Amleht Alston; Anthony Altizer; Brandi Freeman; Eunice Spilliards; Dr. Karen Wicks, Executive Director of the Academy; Joyce Gerald, Assistant Director; Les Wicks, Facilities Management

*Absent:* Michelle Scott

*Next meeting:*

*October 15, 2013;*

*Next Parent Meeting:*

*September 26, 2013*

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**Executive Session**

**Old business:**

▪ **Minutes of August 20, 2013 Meeting** - Chair

Meeting was called to order with the minutes from August 20, 2013. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes and the minutes were unanimously accepted.

**New business:**

▪ **RLOA Mission Statement** – The Chair read the complete mission statement.

- *No child deserves to fail; every child should taste success!*

▪ **Finance Report and 2013-14 Budget** - Chair –

- The August Budget Report was sent to the Board for review on September 13th. Bill Moser was not present at the meeting. Board members had a few questions which were clarified by the Executive Director and the Assistant Director. A question was raised about Ameris Bank, which was clarified by an email the day following the Board meeting.



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- **Board Orientation – Chair**
  - Board members are required to complete the Charter Board training within one year of being elected. All Board members have completed the required training.
  
- **Update on Building, Finance, and Architectural Work – Facilities Management**
  - **Bids** - An update on the renovation project was given. Needed approvals from the Office of School Facilities were received two week ago and work has been ongoing since. It is anticipated that the cafeteria and music building will be ready to receive a Certificate of Occupancy within 16-17 days unless some adjustments are needed on the sprinkler system to meet fire code.
  - **Offer to Jasper County School District for the Purchase of Facilities** - The JSCD has yet to respond to our offer, so it is assumed they have no interest in selling.
  - **Land Proposal** – A written proposal from the sellers of the land discussed at last month's meeting is expected within the next 2 weeks.
  - **Board Elections in November** - The Chair read the best practices guidelines for selecting a nominating committee and for selecting candidates to run for election. The document outlines the timeline for conducting the election. He noted that 3 members of the current Board will stand for election: Rob McBrayer, Sheree Darien, and Amleht Alston, all of whom wish to continue to serve. The following members volunteered to be on the Election Nominating Committee: Eunice Spilliards, Brandi Freeman, and Anthony Altizer. A draft of the ballot was provided for their review and finalization before the October meeting.
  
- **School Updates – Executive Director**
  - **Enrollment: 471**
  - **Marketing:** The Executive Director discussed the need for eye-catching advertisement to place in local papers.
  - **Visit with Governor Haley; Visit by Superintendent Zais:** The Executive Director described the visit with Governor Haley at the State House and Superintendent Zais's visit at RLOA. She described the agenda shared by the Governor and the Superintendent: parity in funding for charter schools for facilities, transportation, and money following the child (the most difficult one to be passed by legislators).
  - **Clubs:** Clubs have been re-grouped and re-started September 16 after a one-week hiatus to re-organize.
  - **Competitive Sports:** Games are scheduled. We are having difficulty securing local sites for play. Mr. Exley is working on it. Tonight is the first volleyball game of RLOA players at Agape. The need for local sites for practices and games was



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discussed. The schedule of games will be published soon. It was mentioned that if JCSD rents its gym to anyone, we cannot be denied the opportunity to rent it at the same price.

- **Behavior Matrix:** The Executive Director discussed how the school is using the following matrix to encourage good student behavior: RLOA Students Show: Respect, Leadership, Ownership, Positive Attitude, and Community Service
- **Parent Meetings:** September 26th is the next parent meeting.
- **Technology:** ChromeBooks and tablets are now being used on a trial basis. The goal is for all 168 ChromeBooks and 15 tablets to be used throughout the campus once the PCs for the lab are installed and recharging carts have arrived.
- **District Visit:** The district is sending 3 staff members to visit our school on Thursday, September 19th. Documents requested in the checklist the district provided have been prepared.
- **Newsletters:** September newsletters from grades K-6 and 7-9 were distributed.
  
- **Other** - The Chair mentioned a book sale in downtown Beaufort at the end of September. A flier will be made available to students and parents.