

Minutes-Approved  
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting  
June 23, 2016

**Called to order by Joshua Dome, Chair and convened at 7:14pm.**

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

Mark Galanty and Michael Krutz were absent. A quorum was present.

Also present was Executive Director Stephanie Edwards, Director Kristy Mack-Fett, OCS teacher Stephanie McGurk, Katelynn Jaques and D'Arcy Geanokos, and Gordon Engstrom of Excellent Education.

The board convened to closed session at 7:15pm.

**CLOSED SESSION: Board Members and Administration Only**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Closed session pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: 1 matter. Counsel: Matejka Handley

Pursuant to section 54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiator – Agency designated representatives: Chastin Pierman, Stephanie Edwards and Kristy Mack-Fett.  
Employee Organization: OCTA.

Student Discipline – The Board will discuss issues relating to a specific OCS student.

The board reconvened to open session at 8:10pm.

There were no action items to report from closed session.

**Open Forum**

Katelynn Jaques spoke on behalf of the teacher's union, OCTA, to update the board on the support the union has received with their survey re: class size reduction. She also offered the union's support and congratulations on the acquisition of the new site.

Joshua Dome read a quote from Rudolf Steiner. He also thanked Gordon Engstrom of Excellent Education for his tremendous help with the purchase of the new site. He also thanked Stephanie Edwards and Kristy Mack-Fett for their dedication and tireless efforts in the acquisition of the new site.

**Finance**

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Gordon Engstrom presented the board with the Education Protection Account Spending Plan. This plan is for EPA funds going toward teacher salaries and/or benefits. The funding amount this year is \$66,309.

**MOTION: Sue Ingles moved to approve the Education Protection Account Spending Plan.** Joshua Dome seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Jason Haas, Edward Eadon and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Motion passed.

Kristy Mack-Fett presented and discussed the 2016-17 LCAP. In the updated plan there are additional funds going toward increased security at our Mar Vista Campus, math and movement training for teachers, additional instructional assistance and RSP/Special Education support, professional development for Intervention Teachers, EL student support materials in the student's primary language, math mentoring for teachers, updated of the school website in Spanish, afterschool support for diverse families, staff sensitivity training and reinstating Eurythmy and Folk/Ballroom Dance instruction.

**MOTION: Edward Eadon moved to approve the 2016-17 LCAP, as presented.** November McIlhargey seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Jason Haas, Edward Eadon and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Motion passed.

Sue Ingles and Gordon Engstrom presented the proposed budget, as recommended by the finance committee. The board discussed the potential for continued increase in legal costs and special education costs in 2016-17. We received some late invoices in May 2015 for unanticipated special education costs of approximately \$60,000. The finance committee has some contingency plans in place if legal and special education costs are higher next year than already budgeted for. However, the board members collectively felt the need to increase the funding in the budget for legal and special education costs by \$45,000 each. The board also asks that the administration monitor special education service billing more frequently to ensure we can plan for those costs effectively, should they increase.

**MOTION: Sue Ingles moved to approve the 2016-17 budget, as amended.** Edward Eadon seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Jason Haas, Edward Eadon and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Motion passed.

## Site

The board confirmed that on June 16, 2016, Ocean Charter School closed escrow on a property for the purpose of building a single site for our TK-8<sup>th</sup> grade school. It has been a long process that, even though the purchase of the land is over, still requires much effort on the part of our board, administration and community. We will be

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looking at next steps toward receiving the first construction funds from the Prop 1D grant and working with the neighboring community to evaluate our plans and the project's local impact.

The board reviewed the Educational Specifications for the new site project including classroom size (sq. ft.) number of students served, classroom arrangement, scale, furniture, etc.

**MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to approve the Education Specifications.** November McIlhargey seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Jason Haas, Edward Eadon and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Motion passed.

The board reviewed the proposed contract with GKK Works to design the long-term facilities at our new site. The school has been working with the architecture firm on initial proposals of the new facility. The firm comes with an extensive portfolio of work with LAUSD and in school design similar to our new site needs. The proposed contract fits within the site budget for design and includes reasonable fees for services.

**MOTION: Jason Haas moved to approve and ratify the execution of the 1.2 million dollar GKK Works contract, dated April 21, 2016, to design long term facilities.** Edward Eadon seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Jason Haas, Edward Eadon and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Motion passed.

### **Board Composition**

The board heard an introduction of Laura Stoland, the elected ACG Governor for the 2016-2018 school years. Laura was elected via the ACG Governor election guidelines to serve in the reserved ACG board seat.

**MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to appoint Laura Stoland to the position of Trustee reserved for the ACG Governor for the 2016-2018 school years.** Jason Haas seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Jason Haas, Edward Eadon and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Motion passed.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the June 2, 2016 board meeting.

**MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2016 board meeting.** Edward Eadon seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Jason Haas and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Edward Eadon

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abstained from the vote. Motion passed.

**Setting of Next Agenda**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled to begin at 7pm on August 11, 2016.

Joshua Dome adjourned the meeting at 10:24.