

Minutes-Approved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
January 6, 2022

Called to order by Laura Stoland and convened at 6:08pm.

Board Members Present: Laura Stoland, Sue Ingles, Ed Eadon, Tammy Stanton, Mark Galanty, Dan Wierzba, Jason Haas and November McIlhargey.

Board Members Absent: Dominique Djedje

A quorum was present.

Also present: OCS Executive Director, Stephanie Edwards; OCS Executive Director, Kristy Mack Fett; OCS H.R. Coordinator, Debbie Tripp; OCS Business Manager, Maryangee Cano; and Ayanthy Peiris of Excellent Education.

MOTION: Jason Haas moved, pursuant to the authority of Government code 54954.2B 1 and 2, the Board will add an item to the agenda: Item 8: School closure / Covid emergency. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Laura Stoland, Sue Ingles, Ed Eadon, Tammy Stanton, Mark Galanty, Dan Wierzba, Jason Haas and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Motion passed.

Open Forum

One community member spoke about opposition to the vaccine mandate. One voiced objection to unvaccinated children being quarantined. One person expressed concern about private emails being hijacked by the Children's Defense Fund and asked what is being done to protect personal emails.

Finance

Ayanthy presented a report on the November financials.

Anna Berk joined the meeting at 6:26.

MOTION: Laura Stoland moved to approve the November 2021 financial report and check register. Ed Eadon seconded the motion. Laura Stoland, Sue Ingles, Ed Eadon, Tammy Stanton, Mark Galanty, Dan Wierzba, Jason Haas, November McIlhargey, and Anna Berk voted in favor. Motion passed.

Maryangee Cano gave an update on AFG. \$125,442 has been collected; Projected (pledged) is \$242,249.

Dan Wierzba led a discussion about the 20-21 audit report, which has been amended to reflect the one-time nature of circumstances leading to an identified "material weakness". The title transfer of the Panama Campus to LAUSD had occurred in 2018 prior to our ground breaking, rather than in June 2021, after construction, as had been expected. The books were immediately corrected when the oversight was identified.

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MOTION: Dan Wierzba moved to approve the 20-21 audit report, as amended. Sue Ingles seconded the motion. Laura Stoland, Sue Ingles, Ed Eadon, Tammy Stanton, Mark Galanty, Dan Wierzba, Jason Haas, November McIlhargey, and Anna Berk voted in favor. Motion passed.

Tammy Stanton led a discussion about the school's fiscal policies and procedures. There have been no changes made. It was noted that the handbook has been reviewed.

MOTION: Tammy Stanton moved to accept the fiscal, policies and procedures. November McIlhargey seconded the motion. Laura Stoland, Sue Ingles, Ed Eadon, Tammy Stanton, Mark Galanty, Dan Wierzba, Jason Haas, November McIlhargey, and Anna Berk voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Board discussed the renewal of our line of credit with Hanmi Bank.

MOTION: November McIlhargey moved to approve the renewal of the line of credit with Hanmi Bank. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Laura Stoland, Sue Ingles, Ed Eadon, Tammy Stanton, Mark Galanty, Dan Wierzba, Jason Haas, November McIlhargey, and Anna Berk voted in favor. Motion passed.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Laura Stoland reported that the committee has been meeting regularly but there is nothing new to report.

Governance

Ed Eadon reported that the committee had not met since the last board meeting.

Directors' Report

Stephanie Edwards noted that the LAUSD annual review has been moved from February to April. She gave a report on seasonal activities that the children have been able to experience, even during Covid: the Winter Spiral; modified Winter Faire; Snow Fairy Market; Bake Shoppe and candle dipping. She noted that the parent information meetings for prospective parents have begun on Zoom. She gave a staffing update: we are in need of a 1st grade teacher, grades 1-3 handwork assistant, and subs. She reported that our anti-bias/anti-racist work continues and that there will be a Critical Conversations meeting featuring Van Jones before the next governance meeting.

Kristy Mack Fett gave a report on the emergency school closure. During previous weeks of 2021 the average number of positive Covid tests was 2.6 (range 0-7). All students returning to school in January had a negative test before the start of school. This week (first week of school), Covid tests were done on Tuesday and 36 students were positive. Five classes had outbreaks of 4 or more students. 14 out of 21 classes

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were affected when close contacts were taken into account. It was pointed out that isolation and quarantines are imposed by LACHD Health Orders (required by law). On Monday (before testing) 23% of staff were already absent. On Tuesday (before testing) 66% of support staff were out.

School Closure / Covid Emergency

Laura led a discussion about the school, laying out the situations that require school closure (lack of teachers/staff; requirement by LADPH, LAUSD, or state of CA).

Compliance Monitoring and Certification of Board Compliance Review 21-22

The Board reviewed our current compliance policies and procedures. There were no material changes.

MOTION: Tammy Stanton moved to approve the compliance policies and procedures. Ed Eadon seconded the motion. Laura Stoland, Sue Ingles, Ed Eadon, Tammy Stanton, Mark Galanty, Dan Wierzba, Jason Haas, November McIlhargey, and Anna Berk voted in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed minutes from the December 2, 2021 Board meeting.

MOTION: Tammy Stanton moved to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2021 Board meeting. November McIlhargey seconded the motion. Laura Stoland, Sue Ingles, Ed Eadon, Tammy Stanton, Mark Galanty, Dan Wierzba, Jason Haas, November McIlhargey, and Anna Berk voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Board convened to closed session at 7:45pm.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Pursuant to section 54957 Public Employees: Performance Evaluation and Contract –
Position: Executive Directors

Reconvene to Open Session

The Board reconvened to open session at 8:55pm. The Board reported out that a three-year contract with OCTA was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm