

Minutes-Approved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
July 16, 2020

Called to order by Josh Dome and convened at 6:36pm.

Board Members Present: Josh Dome, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles, Edward Eadon, Mark Galanty, November McIlhargey, Dominique DjeDje, Dan Wierzba, Tammy Stanton, and Laura Stoland

Zach James was absent.

A quorum was present.

Also present: OCS Executive Director, Stephanie Edwards; OCS Co-Executive Director, Kristy Mack Fett; Ayanthy Peiris of Excellent Education; OCS teachers Merrie Schmidt and Emily Smith.

CLOSED SESSION: Board Members and Administrators Only

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Pursuant to subdivision (b) of section 54956.9: 2 cases – Legal Counsel – Sarah Kollman

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

Pursuant to section 54956.9(d)(1) Existing Litigation - Legal Counsel-Matejka Handley, YMC

The board reconvened to Open Session at 7:39pm.

There were no actions taken during the closed session.

Open Forum

Parent, Rachael Petru asked for more information about Board composition and new LAUSD SPED services, asked for explanation of budget impact of the switch to all distance learning vs. the hybrid program discussed at the finance committee meeting and shared her desire that any surplus funds from the budget to be directed to employee pay and students who are the focus of the DEIC goals.

Parent David Kairo shared concern for the health and safety impacts of high voltage power lines near the Panama campus.

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Board Composition

The Board confirmed the willingness for continued Board service by trustees whose terms expired June 30, 2020. The Board also discussed the trustee seat designated for a Parent Collective representative and the possibility of forming an Emeritus Board or an Advisory Board.

MOTION: Jason Haas moved to appoint Mark Galanty and Sue Ingles to the Board of Trustees to serve a 3-year term. Josh Dome seconded the motion. Josh Dome, Jason Haas, Edward Eadon, November McIlhargey, Dominique DjeDje, Dan Wierzba, Tammy Stanton, and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Motion passed.

MOTION: Jason Haas moved to address agenda item #10 next. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Josh Dome, Jason Haas, Edward Eadon, November McIlhargey, Dominique DjeDje, Dan Wierzba, Tammy Stanton, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Motion passed.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

Dominique DjeDje provided a report on the activities of the committee. The focus of the committee's work has been on communication policies in the parent/student handbook. A draft of the proposed communications policy was shared with the Governance Committee. The Board also discussed the appointment of additional committee members.

MOTION: Dominique DjeDje moved to appoint Jessica Martin, Avelene Schodorf, Nicole Sessions, Aly Leavitt and Adriana Poblano to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. Josh Dome seconded the motion. Josh Dome, Jason Haas, Edward Eadon, November McIlhargey, Dominique DjeDje, Dan Wierzba, Tammy Stanton, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Motion passed.

Finance

Aynathy Peiris presented the May 2020 financial report and check register. The report shows an FY 19-20 net operating income of -\$259K compared to \$19k in the Board approved budget. Key updates compared to last month include \$14K increase in fundraising, decrease in classified salaries of \$13K and \$5k increased costs for legal expenses.

The Board also discussed anticipated 20-21 budget impacts including the state budget revise, ADA funding deferrals and SPED fair share costs. The Board will continue to review the budget at each meeting and will revise it as more information is available.

MOTION: Sue Ingles moved to approve the May 2020 financial report and check register. Laura Stoland seconded the motion. Jason Haas, Edward Eadon,

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November McIlhargey, Dominique DjeDje, Dan Wierzba, Tammy Stanton, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Josh Dome abstained. Motion passed.

Board Calendar for 2020-21

The Board discussed its major tasks during the 2020-21 school year which include but are not limited to executive director evaluations, review of distance learning, discussion and planning for new facilities management and maintenance, and developing written guidelines for Board Committees.

ACTION ITEM: A list of all items discussed as Board tasks under this item will be distributed to all Board members so that the Board may plan to address each item over the coming year.

Director's Report

Stephanie Edwards and Kristy Mack Fett presented the director's report. The Board heard about the plans for school reopening for the 2020-21 school year, the move from the Del Rey campus and Westchester campus to the Panama campus, the 2020-21 distance learning plan, and the Summer Institute trainings.

Site

The site committee provided an update on the Panama site construction. Electricity has been established to the site. Although the project remains several weeks behind our original schedule for completion, it remains on track as of the last update provided. The admin team expects to move into the offices in October. There will be significant training needed on all systems on campus, including IT, security, HVAC, phones, etc.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the draft minutes from the June 18, 2020 Board meeting.

MOTION: Mark Galanty moved to approve the minutes from June 18, 2020

Board meeting. Edward Eadon seconded the motion. Josh Dome, Jason Haas, Edward Eadon, November McIlhargey, Dominique DjeDje, Dan Wierzba, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Tammy Stanton abstained. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58pm.