

Minutes-Unapproved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
May 5, 2016

Called to order by Joshua Dome, Chair and convened at 7:05pm.

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

A quorum was present.

Also present was Executive Director Stephanie Edwards, Director Kristy Mack-Fett, and Gordon Engstrom of Excellent Education.

The board convened to closed session at 7:06pm.

CLOSED SESSION: Board Members and Administration Only

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiators regarding APN # 4223008003 and # 4223008004 – OCS Negotiators: Stephanie Edwards and Kristy Mack-Fett and OCS Board of Trustees Chairman, Joshua Dome.

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 8:09pm.

There were no action items to report from closed session.

Open Forum

Joshua Dome shared a quote from Rudolf Steiner.

MOTION: Joshua Domes moved to switch agenda items 5 Finance and 6 Board Composition and Committee Structure. Jason Haas seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Joshua Dome, Edward Eadon, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Motion passed.

Board Composition and Committee Structure

Joshua Dome gave a brief introduction for Board candidate Michael Krutz who has experience financing construction projects as VP of Finance for Alliance College-Ready Public Schools.

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MOTION: Mark Galanty moved to appoint Michael Krutz to a 3-year OCS Board seat through June 30, 2019. November McIlhargey seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Joshua Dome, Edward Eadon, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed the terms of Board members Joshua Dome and November McIlhargey, who will expire at the end of this year. Both members expressed an interest in continuing to serve on the OCS Board of Trustees.

MOTION: Jason Haas moved to appoint November McIlhargey to a 3-year Community seat and Joshua Dome to a 3-year Parent seat, both through June 30, 2019. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Joshua Dome, Edward Eadon, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles, Michael Krutz and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Motion passed.

November McIlhargey discussed timing and process for upcoming elections for the ACG Board seat and ACG Governor (non-Board) seat. Parent Renee Dwyer offered to assist with the elections.

Jason Haas reviewed existing OCS Board Committees and structure. Board Committees must follow the Brown Act and require two Board members, whereas Task Forces do not. Currently we have Finance, Governance and the Audit sub-committee as Advisory Committees, and Hearing Board as a Standing Committee comprised solely of Board members. Mark Galanty, Jason Haas and November McIlhargey are members of the Site Task Force. Joshua Dome and Michael Krutz are not formally Site Task Force members but will be involved as needed.

Per the OCS Bylaws, the OCS Vice Chair is the head of the Governance Committee and the OCS Treasurer is the head of the Finance Committee.

To become a voting member of the Finance and Governance Committees, someone must be a non-voting member for one year and bring expertise to the committee.

The OCS Fiscal Policies and Procedures define the role of the Finance Committee in the budget process. Finance is responsible for collaborating with OCS Administration to challenge assumptions and fully vet various options and scenarios, then present a proposed Budget to the Board. The Board has final approval of the Budget. Sue Ingles emphasized the benefit of the Board Treasurer working closely with OCS Administration and Excellent Education throughout all finance and budget discussions. Jason Haas noted that ideally members of the Finance Committee will also represent faculty, staff and parents.

Finance

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Gordon Engstrom of Excellent Education presented the revised 2015-2016 Budget, which is no longer forecasted at a loss, but rather a \$4,500 gain, based on an anticipated corporate gift. The Board agreed to delay approval of the revised budget.

Sue Ingles stated that the Finance Committee has not fully vetted the proposed 2016-2017 Budget as presented by the OCS Administration. Gordon reviewed the draft 2016-2017 Budget, including the impact of Prop 1D funds, the removal of SB740 due to no longer renting a non-LAUSD site, and a \$750,000 capital campaign for 4 years from 2016 through 2020, as well as the assumption that 2018-2019 is the year OCS will occupy its new site.

The Board agreed to delay the review of the Educator Effectiveness Grant Spending Plan.

ACTION ITEM: Lori Andrade will determine attendance for a May 17 or May 18 meeting, as the Board will need to meet again prior to May 19, 2016 to approve site documentation and the revised 2015-2016 Budget, as well as review the Educator Effectiveness Grant Spending Plan.

Sue Ingles reviewed changes to the OCS Fiscal Policies and Procedures.

MOTION: Sue Ingles moved to approve the OCS Fiscal Policies and Procedures as amended on May 5, 2016. Jason Haas seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Joshua Dome, Edward Eadon, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Michael Krutz abstained. Motion passed.

Site

Jason Haas briefly reviewed the resolutions of the OCS Board document regarding the Panama Street Project. Secretary Lori Andrade executed the document.

MOTION: Jason Haas moved to approve the resolutions of the OCS Board of Directors for the Panama Street Project dated May 5, 2016 as set forth in Exhibit A. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Joshua Dome, Edward Eadon, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles, Michael Krutz and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Motion passed.

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to authorize OCS Executive Director Stephanie Edwards to execute the 1-year lease extension with Marina Christian Fellowship for its Mar Vista campus. Jason Haas seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Joshua Dome, Edward Eadon, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles, Michael Krutz and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Motion passed.

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Directors Report

OCS has applied for the first time and met the criteria for WASC accreditation.

Approval of Minutes

The Board agreed to delay the approval of the minutes from the April 7, 2016 and April 14, 2016 Board meetings until the June meeting.

Setting of Next Agenda

The next regular board meeting is scheduled to begin at 7pm on June 2, 2016.

Joshua Dome adjourned the meeting at 10:17pm.