

Minutes-Unapproved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
May 2, 2019

Called to order by Josh Dome and convened at 6:40pm.

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

Dominique Djedje and Zach James were absent.

A quorum was present.

Also present: OCS Executive Director, Stephanie Edwards; OCS Director, Kristy Mack-Fett; OCS Business Manager, Nancy O'Rourke; OCS Teacher, Jennifer Liff; 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

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

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Case No. 2019030606, Counsel: Hamlet Yarijanian

Kristy Mack-Fett and Stephanie Edwards joined the meeting at 7:00pm.

The board reconvened to Open Session at 7:43pm.

There were no actions reported from the closed session.

Open Forum

Kristy Mack-Fett shared that the manager of the newly opened Trader Joe's in Marina Del Rey is a former OCS employee and the daughter of our current Custodian, Celeste Rosales. Kristy was able to connect with the manager and has provided OCS wear, school information and student artwork that the store has agreed to display to the community.

Site

The site committee had a meeting just prior to this Board meeting and discussed the progress to date. The completion schedule has been slightly modified due to some

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unforeseen delays. Substantial completion is still expected by December 2019, with full completion now expected by April 2020 instead of March 2020. This does not impact our ability to open the campus for the 2020-21 school year.

The site committee is trying to address the issue of the unpaved city sidewalk between the new campus and Culver Blvd. We will work with the city to hopefully correct this by the time the school opens.

The site committee continues to work with LAUSD to address a potential short fall in the construction budget. The anticipated overage is a result of the district's request to maintain certain elements of the project that were under consideration to be cut. So far, the district is supportive of our request for additional funding.

The donor event that was held in December 2018 was successful and we will be hosting another similar donor event on June 1st. Board members are encouraged to attend.

There were no change orders requiring Board approval this month.

Finance

Ayanthy Peiris presented the March 2019 financial statements and check register. OCS shows an operating net income of \$3,000, which is \$15,000 below budget and \$26,000 up from the last Board meeting. This is due in part to projected operating revenue that is \$54,000 or 1% over what was budgeted.

Annual Family Giving donations are up for the year. We have \$311,000 pledged and \$256,000 collected. We expect to make our goal and have the potential to collect over that amount.

MOTION: Josh Dome moved to approve the March 2019 financial statements and check register. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Josh Dome, Dan Wierzba, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Edward Eadon, Laura Stoland, Melodie Metzger and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Motion passed.

Director's Report

Stephanie Edwards provided the director's report to the Board. The Board was able to review and discuss the new Parent Collective (formerly ACG) and its proposed organizational structure. Key parent leaders have been assigned duties in the areas of Fundraising, Parent Education, Communications & Classrooms and Festivals & Celebrations.

The Board reviewed and discussed the school's 2018 CAASPP test scores compared with our previous three years of scores as well as with neighborhood charter and magnet schools.

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WASC Update

Stephanie Edwards participated as a WASC evaluator in the review process for a school in San Diego. She learned much from the experience and came away with some helpful ways to approach our own WASC evaluation visit next year.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the regular Board meeting on April 4, 2019.

MOTION: Mark Galanty moved to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2019 Board meeting. Dan Wierzba seconded the motion. Josh Dome, Dan Wierzba, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Edward Eadon, Laura Stoland, Melodie Metzger and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm.