

Minutes-Unapproved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
February 5, 2015

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

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

Tim DeRoche was absent.

A quorum was present.

November McIlhargey arrived at 7:13pm.

Wendy Teeter arrived at 7:23pm.

Also present were Executive Director Stephanie Edwards, Director Kristy Mack-Fett, OCS Teachers Megan Helms and Tomasa Mendoza and Gordon Engstrom from Excellent Education.

CLOSED SESSION: Board members only – Pursuant to section 54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiator – Agency designated representatives: Jim Young, Stephanie Edwards and Kristy Mack-Fett. Employee Organization: OCTA.

The board reconvened to open session at 7:39pm.

There were no actions to report from closed session.

Open Forum

Jason Haas shared a list of topics from the articles and related appendices of the OCS-OCTA contract which each organization proposes to negotiate for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 contract years. For the 2014-15 contract, OCTA proposes negotiations of compensation, salary schedule and benefits and OCS proposes negotiations of class size, leave and assignments/transfers. For the 2015-16 contract, OCTA proposes negotiations of class size, Waldorf training, compensation, salary schedule and professional growth and OCS proposes negotiations of work day, professional growth, compensation and job duties.

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved that agenda item #9 be discussed ahead of agenda item #5. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Jill Hayashi, Wendy Teeter, Jason Haas, November McIlhargey and Mark Galanty voted in favor. Motion passed.

Public Health

The administration shared information about the measles outbreak currently being monitored in and around the Los Angeles area, our current measles vaccination rates among students and the communications the school has had with our school

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community about OCS policies and procedures relating to all communicable diseases. There are no cases of measles currently reported to OCS within its student body. Any cases would be reported to the Los Angeles County Offices for Public Health. As with any reports of communicable disease, the administration remains in contact with the public health offices. They advise our staff accordingly on how to best protect our school community on a case-by-case basis.

Finance

Gordon Engstrom from Excellent Education distributed the December 2014 financial statements and check register. There is a projected \$46,000 net income in 2014-15 compared to the projected \$2,000 net income in the board-approved budget.

The Finance Committee met on February 3, 2015 to discuss potential revisions to the 2014-15 budget. The board reviewed and discussed the proposed revisions, most specifically changes to funding for non-capitalized equipment and student materials.

MOTION: Wendy Teeter moved to approve the revised 2014-15 budget, as amended. Jason Haas seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Jill Hayashi, Wendy Teeter, Jason Haas, November McIlhargey and Mark Galanty voted in favor. Motion passed.

MOTION: Wendy Teeter moved to accept the December 2014 financial statements and check register. Joshua Dome seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Jill Hayashi, Wendy Teeter, Jason Haas, November McIlhargey and Mark Galanty voted in favor. Motion passed.

Gordon announced the completion of Form 990. Filing will take place this month. The board will have the opportunity to review the form at the next board meeting.

Submission of the 2014 Form 700 to LAUSD is required by February 20, 2015. The form and instructions were provided to board members and all parties in positions of financial leadership. Upon receipt of completed forms, they will be submitted to LAUSD by the deadline.

Site

Our augmentation grant application has been submitted. The site committee hopes to hear back from LAUSD about the status of the application soon. The committee's efforts continue in trying to identify potential private sites as well as cultivating possibilities on any LAUSD properties.

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Strategic Plan

The administration has continued to work with the faculty to address the academic goals stated in the strategic plan. More details are included in the Director's Report.

Director's Report

Executive Director Stephanie Edwards distributed and presented the OCS Director's Report. She updated the board about the preliminary Prop 39 offer from LAUSD for the Westchester site for next year. One additional classroom is included in the offer. OCS must respond by March 1st.

Work with the faculty on the strategic plan continues. The discussion of academic goals has led to conversation about support for development of full specialty programs and deepening practice of Waldorf education and academic rigor. Administration recommends hiring an Interim Development Consultant to best support achieving these goals.

Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes from the board meeting held on January 8, 2015.

MOTION: Mark Galanty moved to approve the board meeting minutes from January 8, 2015. Joshua Dome seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Jill Hayashi, Wendy Teeter, Jason Haas, November McIlhargey 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 March 5, 2015.

Joshua Dome adjourned the meeting at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Jill Hayashi, Secretary
OCS Board of Trustees