

Minutes-Approved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
November 6, 2014

Called to order by Joshua Dome, Board Chair and convened at 7:10pm.

Board members present: Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas and Jill Hayashi.

Board members absent: Tim DeRoche

November McIlhargey arrived at 7:19pm.

Wendy Teeter arrived at 7:22pm.

A quorum was present.

Also present were Executive Director Stephanie Edwards, Director Kristy Mack-Fett, OCS Teacher Megan Helms and 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 7:25pm.

There were no actions to report from closed session.

Open Forum

There were no speakers for open forum.

Finance

Gordon Engstrom from Excellent Education distributed the September financial statements. He pointed out that ADA was slightly higher at this time of year than expected. There is a projected \$23,000 net income in 2014-15 compared to the projected \$2,000 net income in the board approved budget. We typically see fluctuations in ADA in January and February, so this may change later in the year.

ACTION ITEM: The board will review the August, September and October financial statements and check registers at the December 2014 meeting for possible approval.

The school is waiting for more information from LAUSD about what devices we will have available for the online Smarter Balanced Assessments this year. Last year, we had iPads issued by LAUSD available for student use during testing. It is unclear if those devices will be made available again. If not, OCS may need to purchase appropriate technology to accommodate student testing. There are a variety of devices compatible for online student assessments. We would not be required to purchase only iPads for testing.

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The school has recently become aware of funds available annually through SB740 for site improvements. To date, we have not applied for such funding, however, we are planning to apply for the 2014-15 school year. We are also looking into the possibility of applying for funds for site improvements made in previous years, which we were not aware might be available.

Site

The site committee is looking into the potential for augmentation grant funding which may be available for charter schools seeking to build facilities within LAUSD. The committee members are scheduling meetings with key members of LAUSD Charter Schools Division and Facilities Division. Currently, the committee's efforts are equally focused on pursuing private site locations as well as permanent Prop 39 locations to build. They are hopeful these meetings with the appropriate divisions within LAUSD will provide clarity and direction moving forward.

Director's Report

Executive Director Stephanie Edwards distributed and presented the OCS Director's Report. She shared specific reports with the board about the Emergency Preparedness Audit recently conducted by LAUSD as well as our annual District Validation Review for special education services. Both reports show that, overall OCS is meeting or exceeding expectations in the areas of emergency preparedness and special education services. As always, these reviews help us examine and further develop best practices.

Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes from the board meeting held on October 2, 2014.

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to approve the board meeting minutes from October 2, 2014. November McIlhargey seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Jill Hayashi, Wendy Teeter, November McIlhargey, Jason Haas and Mark Galanty voted in favor. Motion passed.

Setting of the Next Agenda

The next regular board meeting is scheduled to begin at 7pm on December 4, 2014.

Joshua Dome adjourned the meeting at 9:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Jill Hayashi, Secretary
OCS Board of Trustees