

Minutes-Unapproved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
August 6, 2015

Called to order by Joshua Dome, Chair and convened at 7:01pm.

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

November McIlhargey and Tim DeRoche were absent.

A quorum was present.

Also present were Executive Director Stephanie Edwards, Director Kristy Mack-Fett, Edward Eadon, Lori Andrade and Gordon Engstrom from Excellent Education.

CLOSED SESSION: Board Members only

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 7:24pm.

There were no actions to report from closed session.

Open Forum

Joshua Dome welcomed the board, faculty, staff and families back to OCS for the start of the 2015-16 school year. He also welcomed Edward Eadon, who was present for his first OCS board meeting.

Kristy Mack-Fett thanked Edward Eadon for his new relationship with our board and the school. She acknowledged his rich background and experience, specifically regarding Waldorf Education and expressed excitement at the prospect of working with him.

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to switch agenda item #6 with agenda item #5. Jason Haas seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles and Mark Galanty voted in favor. Motion passed.

Board Composition

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to appoint Lori Andrade to a 3-year seat on the OCS Board of Trustees. Jason Haas seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Jason Haas, Sue Ingles and Mark Galanty voted in favor. Motion passed.

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to appoint Lori Andrade as secretary of the OCS Board of Trustees. Sue Ingles seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Jason Haas, Sue

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Ingles and Mark Galanty voted in favor. Lori Andrade abstained from the vote.
Motion passed.

Finance

Gordon Engstrom from Excellent Education distributed the June 2015 financial statements and check register. He informed the board that the final Finance Report for the 2014-15 school year would be submitted to LAUSD on August 7, 2015. The information reflected in the June 2015 financial statements would be the basis for the information reported to the district.

Gordon let the board know that the wrap-up for the fiscal year was still in process. Accounts payable were being rectified and the final year-end financials would be available for review at the next regular board meeting in September.

MOTION: Sue Ingles moved to accept the June 2015 financial statements and check register. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Jason Haas, Lori Andrade, Sue Ingles and Mark Galanty voted in favor. Motion passed.

The board discussed the availability of a credit account with Synchrony Bank for large, year end purchases. Overall, the board and administrators felt that a credit account would be a helpful thing to have available, but it was unclear as to the optimal amount to apply for on the account.

ACTION ITEM: Gordon will review the year-end purchases from this past school year and bring information to the next meeting that will help the board make a final decision on the Synchrony Back credit account.

Site

Members of the site committee and our administration have been looking at some private sites that may be viable for our needs. One site, in the Beverly Hills adjacent area, was toured by our administrators. The other site is closer to our current Mar Vista campus but there are some questions about possible zoning issues. The committee will continue to pursue these private sites as well as work with LAUSD to identify district land that may be available.

Director's Report

Stephanie Edwards distributed the August 2015 Director's Report.

SB277 has been passed into law by Governor Brown. We are receiving information from the state about how and when each section of the new law will go into force. We do have a significant population of current students who could be affected by the new law. We will put forth information to our community as it becomes available and advise them on what steps to take in order to be compliant by the deadlines set forth.

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We have been given access to one additional classroom on our co-location site at WESM. Steps are being made to ready both campuses for the return of students on our first day of school, August 24, 2015.

The administration was pleased to share with the board members and the community the names of all the teachers who have completed their Waldorf Teacher Certification from Rudolf Steiner College this summer. It is a great accomplishment and allows these teachers to deliver the Waldorf curriculum in all its beauty and richness.

Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes from the board meeting held on June 22, 2015.

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2015 board meeting. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Lori Andrade, Sue Ingles and Mark Galanty voted in favor. Jason Haas abstained from the vote. Motion passed.

Setting of Next Agenda

The next regular board meeting is scheduled to begin at 7pm on September 3, 2015.

Joshua Dome adjourned the meeting at 9:04pm.