

Minutes-Approved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
January 10, 2019

Called to order by Josh Dome and convened at 6:35pm.

Board members present: Josh Dome, Melodie Metzger, Dan Wierzba, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Edward Eadon and November McIlhargey

Zach James was absent.

A quorum was present.

Also present: OCS Executive Director, Stephanie Edwards; OCS Director, Kristy Mack-Fett; OCS Business Manager, Nancy O'Rourke; OCS teachers, Abby Malan and Lisa Borhaug; Ayanthy Peiris of Excellent Education.

Open Forum

Melodie Metzger expressed concern over some parent's holiday gifts to teachers that went missing from school grounds prior to our Winter Break.

Site

Josh Dome provided an update on the Panama site construction. The site team met today with the contractor and project manager to receive an overview of all vendor services and work to date. The site team also met with Hannah Levin from Councilmember Mike Bonin's office to discuss the project.

Laura Stoland arrived at 6:38pm.

There were no changes orders for the Board to approve this month.

Finance

Ayanthy presented the November 2018 financial statements and check register. They show a projected operating net income of \$11,000, which is \$6,000 below budget and \$39,000 up from last month. Reasons for the variance are in part due to the Low Performing Student block grant funds we received.

MOTION: Mark Galanty moved to approve the November 2018 financial statements and check register. Josh Dome seconded the motion. Josh Dome, Melodie Metzger, Dan Wierzba, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, Laura Stoland, Jason Haas, Edward Eadon and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed the 2018-19 first interim report.

MOTION: Mark Galanty moved to approve the 2018-19 first interim report. Dan Wierzba seconded the motion. Josh Dome, Melodie Metzger, Dan Wierzba, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, Laura Stoland, Jason Haas, Edward Eadon and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Motion passed.

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The Board adjourned to a 15-minute break at 7:24pm.

The Board reconvened at 7:40pm.

Special Education

The Board discussed our current special education case management structure and protocols for communicating with parents regarding special education matters and intervention services.

Dominique DjeDje arrived at 7:46pm.

Independent Study

Our administrators have continued to seek information about expanding our independent study program. They have spoken to our LAUSD oversight team and received a referral to another staff person at the district that has specific information about the fiscal issues associated with an expanded independent study program. They will continue to update the Board as they receive more information.

OCTA/OCS Sunshine Letters

The Board shared the OCTA and OCS sunshine letters. OCTA's letter includes class size, compensation and benefits as their sunshine topics. OCS's letter includes class size, compensation, benefits and work-day as their sunshine topics.

Director's Report

Stephanie Edwards provided the director's report to the Board. The Board discussed the possibility of holding a community-building event at our new site when it's complete. The event would involve parents helping to paint the classrooms in the appropriate Waldorf colors by grade. There is a special painting technique called Lazure that would be used.

The Board also reviewed a more detailed analysis of the 2017-18 CAASPP test results, specifically by sub-groups and alongside comparable schools, both in our area and other public Waldorf schools.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the regular Board meeting on December 6, 2018 and the special meeting on December 20, 2018.

MOTION: Josh Dome moved to approve the minutes from both the December 6, 2018 and December 20, 2018 Board meetings. Edward Eadon seconded the motion. Josh Dome, Melodie Metzger, Dan Wierzba, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, Dominique DjeDje, Laura Stoland, Jason Haas, Edward Eadon and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Motion passed.

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CLOSED SESSION: Board Members and Administrators Only

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to section 54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiator – Agency designated representatives: Chastin Pierman, Stephanie Edwards and Kristy Mack-Fett.
Employee Organization: OCTA

Stephanie Edwards and Kristy Mack-Fett left the meeting at 9:11pm.

CLOSED SESSION: Board Members Only

Public Employee: Contract Approval-Position: Executive Director and Director.

The board reconvened to Open Session at 10:04pm.

The Board took no action in the closed session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05pm.