

Minutes-Approved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
June 4, 2015

Called to order by Joshua Dome, Chair and convened at 7:06pm.

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

A quorum was present.

November McIlhargey arrived at 7:11pm.

Also present were Executive Director Stephanie Edwards, Director Kristy Mack-Fett, OCS teachers Katelynn Jaques and Aly Leavitt, and Gordon Engstrom from Excellent Education.

CLOSED SESSION: Board Members only

Pursuant to section 54957 Public Employee: Performance Evaluation-Position:
Executive Director.

At 7:19pm Ms. Edwards joined the meeting.

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

At 7:41pm Ms. Mack-Fett joined the meeting.

The board reconvened to open session at 8:16pm.

There were no actions to report from closed session.

Open Forum

OCS Teacher, Kit Olbris spoke about the goals the teacher's union has for OCS's class size moving forward. She shared some of the difficulties the teacher's have faced with classes of up to 30 students per class. The union requests that the board seriously consider reducing the Kindergarten class size to no more than 24 students per class and the 1-8 grade classes being maintained at no more than 28 students per class. She also expressed that the union membership is pleased with the 2% salary increase under consideration as a result of OCS/OCTA collective bargaining. She feels strongly that this increase to the teacher salary schedule will help attract and retain well-qualified teachers to our school.

OCS parent Jenny Hornung spoke about her concern for OCS families who could be

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impacted by the passing of SB277, a legislative measure under consideration to eliminate the immunization personal beliefs waiver currently available to the parents of school-age children in California. She requests that the board and administration undertake efforts to educate the community about the negative effects the passing of this bill could have on OCS.

OCS parent Andrea Carvajal also spoke about SB277 and the potential fiscal impact the passing of this bill could have on OCS in the form of revenue lost due to students who are under vaccinated or unvaccinated being excluded from school or parents who exit their students from the school rather than vaccinate them. She expressed concern for the potential closure of Ocean Charter School as a result of this lost revenue.

OCS parent Jon Preston distributed materials related to parent opposition to SB277. He requested that the board and administration share information about SB277 with the OCS community via the next Friday Folder letter and via the OCS-Families Yahoo group. He also requested that the board and administration allow OCS parents opposing the bill to organize a meeting before the end of the school year on campus to educate the community about the bill and how they can oppose it.

OCS parent Lisa Aycock spoke in opposition of SB277 saying that Rudolf Steiner's teachings about the rhythm of the child is in direct conflict with the forced vaccination schedule the bill seeks to impose. She also asked that the sitting board members seek out opportunities to educate themselves on the history of our school and our early guiding principals, perhaps in the form of a retreat and/or in working with consultant, George Hoffecker. She also expressed profound gratitude for the board service of Wendy Teeter.

Finance

Gordon Engstrom from Excellent Education distributed the April 2015 financial statements and check register. There is a projected net income of \$93,000 in 2014-2015 compared to the projected \$37,000 net income in the board-approved budget. Reasons for the positive \$56,000 variance is primarily due to lower salary costs for certificated and classified staff.

Gordon shared information about the new legal requirement for sick leave allotted to part-time employees. This will impact the budget moving forward as those sick days will require substitutes to be hired to fill in for absent part-time employees. He will have more information on the topic following our next public finance meeting, scheduled for June 16, 2015.

The board reviewed two different drafts of the 2015-16 budget. The major difference in the two drafts is the potential salary increases for both OCTA and non-OCTA employees, one projecting a 1% increase and the other a 2% increase.

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Additional work on the budget drafts is planned during the next public Finance Committee Meeting on June 16, 2015.

MOTION: Wendy Teeter moved to accept the April 2015 financial statements and check register. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Jill Hayashi, Jason Haas, November McIlhargey, Tim De Roche, Wendy Teeter and Mark Galanty voted in favor. Motion passed.

MOTION: Jason Haas moved to authorize a \$7,000 increase to line item 2400 in the 2014-15 budget, effective immediately. Joshua Dome seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Jill Hayashi, Jason Haas, November McIlhargey, Tim De Roche, Wendy Teeter and Mark Galanty voted in favor. Motion passed.

LCAP

The administration is gathering stakeholder input before finalizing the 2015 LCAP for submission, which will be ready for board review at the June 22, 2015 meeting.

Board Composition

The board is losing two members at the expiration of their terms June 30, 2015. Any possible candidates should be brought forward at the June 22, 2015 meeting.

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to reappoint Jason Haas to a 3-year term as Board of Trustees member. November McIlhargey seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Jill Hayashi, November McIlhargey, Tim De Roche, Wendy Teeter and Mark Galanty voted in favor. Jason Haas abstained from the vote. Motion passed.

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to reappoint Jason Haas as Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees. Joshua Dome seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Jason Haas, Jill Hayashi, November McIlhargey, Tim De Roche and Mark Galanty voted in favor. Sue Ingles abstained from the vote. Motion passed.

MOTION: Wendy Teeter moved to appoint Sue Ingles as Treasurer to the Board of Trustees. November McIlhargey seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Jill Hayashi, November McIlhargey, Tim De Roche, Wendy Teeter and Mark Galanty voted in favor. Jason Haas abstained from the vote. Motion passed.

Site

Members of the site committee are in regular communication with contacts at LAUSD to determine what, if any district land may be coming available through the RFP process. Although the committee is still looking for any private land available, no viable private sites have been identified at this time.

Tim DeRoche left the meeting at 9:30pm.

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Director's Report

Stephanie Edwards distributed the June 2015 Director's Report, including a copy of the LAUSD 2014-15 Annual Site Review. Ocean Charter School received scores of 3 or 4 in each area reviewed. This is out of a possible 1-4 scoring scale.

ACTION ITEM: The Governance Committee will meet to review the LAUSD Annual Site Review findings and address any areas identified as "needing improvement."

Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes from the board meeting held on May 7, 2015.

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to approve the May 7, 2015 board meeting minutes. Jason Haas seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Jill Hayashi, Jason Haas, November McIlhargey, Tim De Roche, Wendy Teeter and Mark Galanty voted in favor. Motion passed.

Setting of Next Agenda

The next regular board meeting is scheduled to begin at 7pm on June 22, 2015.

Joshua Dome adjourned the meeting at 9:38pm.