

Minutes-Approved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
September 3, 2015

Called to order by Joshua Dome, Chair and convened at 7:04pm.

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

Tim DeRoche, Mark Galanty and Jason Haas were absent.

A quorum was present.

Also present were Executive Director Stephanie Edwards, Director Kristy Mack-Fett, OCS teachers D'Arcy Geanakos, Stephanie McGurk & Katelynn Jaques and Gordon Engstrom from Excellent Education.

CLOSED SESSION: Board Members only

Pursuant to section 54956.8-Conference with Real Property Negotiators regarding APN #4223008003, #4223008004-OCS Negotiators: Stephanie Edwards and Kristy Mack-Fett.

The board reconvened to open session at 7:51pm.

There were no actions to report from closed session.

Open Forum

Stephanie Edwards provided an informational notice from YM&C regarding Vaccine Bill SB 277, which was signed into law by Gov. Brown on June 30, 2015. The notice is being provided to our parent community by the administration to help inform parents how the law will take effect and impact our school, parents and students.

Kristy Mack-Fett introduced OCS teachers D'Arcy Geanakos, Stephanie McGurk and Katelynn Jaques to new board members whom they may not have previously met.

Debbie Tripp asked that all board members present complete an updated contact information form for the 2015-16 school year. She also reminded new board members that Brown Act training was due and asked that proof of completion be submitted as soon as possible.

Kristy Mack-Fett announced the calendared dates for the LAUSD annual site review and visit. Board members will be asked to participate in a variety of ways in the preparation leading up to the review as well as on the day of the district's visit.

Finance

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Gordon Engstrom from Excellent Education distributed the 2015 unaudited actuals. He informed the board that the 2015 fiscal year audit was in process at ExEd and would be complete by the next board meeting. The July 2015 financial statements will be available at the next board meeting for review. Gordon provided the board with an ADA report and a record of Prop 1D expenditures. These will be reviewed again at the next board meeting with the July 2015 financial statements.

Gordon provided data on the school's previous years purchases from Amazon. This was the data requested at the last board meeting to inform the potential authorization of a credit account with Synchrony Bank, an exclusive credit provider for Amazon. The board members discussed how having a credit account for Amazon purchases would help streamline materials purchasing, especially in bulk orders over summer.

MOTION: Edward Eadon moved to authorize the establishment of a credit account with Synchrony Bank for \$10,000, for materials purchases through Amazon. Sue Ingles seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Lori Andrade, Sue Ingles, Edward Eadon and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Motion passed.

Board Composition

Board members were asked to review the current board matrix and look for potential candidates who may be able and willing to serve on the board. Potential candidates should be able to provide expertise and support in the areas of site, donor development and educational programs. Board members are asked to submit any potential board candidates to Board Chair, Joshua Dome.

Board Calendar

The board reviewed the calendar for 2015-16 board meetings. Regular meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month during the 2015-16 school year. The exception will be for November 2015, when the board will meet the second Thursday, November 12, 2015, due to scheduled professional development for our administrators.

Director's Report

Stephanie Edwards distributed the September 2015 Director's Report.

During the 2015-16 school year, the faculty and staff will participate in sensitivity training. Arnita Porter and Paula Brown, respected educators with experience in sensitivity and diversity trainings will work with our employees multiple times throughout the school year. Ms. Porter and Ms. Brown will also present to our community at an ACG meeting later this year. The goal of implementing this kind of work within the community is to ensure a supportive environment for our growing diverse population. The administration will report to the board with additional information as the trainings are conducted.

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OCS has upgraded the programs used to monitor student progress in Language Arts and Math. The upgraded program, Easy CBM, will allow deeper analysis of student progress by subgroup as well as school-wide. Students will be assessed three times per year, with students receiving intervention or special education services possibly being assessed more frequently to monitor progress and adjust strategies and services.

Space at the Mar Vista campus is being allocated differently this year, as the Yellow House is currently functioning as a 3rd grade classroom. Certain programs such as Aftercare, Lunch Service and Handwork have been relocated to new or shared spaces, or are being conducted directly in the classrooms.

2015 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

Individual student score reports will be mailed home to parents later this month. The faculty and administration have reviewed early 2015 CAASPP results by individual student and by class. Based on these results, intervention services will be assigned to students who may benefit from additional support in Language Arts, Math or both. The state will also be releasing school-wide and statewide results later this month. The administration will be sharing this additional data at a future meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes from the board meeting held on August 6, 2015.

MOTION: Sue Ingles moved to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2015 board meeting. Edward Eadon seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Lori Andrade, Sue Ingles, Edward Eadon and November McIlhargey voted in favor. Motion passed.

Setting of Next Agenda

The next regular board meeting is scheduled to begin at 7pm on October 1, 2015.

Joshua Dome adjourned the meeting at 9:16pm.