

Minutes-Approved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
October 3, 2019

Called to order by Josh Dome and convened at 6:15pm.

Board Members Present: Jason Haas, Edward Eadon, Mark Galanty, November McIlhargey, Dominique DjeDje, Dan Wierzba, Josh Dome and Laura Stoland

Zach James was absent.

A quorum was present.

Also present: OCS Executive Director, Stephanie Edwards; OCS Co-Executive Director, Kristy Mack Fett; OCS Business Manager, Nancy O'Rourke; Ayanthy Peiris of Excellent Education.

CLOSED SESSION: Board Members Only

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

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

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—PENDING LITIGATION Pursuant to Section 54956.8, Counsel: Matejka Handley

Sue Ingles and Andrew Tunncliffe arrived at 6:30pm.

The board reconvened to Open Session at 6:56pm.

There were no actions taken during the closed session.

Open Forum

Josh Dome expressed gratitude to our school community, teachers, administration, parents and students, for making us who we are as a school. He also provided an overview of the Board structure and the difference between Board responsibilities and administrator responsibilities.

Kristy Mack Fett shared that OCS's Girls Volleyball team currently has a 3:1 record and are having a successful and fun season.

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Kristy Mack Fett also shared a Rudolf Steiner verse that is used by the faculty at each of their weekly faculty meetings. Moving forward, the Board will include that verse on it's meeting agendas.

Laura Stoland expressed her desire for the Board to discuss the topic of a plastic-free, low to no waste school policy at a future meeting.

Student Leadership Report

8th grade students Nolan Barnett, Rose Stanton and Sofia Breitenstein presented a report to the Board about the newly formed OCS Student Government. They have formed five committees, each focusing on a different topic of importance to our student body. Those topics are environment, student expression, diversity, student life, and advertising & broadcasting.

Schoolwide and Classroom Food Policy

Our administrators held a meeting with parents to discuss the school's current food policies. Several topics were covered, including enforcement of school policies about food, foods served at OCS events, nutrition education for parents, classroom guidelines, and unifying all food related policies once we are on one campus. The Parent Collective will continue to work with admin on these topics.

MOTION: Josh Dome moved to address item #16 on the agenda ahead of item #8. Dan Wierzba seconded the motion. Jason Haas, Edward Eadon, Mark Galanty, November McIlhargey, Dominique DjeDje, Dan Wierzba, Josh Dome, Laura Stoland, Sue Ingles and Andrew Tunnicliffe voted in favor. Motion passed.

Diversity and Equity Committee

Dominique DjeDje, Jessica Martin and Kristy Mack Fett provided an update to the Board about the Diversity and Equity Committees goals and objectives for the year. Some of the committee's priorities include use of social media for outreach, welcoming new families to OCS and helping them successfully become part of the community and addressing unconscious bias & providing training to faculty and staff.

Dominique DjeDje left the meeting at 8pm.

Site

Jason Haas gave a site team report. The site team was made aware of an issue with the directing the electricity to the Panama site. There is a threshold between the property and the city lines that will make the process of pulling the lines to the property more difficult and expensive. This additional expense is likely to have significant impact to the project's budget.

There were no change orders for the Panama construction project.

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Finance

Ayanthy Peiris provided the July-August 2019 financial statements and check register. The operating budget shows a net income of \$5K for the year.

The Board discussed our current special education costs. The administration has been gathering information about SELPA options #1, #2 and #3. Each option has a different fiscal impact on the school as well as different liabilities for the school.

ACTION ITEM: The Board asked Ayanthy to bring a 3-year analysis of our special education spending to the next Board meeting so that the Board can weigh options for the 2020-21 school year.

MOTION: Mark Galanty moved to approve the July-August 2019 financial records and check register. Sue Ingles seconded the motion. Jason Haas, Edward Eadon, Mark Galanty, November McIlhargey, Dan Wierzba, Josh Dome, Laura Stoland, Sue Ingles and Andrew Tunnicliffe voted in favor. Motion passed.

MOTION: Josh Dome moved to address item #17 on the agenda ahead of item #10. Dan Wierzba seconded the motion. Jason Haas, Edward Eadon, Mark Galanty, November McIlhargey, Dan Wierzba, Josh Dome, Laura Stoland, Sue Ingles and Andrew Tunnicliffe voted in favor. Motion passed.

WASC Update

Edward Eadon provided an update on the WASC self-study. All of the Board required input has been collected. In November, Ed will be working with admin to integrate all sections of the self-study into a draft submission. Faculty focus groups continue during weekly faculty meetings. We are on track to complete all requirements ahead of our WASC team visit in Spring.

Edward Eadon left the meeting at 8:40pm.

Parent Collective

Andrew Tunnicliffe provided an update on the Parent Collective's work. Serious efforts are being made to hone our use of social media, both within the OCS community and to the general public. The parent education events that we have held so far this year have been well attended and the Parent Collective is receiving great feedback about them.

Attendance and Absences Policy

The Board reviewed the proposed Attendance and Absences Policy.

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Education for Homeless Children and Youth Policy

The Board reviewed the proposed Education for Homeless Children and Youth Policy.

MOTION: Josh Dome moved to approve the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Policy. Sue Ingles seconded the motion. Jason Haas, Edward Eadon, Mark Galanty, November McIlhargey, Dan Wierzba, Josh Dome, Laura Stoland, Sue Ingles and Andrew Tunnicliffe voted in favor. Motion passed.

Administration of Medication Policy

The Board will discuss the Administration of Medication Policy at the next Board meeting.

Director's Report

Stephanie Edwards and Kristy Mack Fett provided the Board with a director's report. The administration has instituted a more structured communication model with parents regarding the intervention program. Regular notifications are being provided to parents regarding the program generally, their child's participation and progress.

The admin team has been notified that our annual LAUSD oversight visit will be December 5 & 13, 2019. They will keep the Board informed throughout the process.

Committee Reporting

The Board discussed the work of the current committees. There is a need to create structure around the processes of the committees reporting regularly to the Board. A framework for monthly, quarterly and/or annual reporting will be developed with specific focus on the work of each committee in mind.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviews minutes from the August 15 2019 Board meeting.

MOTION: Laura Stoland moved to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2019 Board meeting. November McIlhargey seconded the motion. Jason Haas, Edward Eadon, Mark Galanty, November McIlhargey, Dan Wierzba, Josh Dome, Laura Stoland and Andrew Tunnicliffe voted in favor. Sue Ingles abstained. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

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