

Minutes-Unapproved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
April 6, 2017

Called to order by Joshua Dome, Chair and convened at 6:13pm.

Board members present: Lori Andrade, Joshua Dome, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles, November McIlhargey and Laura Stoland.

Edward Eadon and Michael Krutz were absent.

A quorum was present.

The board convened to closed session at 6:56pm.

CLOSED SESSION: Board Members Only

Pursuant to section 54957 Public Employee: Performance Evaluation-Position:
Executive Director.

CLOSED SESSION: Board Members and Administration Only

Executive Director Stephanie Edwards was present.

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

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to ratify the Package Settlement Offer between OCS and OCTA to settle negotiations for 2016-2017, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019. November McIlhargey seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Joshua Dome, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles, November McIlhargey and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Motion passed.

The board reconvened to Open Session at 8:02pm.

Also present were Gordon Engstrom of Excellent Education and Nancy O'Rourke, OCS Business Manager.

Joshua Dome reported that during Closed Session, the Board unanimously approved to ratify the Package Settlement Offer between OCS and OCTA to settle negotiations for 2016-2017, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019.

Open Forum

Barbara Jung spoke to the board about her current and ongoing position at OCS as Intervention Teacher.

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Finance

Gordon Engstrom distributed the February 2017 financial reports and check register. The forecast shows a 2016-17 net income of \$4,000, which is \$36,000 below the projected \$40,000 net income. This variance is due in part to higher than projected operating costs, including higher special education costs, substitute teacher costs and higher janitorial costs.

Gordon indicated that our Title I funding has been approved. We should be receiving approx. \$30,000 in revenue as a result.

MOTION: Sue Ingles moved to accept the February 2017 financial statements and check register. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Joshua Dome, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles, November McIlhargey and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Motion passed.

Gordon shared information with the board about possible additional funding through the Facilities Incentive Grant. This type of funding is available to charter schools like ours, based on what we pay for Prop 39 facilities. It is uncertain if OCS's grant application would result in additional revenue, as the state's available grant funding is limited and not all applicants receive funding.

ACTION ITEM: The board requests that Gordon and our administrators prepare and submit a Facilities Incentive Grant application on behalf of OCS.

Site

The site committee is working on a financial soundness review with the California School Finance Authority. We anticipate completing this review and we are hoping our funding approval will be voted on in May 2017.

Laura Stoland shared a report of her efforts in fundraising and on our capital campaign. She has been communicating with Pardee Realty about possibly sponsoring the school through a banner display. She also informed the board of a possible benefit concert hosted by an OCS family's friend, performer Angelique Kidjo.

We continue to launch our capital campaign by identifying and contacting sources of major philanthropic funding. We are also discussing the campaign launch to our founders and supporters in the community. We still need to set the framework for the campaign's levels of gift giving. In addition to facilities naming, we will have other sponsorships available, including cast bronze leaf plaques naming the donor. The board enthusiastically supports Laura and the strides made in the capital campaign so far.

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Director's Report

Stephanie Edwards presented the April 2017 Director's Report. We discussed our current enrollment practices, including our enrollment preferences for siblings and for students of Braddock Drive Elementary. There is concern that an unusually high number of siblings may not be admitted to the school next year. We will discuss at future meetings how to address this concern while still meeting our enrollment diversity needs.

Stephanie also shared information about the summer camp opportunities that will be offered on our Del Rey site this year. Both The Red Rose Co. camp and KITE, our afterschool dramatic expression program will be offering their unique summer camp experiences to our community.

Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed and discussed the minutes from the March 9, 2017 board meeting.

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2017 board meeting. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Joshua Dome, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles, November McIlhargey and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Motion passed.

Setting of Next Agenda

The next regular board meeting is scheduled to begin at 6pm on May 4, 2017.

Joshua Dome adjourned the meeting at 9:26pm.