

Minutes-Unapproved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
February 7, 2019

Called to order by Josh Dome and convened at 6:45pm.

Board members present: Josh Dome, Dan Wierzba, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Edward Eadon, Laura Stoland, Dominique DjeDje and November McIlhargey

Zach James and Melodie Metzger were absent.

A quorum was present.

Also present: OCS Director, Kristy Mack-Fett; OCS Business Manager, Nancy O'Rourke; OCS teachers, Aly Leavitt and Abby Malan; 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

Kristy Mack-Fett joined the closed session at 7:31pm

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

The board reconvened to Open Session at 7:46pm.

Action taken in the closed session;

MOTION: Dan Wierzba moved to empower Josh Dome and Jason Haas to present draft contracts to Stephanie Edwards and Kristy Mack-Fett and have them report back to the Board. Josh Dome seconded the motion. Josh Dome, Dan Wierzba, Jason Haas, Edward Eadon, Mark Galanty, Dominique DjeDje and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Laura Stoland and Sue Ingles voted against the motion. Motion passed.

Open Forum

Josh Dome and Kristy Mack-Fett both expressed gratitude for the work of the Board, our administration and our teachers in bringing the Waldorf curriculum to our children.

Mark Galanty shared information about some anti-charter media coverage. He encourages Board members to act as a representative in the community on this issue and stay informed so as to address the concerns they may hear expressed.

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Site

Josh Dome provided an update on the Panama site construction. The project continues to be on time for completion in March 2020. We continue to reach out to our neighbors and local business to cultivate good relationships and address concerns as necessary. The Board will have a tour of the site prior to the April 2019 Board meeting. Current funding efforts are on capital campaign and developing donor relationships to support it. We will continue to look for possible grant funding wherever we may qualify, but the options appear limited.

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

Finance

Ayanthy presented the December 2018 financial statements and check register. They show a projected operating net income of \$7,000, which is \$11,000 below budget and \$5,000 down from last month. Reasons for the variance are in part due to increased teacher salaries and instructional consultant costs.

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

The Board reviewed the 2017-18 990 tax return.

MOTION: Josh Dome moved to approve the 2017-18 990 tax return. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Josh Dome, Dan Wierzba, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Edward Eadon, Laura Stoland, Dominique DjeDje and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Low Performing Student Block Grant plan.

MOTION: Laura Stoland moved to approve the Low Performing Student Block Grant plan. Edward Eadon seconded the motion. Josh Dome, Dan Wierzba, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Edward Eadon, Laura Stoland, Dominique DjeDje and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Board discussed the need for an exclusive bank account for capital campaign funds.

MOTION: Josh Dome moved to authorize school administrators to open an account with Hanmi Bank, dedicated to capital campaign funds. Laura Stoland seconded the motion. Josh Dome, Dan Wierzba, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, Jason

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Haas, Edward Eadon, Laura Stoland, Dominique DjeDje and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Board confirmed the current membership on our Finance Committee. There is agreement that expanding the committee will assist with their work.

MOTION: Sue Ingles moved to appoint Dmitri Leonov to the Finance Committee. Laura Stoland seconded the motion. Josh Dome, Dan Wierzba, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Edward Eadon, Laura Stoland, Dominique DjeDje and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned to a 15-minute break at 8:02pm.

The Board reconvened at 8:17pm.

Governance Committee

The Board confirmed the current membership on our Governance Committee. There is agreement that appointing an additional Board member to the committee will assist with their work.

MOTION: Edward Eadon moved to appoint Laura Stoland to the Governance Committee. Dominique DjeDje seconded the motion. Josh Dome, Dan Wierzba, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Edward Eadon, Laura Stoland, Dominique DjeDje and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Motion passed.

Special Education

The Board discussed our intervention program. The Del Rey intervention teacher has left their position at the end of January 2019. Pixie Saldana, the Westchester intervention teacher will take on responsibility for the Del Rey campus intervention students, with the continued help of the intervention assistants.

Laura Stoland suggested that the Board form a task force to address special education programs, including best practices, parent support and communication.

Independent Study

The Board discussed tabling the topic of independent study until a future meeting.

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

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Class Size

The Board discussed our class size. There could be an additional rolling class added, similarly to how we added a class in 2017-18. This could allow us to reduce class size with less impact to the budget. However, due to issues with available classroom space, this could not be implemented until the 2020-21 school year.

ACTION ITEM: The Board requests that the Finance Committee review the budget and discuss the fiscal impact of reducing class size.

Director's Report

Stephanie Edwards provided the director's report to the Board. We will be holding our annual MLK assembly on February 20, 2019. This assembly will be attended by the students of all the co-located schools on the Westchester campus and will feature a spoken word presentation by our own Percussion teacher, Mr. Gerald Rivers. The 2019-20 school calendar has been approved. The first day of school will be August 13, 2019 and the last day will be May 29, 2020. We have completed our annual site visit with LAUSD. There are a few items we will follow-up on, but a full report is expected soon and will be shared with the Board when it's received.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the regular Board meeting on January 10, 2019.

MOTION: Laura Stoland moved to approve the minutes from both the January 10, 2019 Board meeting. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Josh Dome, Dan Wierzba, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Edward Eadon, Laura Stoland, Dominique Djedje and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48pm.