

Minutes-Unapproved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
December 7, 2017

Called to order by Joshua Dome and convened at 6:34pm.

Board members present: Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Edward Eadon, November McIlhargey, Laura Stoland and Jason Haas.

Mark Galanty was absent.

A quorum was present.

Also present were OCS Executive Director, Stephanie Edwards, OCS Director, Kristy Mack-Fett, OCS Teachers Lisa Kuter and D'Arcy Geanakos, OCS Business Manager, Nancy O'Rourke, and Ron Johnson of Red Hook.

Open Forum

There were no speakers for open forum.

Site

Ron Johnson of Red Hook distributed an updated timeline for the Panama site construction project. We have completed the required steps to fully fund the project. It is expected that we will break ground in January. We are operating on a 24-month construction period. However, before the construction project launches, we will have to transfer the property title to LAUSD.

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to approve the transfer of title for the Panama property from OCS to LAUSD. November McIlhargey seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Edward Eadon, November McIlhargey and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Motion passed.

The board discussed the GKK contract and the Red Hook contract, both of which were originally executed for an 18-month construction period. Since we have extended the construction period from 18 to 24 months, we will need to revise the contracts with each vendor to reflect the change.

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to approve the amended contract with GKK extending the Panama site construction project from 18 months to 24 months. Edward Eadon seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Edward Eadon, November McIlhargey and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Motion passed.

Finance

The board reviewed a draft of the 1st Interim Financial Report. The report reflects the October 2017 financial statements that the board has already reviewed. It needs

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to be submitted to LAUSD this week.

MOTION: Sue Ingles moved to approve the 1st Interim Financial Report. Joshua Dome seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Edward Eadon, November McIlhargey and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Motion passed.

Jason Haas arrived at 7:31pm.

The board discussed the revision to the Red Hook contract that extends the contract from 18 to 24 months. Some board members expressed concern over the total cost increases included in the proposed revision to the Red Hook contract. Further details will be needed about how the increase in costs was calculated.

MOTION: Laura Stoland moved to authorize the site committee to negotiate and execute the revised Red Hook contract. Joshua Dome seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Edward Eadon, November McIlhargey, Jason Haas and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Motion passed.

Board Composition

Joshua Dome opened a discussion about increasing the total number of filled board seats. The full board is currently seven members, however, it may be better to have more members in the next two years. It is suggested that we try to fill up to 12 seats total on the board by 2020.

Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed a draft of the minutes from the December 7, 2017 special board meeting.

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2017 special board meeting. November McIlhargey seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Edward Eadon, November McIlhargey, and Jason Haas voted in favor. Sue Ingles and Laura Stoland abstained. Motion passed.

Director's Report

Stephanie Edwards distributed the December 2017 Director's Report. On Tuesday, December 5, 2017 the LAUSD school board held a Public Hearing to consider renewal of our charter for another 5 years. There was no discussion, nor were there any public comments. District staff followed up by sending comments regarding our petition and supporting documents and have requested that we submit our responses by Monday, December 11, 2017.

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The Diversity and Equity Committee continues its crucial job of engaging our community and has been seeking additional opportunities to continue the work that was started last year around training our staff in culturally responsive teaching. Some additional ACG events on topics brought forward by the DEC may be scheduled this year and next year as well.

The school will be participating in the next phase of the WASC accreditation process. This process will engage all stakeholders in a Self-Study and is expected to take 18 months. The administration will be sharing more information in the New Year.

CLOSED SESSION-BOARD MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATION ONLY

Executive Director Stephanie Edwards and Director Kristy Mack-Fett were present.

Pursuant to section 54957 – Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release

The board reconvened to Open Session at 9:58 pm.

There were no action items to report from Closed Session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.