

Minutes-Approved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
August 17, 2017

Called to order by Joshua Dome, Chair and convened at 6:38pm.

Board members present: Edward Eadon, Jason Haas, November McIlhargey and Laura Stoland.

Joshua Dome was absent.

A quorum was present.

The board convened to closed session at 6:35pm.

CLOSED SESSION: Board Members Only

Pursuant to section 54957 Public Employee: Performance Evaluation-Position:
Executive Director.

The board convened to closed session with Stephanie Edwards and Kristy Mack-Fett present at 7:00pm.

CLOSED SESSION: Board Members and Administrators Only

Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of number: 2016120404

The board reconvened to Open Session at 7:11pm.

The Board took no action in the closed session. The Board is pleased, however, to report that the pending investigation of the School by the Office of Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education ("OCR") has been completed. The OCR could not substantiate any of the allegations of misconduct made against the School in a private complaint, and the OCR discontinued its investigation without any action being taken against the School and without any negotiated resolution.

Also present were OCS Executive Director, Stephanie Edwards, Director, Kristy Mack-Fett, Gordon Engstrom of Excellent Education and Nancy O'Rourke, OCS Business Manager.

Open Forum

There were no speaks for open forum.

Site

Jim Bush outlined the status of the Panama construction project with the board,

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reviewing the specific timelines we are expected to follow with each phase of the project, including the contractor bidding process next month, and beyond. There are a number of contracts the board has reviewed and must authorize as part of the initial phase of the project, including contracts with LAUSD, California School Finance Authority (CSFA) and Office of Public School Construction (OPSC).

MOTION: Jason Haas moved to authorize the OCS Executive Director to finalize and execute the following agreements; the MOU with CSFA, the OPSC Grant Agreement, the CSFA Funding Agreement, the Lease Agreement with LAUSD, and Development Agreement with LAUSD. Edward Eadon seconded the motion. Edward Eadon, Jason Haas, November McIlhargey and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Motion passed.

Finance

Gordon Engstrom distributed the June 2017 financial reports and check register. We ended the year as expected, with a projected net income of \$44,000. This is about \$4,000 higher than the 2016-17 budget. This is largely due to lower legal expenses for the year than was originally budgeted.

MOTION: Edward Eadon moved to accept the June 2017 financial statements and check register. November McIlhargey seconded the motion. Edward Eadon seconded the motion. Edward Eadon, Jason Haas, November McIlhargey and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Motion passed.

Gordon presented a draft of a new contract between Excellent Education and OCS. OCS has benefited from a lower than average service rates from ExEd over the past few years. This has been without a loss of service and, in fact, we have received much support from ExEd on our site related financial dealings over the past two years at no additional charge. The draft contract presented includes an approximate 18% increase in service fees charged to OCS.

It was discussed by the board that, while the school has been very happy with the service we've received from ExEd, seeing an increase of 18% at one time seems too high. Some board members suggested that we enter a two-year agreement with ExEd with a 15% in service fees implemented over the course of the two years.

MOTION: Jason Haas moved to authorize the OCS Executive Director to finalize and execute a two-year contract with Excellent Education, as discussed by the board. November McIlhargey seconded the motion. Edward Eadon seconded the motion. Edward Eadon, Jason Haas, November McIlhargey and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Motion passed.

Board Composition

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The term of board service for Mark Galanty and Sue Ingles expired on June 30, 2017. Mark Galanty, in attendance at this meeting, has expressed his interest in continuing to serve as a board member.

MOTION: Jason Haas moved to appoint Mark Galanty to a three-year term as a member of the OCS board of trustees. Laura Stoland seconded the motion. Edward Eadon seconded the motion. Edward Eadon, Jason Haas, November McIlhargey and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Motion passed.

Director's Report

Stephanie Edwards distributed the August 2017 director's report. She reported she and Kristy Mack-Fett will be working on our charter renewal submission to LAUSD later this Fall. Each board member is asked to please complete a questionnaire, provided by LAUSD, and to provide an updated resume by our next board meeting. These items will be included with our charter renewal submission.

Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed the draft minutes from the June 6, 2017, June 22, 2017 and July 5, 2017 board meetings.

MOTION: Jason Haas moved to approve the June 6, 2017, June 22, 2017 and July 5, 2017 board meeting minutes. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Edward Eadon, Jason Haas, November McIlhargey, Mark Galanty and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Motion passed.

Setting of Next Agenda

The next regular board meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30pm on September 7, 2017.

Jason Haas adjourned the meeting at 9:33pm.