

Minutes-Approved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
April 14, 2016

Called to order by Joshua Dome, Chair and convened at 7:03pm.

Board members present: Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Jason Haas, Lori Andrade, Mark Galanty and November McIlhargey.

Edward Eadon was absent. A quorum was present.

Also present was Executive Director Stephanie Edwards, Director Kristy Mack-Fett, Gordon Engstrom of Excellent Education and OCS Stephanie McGurk.

The board convened to closed session at 7:04pm.

CLOSED SESSION: Board Members and Administration Only

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiators regarding APN # 4223008003, # 4223008004 # 4221004011 – OCS Negotiators: Stephanie Edwards and Kristy Mack-Fett and OCS Board of Trustees Chairman, Joshua Dome, Counsel.

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 8:29pm.

There were no action items to report from closed session.

Open Forum

Joshua Dome shared a quote from Rudolf Steiner.

Finance

The administration reported that, with the recent encouragement in the school community to increase pledges to Annual Family Giving, the pledged goal has been reached and the gap for collected pledges is closing steadily. If we are not able to collect all pledged funds, there will still be a shortfall in the 2015-16 budget, above and beyond the already expected overage in legal expenses for the year.

ACTION ITEM: The board will review the 2015-16 budget at the May 2016 meeting and may make revisions as needed. There will still be a discussion on whether reserves may be used to cover the one-time unexpected overage in legal costs this year.

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Site

The site task force is optimistic about the additional funding needed for the site acquisition, as we have received initial indication that the state will issue bonds. We are also very excited by the LAUSD board's approval of our 27 million dollar augmentation grant on April 12, 2016. The task force hopes to have additional information at the May 2016 board meeting.

Marina Christian Fellowship Church has agreed to a 1-year extension to our lease on the Mar Vista Campus. In the extended lease they have requested OCS pay property taxes assessed on the property we use. It is unclear why the church is being assessed property taxes, as it is believed that as an organization they would be exempt. If it can be determined that property taxes do not need to be assessed, there would be a significant savings to OCS under the terms of the new lease.

ACTION ITEM: The board directs administration to contact the Los Angeles County Tax Assessors office and determine if an exemption can be extended.

The board will review and possibly execute the 1-year lease extension at the May 2016 board meeting.

Setting of Next Agenda

The next regular board meeting is scheduled to begin at 7pm on May 5, 2016.

Joshua Dome adjourned the meeting at 9:17pm.