

Minutes-Unapproved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
August 20, 2020

Called to order by Jason Haas and convened at 6:37pm.

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

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 Jen Liff, Stephanie Becker, Hanna Mehring, Ryan Potoff, Abby Malan, 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

The board reconvened to Open Session at 7:05pm.

There were no actions taken during the closed session.

Open Forum

Board Vice Chair, Jason Haas announced the resignation of Board Chair, Josh Dome. He expressed gratitude for Josh's many years of service as a Board member and Chair.

Parent, Rachael Petru shared her experiences to date with the 2020-21 LAUSD special education team and asked the Board to review the transition to SPED option 1 with LAUSD.

Board member, Mark Galanty reminded meeting attendees that the Board is not able to engage in discussion on topics that are not on the meeting agenda.

Parent, Alyson Shelton shared her experience with distance learning to date and her concerns for families who have and may continue to struggle with the program. She expressed disappointment with the 2020-21 school schedule.

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Zach James joined the meeting at 7:24pm.

Parent, Jessica Martin shared her experience at OCS as a family of color and her hopes and goals for changes in the future including engagement with teachers in the decision making process.

Parent, Gina Ruiz shared her concerns for advocacy in our antiracist curriculum. She expressed her support for Laura Stoland as a candidate for Board Chair.

Parent, Vivian Rhoads expressed her concerns with the special education program as a new parent at our school.

OCS teacher, Jen Liff read a letter on behalf of another OCS teacher, Aly Leavitt. The letter expressed support for Laura Stoland as Board Chair. Ms. Liff also supports Laura Stoland's candidacy for Board Chair.

Parent, Janee Gerard shared her concerns for transparency in school communication and gathering stakeholder feedback from the school community.

OCS teacher, Stephanie Becker shared her support for Laura Stoland as Board Chair.

Public Comment on the LCAP (Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan)

Kristy Mack Fett and Stephanie Edwards shared a draft of the learning plan for the LCAP. The draft was developed with input from the OCTA teachers union, faculty and staff.

Members of the public offered comment, feedback and suggested changes to the draft. Some parents expressed a desire for more opportunities for public comment on the draft in addition to this Board meeting.

ACTION ITEM: The Governance Committee will hold a meeting before the September 2020 Board meeting specifically to allow additional public comment on the LCAP draft before final review and approval.

Board Composition

The Board discussed the need to make appointments to the Board Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer positions.

Tammy Stanton nominated Laura Stoland for the Board Chair position. Mark Galanty nominated Jason Haas for the Board Chair position. The nominees were discussed.

MOTION: Mark Galanty moved to appoint Jason Haas as OCS Board Chair. As no second was heard, the motion was withdrawn.

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MOTION: Ed Eadon moved to appoint Laura Stoland as OCS Board Chair.

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

Laura Stoland nominated Dominique Dje Dje for the Board Vice Chair position. Dominique declined to accept the nomination. Mark Galanty nominated Jason Haas for the Board Chair position.

MOTION: Dan Wierzba moved to appoint Jason Haas as OCS Board Vice Chair.

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

Sue Ingles nominated Tammy Stanton for the Board Treasurer position.

MOTION: Jason Haas moved to appoint Tammy Stanton as OCS Board

Treasurer. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Sue Ingles, Edward Eadon, Mark Galanty, November McIlhargey, Dominique DjeDje, Dan Wierzba, Tammy Stanton, Laura Stoland, Jason Haas and Zach James voted in favor. Motion passed.

Laura Stoland nominated Sue Ingles for the Board Secretary position.

MOTION: Laura Stoland moved to appoint Sue Ingles as OCS Board Secretary.

Dominique Dje Dje seconded the motion. Sue Ingles, Edward Eadon, Mark Galanty, November McIlhargey, Dominique DjeDje, Dan Wierzba, Tammy Stanton, Laura Stoland, Jason Haas and Zach James voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Board discussed the appointment of members to the Governance Committee.

MOTION: Jason Haas moved to appoint Dominique Dje Dje, Tammy Stanton, Edward Eadon, Sue Ingles, Jason Haas, Kristy Mack Fett, Stephanie Edwards and Debbie Tripp to the Governance Committee.

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

ACTION ITEM: The Board will discuss appointments to the Finance Committee at the September 2020 Board meeting.

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The Board discussed the membership on the Hearing Board. Edward Eadon is currently the only active member. Dominique Dje Dje nominated Dan Wierzba to the Hearing Board. Laura Stoland nominated Sue Ingles to the Hearing Board.

MOTION: Mark Galanty moved to appoint Edward Eadon, Dan Wierzba and Sue Ingles to the OCS Hearing Board. Zach James seconded the motion. Sue Ingles, Edward Eadon, Mark Galanty, November McIlhargey, Dominique DjeDje, Dan Wierzba, Tammy Stanton, Laura Stoland, Jason Haas and Zach James voted in favor. Motion passed.

Finance

Ayanthy Peiris presented the June 2020 financial records and check register. The report shows a FY 19-20 operating net income of -\$20K. Reasons for the negative variance include losses in SB740 funding, food service revenue, and fundraising revenue, as compared to the budget. The June 2020 financial records also encompass the FY 19-20 unaudited actuals report.

MOTION: Tammy Stanton moved to approve the June 2020 financial records and check register, which reflect the FY 19-20 unaudited actuals report. Sue Ingles seconded the motion. Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, November McIlhargey, Dominique DjeDje, Dan Wierzba, Tammy Stanton, Laura Stoland, Jason Haas and Zach James voted in favor. Edward Eadon abstained. Motion passed.

Ayanthy shared the Spring Coapp.

MOTION: Tammy Stanton moved to approve the Spring Conapp. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, November McIlhargey, Dominique DjeDje, Edward Eadon, Dan Wierzba, Tammy Stanton, Laura Stoland, Jason Haas and Zach James voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Parent Collective topic was tabled until later in the meeting.

Director's Report

Kristy Mack Fett and Stephanie Edwards provided the director's report. They also shared their statement on antiracism.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

Dominique Dje Dje shared the DEIC's goals in facilitating the formation of affinity groups. She will be sharing more details at the next DEIC meeting and encourages everyone to attend. She also discussed the idea of drafting an antiracism statement on behalf of the Board. Dr. Patricia Brent will be working with the administration, faculty and staff on antiracist curriculum. Dr. Brent could also work with the Board, perhaps at a Board retreat, in developing their antiracism statement and an action plan.

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ACTION ITEM: The executive directors will bring a second draft of their antiracism statement to the next DEIC meeting.

The remaining agenda items listed under DEIC, site and admission preferences were tabled until the next Board meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the draft minutes from the July 16, 2020 Board meeting.

MOTION: Mark Galanty moved to approve the minutes from July 16, 2020 Board meeting. November McIlhargey seconded the motion. Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, November McIlhargey, Dominique DjeDje, Edward Eadon, Dan Wierzba, Tammy Stanton, Laura Stoland, Jason Haas and Zach James voted in favor. Motion passed.

Parent Collective

The Parent Collective Coordinators prepared a year-end report, which includes recommendations for the coming year. Two of the coordinators are outgoing for the coming school year. Elections will need to be held to replace these coordinators. They are planning to hold elections in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00pm.