

Minutes-Unapproved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
October 2, 2014

Called to order by Joshua Dome, Board Chair and convened at 6:00pm.

Board members present: Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, Jill Hayashi, November McIlhargey and Wendy Teeter.

Board members absent: Tim DeRoche

Jason Haas arrived at 6:58pm.

A quorum was present.

Also present were Executive Director Stephanie Edwards, Director Kristy Mack-Fett and Graham Dye, Gordon Engstrom and Samira Estilai from Excellent Education.

CLOSED SESSION: Board members only – Pursuant to section 54957, Public Employee: Performance Evaluation-Position: Executive Director

The board reconvened to open session at 6:34pm.

There were no actions to report from closed session.

Open Forum

There were no speakers for open forum.

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to switch the order of agenda item #5 and #7. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, November McIlhargey, Mark Galanty Wendy Teeter and Jill Hayashi voted in favor. Motion passed.

Director's Report

The administration provided a long-term site update. The site task force is working with a real estate agent experienced in charter school site options. The task force is also discussing a shift in its focus to developing potential donor and partnership relationships that will open more options for increased funding. The Prop 1D funds may not be enough to meet our site acquisition needs.

There is also a parent site group being created in the community by OCS parents Joel Cichowski and Julia Caulder. Joel spoke to the board briefly about the outreach that has started among the parent community. He shared some meeting details and materials being distributed to spread the message about OCS's site needs and how parents can organize their support efforts through this group.

Executive Director Stephanie Edwards distributed and presented the OCS Director's Report. She shared information with the board about our diversity outreach efforts

and enrollment. She also gave an update on our academic programs, specifically in math and digital literacy and citizenship.

Finance

Graham Dye from Excellent Education informed the board that as of October 21, 2014, he would no longer be with the company. He is moving to the East Coast. Graham introduced Gordon Engstrom, who will be taking over for him and handling OCS's account after he leaves. Graham also introduced Samira Estilai, a VP at Excellent Education. Samira will be helping with the transition after Graham has left.

In light of the transition in staffing at Excellent Education, Wendy Teeter and OCS administrators will hold a public Finance Meeting on October 10, 2014 at 7pm on the Mar Vista Campus to review the budget.

Graham distributed the July financial statements and check register.

MOTION: Wendy Teeter moved to accept the July 2014 financial statements.

Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Jason Haas, November McIlhargey, Mark Galanty Wendy Teeter and Jill Hayashi voted in favor. Motion passed.

Strategic Plan

The board continued to review OCS's current strategic plan. It is felt by the board that the goals in the current plan still represent the overall goals for the school. However, since several of the goals are equal to each other in importance, it was decided that the goals should not be numbered or otherwise listed in any order of priority.

ACTION ITEM: The administrators shall present a draft of the revised strategic plan at the December 2014 board meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes from the board meeting held on September 4, 2014.

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to approve the board meeting minutes from September 4, 2014. Wendy Teeter seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Jill Hayashi, Wendy Teeter, November McIlhargey and Mark Galanty voted in favor. Jason Haas abstained. Motion passed.

Setting of the Next Agenda

The next regular board meeting is scheduled to begin at 7pm on November 6, 2014.

Joshua Dome adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm.

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Respectfully submitted by
Jill Hayashi, Secretary
OCS Board of Trustees