

Minutes-Unapproved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
May 3, 2018

Called to order by Josh Dome and convened at 6:37pm.

Board members present: Josh Dome, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, Dominique DjeDje, and Dan Wierzba

Laura Stoland, Edward Eadon, November McIlhargey and Melodie Metzger were absent.

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 and Maria Gomez of Red Hook.

Open Forum

There were no speakers for Open Forum.

Site

Ron Johnson of Red Hook provided an update on the status of the Panama site project. Excavation started on May 29, 2018 and is going well. We have been able to reuse some of the soil on the site, which was in our original plans. The soil testing was completed and ensures that no toxic level of contaminants will remain on site as the project moves forward. This avoids the added expense we may have faced if had had to bring in new soil.

Following the delays we experienced due to the transfer of title to LAUSD, it has been agreed that the district is responsible for some costs associated with the delays. However, it has not been agreed how much of those costs they will bare. Ron hopes to update the Board on that when he gets more information.

It is currently expected that the excavation, concrete and foundation for the underground parking will be complete by August 2018. The delays we have experienced to date may be made up throughout the project. However, if they are not made up, our expected completion date is now March 2020, instead of January 2020.

We should be receiving the first disbursement of augmentation funding from LAUSD at the end of June 2018. This is per our submitted request from April 2018 and should total \$16 million.

MOTION: Josh Dome moved to rearrange the order of agenda items to address item #5 ahead of item #4 and to address item #8 immediately after those two items. Jason Haas seconded the motion. Josh Dome, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles, Mark

Galanty, Dominique DjeDje, and Dan Wierzba voted in favor. Motion passed.

Enrollment Preferences

Jason Haas discussed the current practices related to applicant preferences recognized by OCS in its enrollment processes. According to its charter, OCS provides a preference for the following applicants, in this order: siblings of currently enrolled students; the children of staff and board members, not to exceed 10% of openings; students who attend or are eligible to attend, based on their home address, the local Title I school, which is currently Braddock Drive Elementary; students eligible to attend an LAUSD school, based on their home address; all other eligible applicants living in the state of California. There are legal requirements for when these preferences may be applied. The school must have a formalized order of preferences affirmed by the Board. The Board may authorize our administration to use its discretion in determining which preferences are granted to an applicant and those instances must be in accordance with written administrative policy.

MOTION: Jason Haas moved to reaffirm the OCS enrollment preferences currently listed in its charter, to grant the administration discretion in determining applicant preference and direct administrators to create a written policy for determining applicant preferences. Sue Ingles seconded the motion. Josh Dome, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, Dominique DjeDje, and Dan Wierzba voted in favor. Motion passed.

Appointment of New Board Members

Currently, the Board is made up of ten members. Board members have considered adding one additional trustee to the Board. The Board Member Development Team has identified a potential candidate in Zach James. Mr. James, present at this meeting, shared his background and areas of expertise with Board members. He expressed his interest to serve on the Board, if selected.

Because two-thirds of Board members are required to participate in the vote to appoint members, reappoint members and to elect Board officers, we will have this same item listed on the next Board meeting agenda. Board members are reminded to notify the Board chair and secretary when they will miss a regular Board meeting, ideally 7-10 days in advance.

Finance

Gordon presented the May 2018 financial statements and check register. He also distributed a proposed 2018-19 budget. The Board tabled discussion of the May 2018 financial statements and check register as well as the 2018-19 budget to a special Board meeting later this month. This will give all Board members time to review the documents in detail before taking action.

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The LAUSD site review team made some recommendations to the school during this years visit regarding our fiscal policies and procedures. The Finance Committee reviewed the district's recommendations and has suggests some revisions for the Board's consideration. The suggested revisions are to update guidelines for recovering returned bank items such as bounced checks & fees and detailed procedures under procurements, making purchases involving creative bid thresholds.

MOTION: Sue Ingles moved to approve the OCS fiscal policies and procedures, as amended. Josh Dome seconded the motion. Josh Dome, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, Dominique DjeDje, and Dan Wierzba voted in favor. Motion passed.

Gordon presented the Spring Consolidated Application to the Board for their review and discussion. This application is for state funding under Title I, II, III and IV.

MOTION: Josh Dome moved to approve the Spring Consolidated Application. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Josh Dome, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, Dominique DjeDje, and Dan Wierzba voted in favor. Motion passed.

Kristy and Gordon discussed the LCAP with the Board. The LCAP demonstrates where funds are applied according to the written priorities that the school identifies, within the performance areas. The process of developing the school's LCAP engages faculty, parents and the community, working from our prior years priorities in the following areas: safety; achievement; intervention; positive school climate; recruitment and support for diverse students; specialty programs; and math.

MOTION: Jason Haas moved to approve the LCAP for 2018-19 and authorize the administration to finalize and submit it to LAUSD. Josh Dome seconded the motion. Josh Dome, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, Dominique DjeDje, and Dan Wierzba voted in favor. Motion passed.

Director's Report

Stephanie Edwards presented the Board with the director's report. The full report from our annual LAUSD site review has been received. We received a score of 4 out of 4 in most areas. The exception was in student achievement, where we received a score of 3 out of 4. We will be reviewing our student achievement on CAASPP testing with a goal of improving subgroup performance.

The full 2018-19 school calendar has been finalized and was distributed to the Board. The calendar includes all breaks, meetings and professional development opportunities for next year.

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The administration discussed its recommendation to the Board to support teacher Waldorf certification for those who do not yet have it. There are new Waldorf teacher training opportunities available now. The administration also shared their goal for the future where OCS would be involved in providing a Waldorf teacher training at our new site.

Absenteeism and Student Attendance Review Board (SARB)

The administration shared information about the higher than average level of tardiness and absenteeism by some OCS students. It is concerning that the current school policies do not have procedures in place that effectively curb chronic absenteeism. This is detrimental to the students as well as the funding of our school. The Board discussed the potential for an OCS Student Attendance Review Board (SARB). A SARB would create new opportunities for the school to provide resources and support to chronically absent students. It would also act as a decision-making body, setting individual goals with families and implementing consequences for continued absenteeism, as needed. The Board directs the administration to review the percentage of students affected by chronic absenteeism and develop a model for how a SARB would act to address the issue. The Board will review the administrations findings and recommendations at a future meeting.

Diversity and Equity Committee

The Board agreed to table the discussion of the Diversity and Equity Committee until the next meeting.

Strategic Plan

The Board agreed to table the discussion about the strategic plan until the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the May 3, 2018 Board meeting.

MOTION: Josh Dome moved to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2018 board meeting. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Josh Dome, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, Dominique DjeDje, and Dan Wierzba voted in favor. Jason Haas abstained from the vote. Motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION: Board Members and Administrators Only

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Closed session pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9. Anticipated Litigation: 1 matter. Counsel: Matejka Handley

Stephanie Edwards and Kristy Mack-Fett left the meeting at 9:25pm.

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CLOSED SESSION: Board Members Only

Public Employee: Contract Approval-Position: Executive Director.

The board reconvened to Open Session at 9:46pm.

The Board took no action in the closed session.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 pm.