

Minutes-Approved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
May 2, 2013

Called to order by Elspeth Paul, Board Vice-Chair, and convened at 7:13pm.

Board members present: Elspeth Paul, Wendy Teeter, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas and Jill Hayashi.

Board members absent: Lori Andrade, Joshua Dome and Craig Garner.

A quorum was present.

Also present were Executive Director Stephanie Edwards, Director Kristy Mack-Fett, faculty members Megan Helms and D'Arcy Geanakos and Graham Dye of Excellent Education.

Closed session – Conference with Labor Negotiators

The board convened into closed session at 7:14pm pursuant to Brown Act section 54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiator – Agency designated representatives: Jim Young, Stephanie Edwards and Kristy Mack-Fett. Employee Organization: OCTA.

Closed session – Conference with Real Property Negotiators

The board convened into closed session pursuant to Brown Act section 54957.8 (Conference with Real Property Negotiators) – Regarding Marina Christian Fellowship and 12606 Culver Blvd. Agency designated representatives: Stephanie Edwards and Kristy Mack-Fett.

The board convened to open session at 7:46pm.

There were no action items to report from closed session.

Open Forum

OCS parent Greg Pitelli commented on a non-agenda item, student safety and discipline.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda item for May 2, 2013 was:

- A. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for April 11, 2013.

MOTION: Elspeth Paul moved to approve the consent agenda item for May 2, 2013. Jason Haas seconded the motion. Elspeth Paul, Wendy Teeter, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas and Jill Hayashi voted in favor. Motion passed.

Finance

The board reviewed minutes from the public finance meeting held on April 23, 2013 provided by Wendy Teeter.

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MOTION: Wendy Teeter moved to approve Joshua Dome, Lori Andrade, Wendy Teeter and Charlie Francis as the 2012-13 Finance Committee members. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Elspeth Paul, Wendy Teeter, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas and Jill Hayashi voted in favor. Motion passed.

Graham Dye of Excellent Education reviewed the March financials. The board discussed potential revisions to certain line item expenditures for in 2012-13 budget. Graham distributed a forecast of which expenditures may be changed. These included a scholarship fund for current OCS teachers enrolling in a Waldorf certification program and moving expenses to relocate to the Westchester Enriched Sciences Magnet site.

MOTION: Elspeth Paul moved to accept the financial statements and to approve the check registers for March 2013. Jill Hayashi seconded the motion. Elspeth Paul, Wendy Teeter, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas and Jill Hayashi voted in favor. Motion passed.

MOTION: Wendy Teeter moved to approve the revised 2012-13 budget. Jill Hayashi seconded the motion. Elspeth Paul, Wendy Teeter, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas and Jill Hayashi voted in favor. Motion passed.

Graham provided an overview of employee health and welfare benefits costs over the past 3 years as well as new compliance requirements under the Affordable Care Act. According to our labor negotiators, both parties are planning to go to the table before the end of the school year to negotiate OCTA health and welfare benefits for next year. The board reviewed the annual benefits costs as well as new compliance requirements under the Affordable Care Act and provided guidance to our labor negotiators for these upcoming negotiations.

Wendy and Graham presented a budget for the 2013-14 school year as proposed from the public finance meeting held April 23, 2013. There was discussion of specific changes in certain line items from last year's budget including instructional materials and special education costs.

MOTION: Wendy Teeter moved to approve the 2013-14 budget. Elspeth Paul seconded the motion. Elspeth Paul, Wendy Teeter, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas and Jill Hayashi voted in favor. Motion passed.

Director's Report

Executive Director Stephanie Edwards distributed and presented the OCS Director's Report.

The report provided updates on such topics as our Prop 39 site and relocation, our lunch program and STAR testing taking place in May.

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Stephanie Edwards informed the board about specific challenges the site task force is facing locating a property on the Westside of Los Angeles that is suitable for our long-term site plans. The funding we have available through Prop 1D is not sufficient given the current market. The administration strongly recommends the board strategize about a potential site capital campaign.

The board discussed the need for a site capital campaign and the possibility of hiring someone to launch and oversee such a campaign. The board requested that the administration provide additional information from the site task force at a future board meeting about the potential for implementing these ideas.

Board Recruitment

Mark Galanty gave an update on board member recruitment. Two potential candidates have been brought forward so far. The board will have an opportunity to review the eligibility of these potential board candidates at the next meeting.

Setting of the Next Agenda

The next regular board meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:00pm on June 6, 2013.

MOTION: Elspeth Paul moved to adjourn the meeting. Wendy Teeter seconded the motion. Elspeth Paul, Wendy Teeter, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas and Jill Hayashi voted in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Jill Hayashi, Trustee
OCS Board of Trustees