

Minutes-Unapproved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
September 4, 2014

Called to order by Joshua Dome, Board Chair and convened at 7:11pm.

Board members present: Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, Jill Hayashi, November McIlhargey and Wendy Teeter.

Board members absent: Tim DeRoche

Jason Haas arrived at 7:22pm.

A quorum was present.

Also present were Executive Director Stephanie Edwards, Director Kristy Mack-Fett and Graham Dye from Excellent Education.

CLOSED SESSION: Board members only – Pursuant to section 54957, Public Employee: Performance Evaluation-Position: Executive Director

The board reconvened to open session at 7:52pm.

There were no actions to report from closed session.

Open Forum

There were no speakers for open forum.

Finance

Graham Dye distributed financial statements for July 2014. Graham reported that while the employer contribution to STRS did increase, it was slightly less of an increase than originally expected. Graham also informed the board that the auditors have completed OCS's 2013-14 fiscal year audit.

ACTION ITEM: The board will review the July 2014 financial statements at the October meeting and possibly vote to accept the documents.

Board Goals and Leadership

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to appoint Jill Hayashi to the board officer role of Secretary for the 2014-15 school year. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Jason Haas, November McIlhargey and Mark Galanty voted in favor. Wendy Teeter and Jill Hayashi abstained from the vote. Motion passed.

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to appoint Jason Haas to the board officer role of Vice Chair for the 2014-15 school year. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Jill Hayashi, November McIlhargey and Mark Galanty voted in favor. Wendy Teeter and Jason Haas abstained from the vote. Motion passed.

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to appoint Wendy Teeter to the board officer role of Treasurer for the 2014-15 school year. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Jason Haas, Jill Hayashi , November McIlhargey and Mark Galanty voted in favor. Wendy Teeter abstained from the vote. Motion passed.

MOTION: Mark Galanty moved to appoint Joshua Dome to the board officer role of Chair for the 2014-15 school year. Jill Hayashi seconded the motion. Sue Ingles, Jill Hayashi, Jason Haas, November McIlhargey and Mark Galanty voted in favor. Wendy Teeter and Joshua Dome abstained from the vote. Motion passed.

The board continued its discussion of goals for the 2014-15 school year. As the strategic plan is of critical importance in addressing the direction for OCS in setting meaningful goals, discussion was moved on to item #7.

Strategic Plan

The board has reviewed the current strategic plan. Ideas for revising the plan to more accurately reflect the school's values were discussed. It was agreed that a meaningful opportunity to discuss and set priorities would be necessary to make the appropriate revisions to our strategic plan.

ACTION ITEM: The next board meeting will be scheduled to begin at 6pm with the strategic plan being the first item in open session. This will allow the board to work together to prioritize our goals for strategic plan revisions.

Academic Assessment

Stephanie Edwards and Kristy Mack-Fett discussed current academic assessment markers such as 2014 CST Science scores for 5th and 8th graders as well as ongoing use of the Easy CBM assessments. The 2014 CST scores show overall improvement in student achievement in Science with a recognized opportunity for continued growth. And while the Easy CBM assessments are still in use, the faculty has found that they are sometimes an inconsistent marker of student achievement. However, it is still believed that they are the most appropriate assessment tools available. We assume that the Smarter Balanced assessments this year will generate student scores and with those we will have a better understanding of how student achievement is progressing with our implementation of Common Core.

Director's Report

Executive Director Stephanie Edwards distributed and presented the OCS Director's Report. She shared information with the board about the progress of co-location alterations at our Westchester Campus as well as a long-term site update. She also shared information about the expansion of our Intervention Program to include a second Intervention Teacher on the Mar Vista Campus this year.

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Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes from the board meeting held on August 21, 2014.

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to approve the board meeting minutes from August 21, 2014. Wendy Teeter seconded the motion. Joshua Dome, Sue Ingles, Jason Haas, Jill Hayashi, Wendy Teeter, November McIlhargey and Mark Galanty voted in favor. Motion passed.

Setting of the Next Agenda

The next regular board meeting is scheduled to begin at 6pm on October 2, 2014.

Joshua Dome adjourned the meeting at 9:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Jill Hayashi, Secretary
OCS Board of Trustees