

Minutes-Unapproved
Ocean Charter School Special Board Meeting
April 12, 2018

Called to order by Jason Haas and convened at 6:36pm.

Board members present: Sue Ingles, Edward Eadon, Laura Stoland, Joshua Dome and Dominique DjeDje.

A quorum was present.

Also present: OCS Executive Director, Stephanie Edwards; OCS Director, Kristy Mack-Fett; Gordon Engstrom and Ayanthy Peiris of Excellent Education; Ron Johnson of Red Hook; Dan Wierzba of the OCS Site Task Force.

Open Forum

Gordon Engstrom announced his planned retirement from Excellent Education as of October 1, 2018. Ayanthy Peiris will be the new account representative to OCS once Gordon has retired. She will be working with the school during the transition.

Mark Galanty arrived at 6:39pm.

Site

The Board heard a report from Ron Johnson on the status of the Panama site project. The construction delay that occurred due to the transfer of the property to LAUSD has been resolved. The team is preparing for excavation and concrete pouring for the underground parking. However, before the construction team can move on to this next phase, further soil testing is required due to elevated contamination levels, similar to levels detected when we acquired the property. This will create another delay, although it should be a very short delay, as the contamination detected was minimal.

November McIlhargey arrived at 6:42pm.

The site committee has confirmed that LAUSD has accepted our timeline for disbursement of augmentation grant funds.

Jason Haas arrived at 6:48pm.

Ron informed the Board that the one complaint they have received so far from a neighbor of the Panama site has been resolved.

Joshua Dome shared information about the negotiations with Marina Christian Fellowship Church for the renewed lease at the Del Rey campus. MCF has retained the professional services of a negotiator on their behalf. Joshua and our admin team will continue to work with the negotiators to finalize the lease and will report back to the Board at a future meeting.

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Laura Stoland shared the status of our capital campaign. We are still awaiting a response from David Geffen before sending additional donor packets out to other potential donors, such as the Herb Albert Foundation. We are still seeking contacts with some potential corporate donors. In addition to developing these corporate relationships to support the capital campaign, we are also hopeful that they will be able to support the school's other projects, beyond those related to site.

Finance

Gordon presented the February and March 2018 financial statements and check register. He noted that we show a net operating loss of \$56,000, which is \$64,000 below the current budget. This was due to several factors, including a lower attendance percentage, according to P2 reporting.

Collections for Annual Family Giving were up in March 2018. We have collected \$207,000 to date.

MOTION: Sue Ingles moved to accept the February and March 2018 financial statements and check registers. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Edward Eadon, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles, November McIlhargey, Dominique DjeDje, Joshua Dome and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed the 2nd Interim Financial Report that was submitted to LAUSD on March 3, 2018.

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to approve the 2nd Interim Financial Report. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Edward Eadon, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles, November McIlhargey, Dominique DjeDje, Joshua Dome and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Board discussed the selection of an auditor for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 fiscal years. OCS has hired Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. (VTD) as its auditor for the past 14 years. VTD has consistently provided auditor services at competitive rates and with a consistent record of excellence. The Board collectively expressed a desire to continue with their services.

MOTION: Jason Haas moved to approve the contract with Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. and authorize OCS administration to execute the contract. Joshua Dome seconded the motion. Edward Eadon, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles, November McIlhargey, Dominique DjeDje, Joshua Dome and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Motion passed.

Sue Ingles shared that, our newest Board member, Dominique DjeDje attended the last Finance Committee meeting. She has expressed her willingness to serve as a member on the committee.

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

Director's Report

Stephanie Edwards presented the Board with the director's report. We had our annual site review with LAUSD on April 10 and 11, 2018 and it went very well. We are working on a few items that the district has asked us to follow-up on, but we expect to have our full report from the review in the next 3 to 4 weeks.

OCTA/OCS Sunshine Letters

The Board reviewed and publically noticed the 2018-19 OCTA/OCS negotiating topics. The school and the union agree on the same set of topics. Please see the exhibit A, attached to these minutes, for the complete list of topics.

Review of 2018-19 Calendars

The Board reviewed both the proposed 2018-19 Board Meeting Calendar and the proposed 2018-19 OCS/OCTA Approved School Calendar.

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to approve the 2018-19 Board Meeting Calendar. Jason Haas seconded the motion. Edward Eadon, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles, November McIlhargey, Dominique DjeDje, Joshua Dome and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Motion passed.

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to approve the 2018-19 OCS/OCTA Approved School Calendar. Jason Haas seconded the motion. Edward Eadon, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles, November McIlhargey, Dominique DjeDje, Joshua Dome and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed the current Compliance Calendar and added several compliance items to the calendar including an annual review of the school's Strategic Plan, annual review of diversity outreach and benchmarks and annual coordination of the Board "open house" room at the Winter Faire.

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to approve the 2018-19 Compliance Calendar, as amended. Jason Haas seconded the motion. Edward Eadon, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles, November McIlhargey, Dominique DjeDje, Joshua Dome and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Motion passed.

Discussion of Possible Future Endeavors

The Board discussed the possibility of supporting a charter written to open a public Waldorf high school. Laura Stoland and our ACG Governors have heard from a very enthusiastic group of OCS parents who would like to pursue this option. The general

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consensus of the Board members is that we would be interested in seeing more information about the potential charter and encourage the OCS parents interested to provide more information at a future Board meeting.

Jason Haas shared his concerns regarding transportation of student for future field trips. We have relied heavily on parent volunteers to transport students for field trips in the past, but that appears to be an unsustainable model. The Board would be interested in researching bus transportation options for future trips.

ACTION ITEM: The Board will continue the discussion of possible future endeavors of the school at the May 2018 Board meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the March 1, 2018 regular Board meeting and the March 1, 2018 and March 15, 2018 special Board meetings.

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2018 regular Board meeting and the March 1, 2018 and March 15, 2018 special board meetings. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Edward Eadon, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles, November McIlhargey, Joshua Dome and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Dominique DjeDje abstained from the vote. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09pm.