

Minutes-Approved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
January 5, 2023

Board Members Present: Sue Ingles, Laura Stoland, Dan Wierzba, Dominique DjeDje, Jennifer Jacobus, Ed Eadon, Mark Galanty, and Tammy Stanton.

A quorum was present.

Also present: OCS Executive Director, Stephanie Edwards; OCS Executive Director, Kristy Mack Fett; OCS Business Coordinator, Maryangee Cano; and from Excellent Education, Ayanthy Peiris.

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm

AB 361 Certifications

Discuss and possibly approve certification as follows: “The OCS Board of Trustees has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and recognizes that local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing”

MOTION: Ed Eadon moved to approve the certification of the state of emergency. Sue Ingles seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Open Forum

Community member, Mandy Belkin, shared her concerns about EDs and admin staff not responding to email or telephone calls.

Beck from the student leadership team gave a report on student leadership activities. Kristy expressed her congratulations to Beck and the student leadership team for bringing an issue to admin which resulted in the reevaluation of a policy affecting students.

Finance

Ayanthy presented the November 2022 Financials. Operating net income is projected to be \$304K, \$202K above budget. Compared to last month, total revenues increased by \$175K mostly due to the addition of a one-time Arts and Music Block Grant. Operating cash at the end of November was \$1M and is projected to be \$745K at the end of FY23(10% reserve). After examining the check register, Mark offered to review the DWP bills.

MOTION: Dominique DjeDje moved to approve the November 2022 financial report and check register. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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The board heard a report from Maryangee on fundraising activities.

MOTION: Tammy Stanton moved to approve the Hanmi Bank Line of Credit renewal through 10/03/23. She respectfully requested that monthly financials shall reference the annual forecasted debt-service coverage ratio. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the revised Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

MOTION: Ed Eadon moved to accept the revised LCAP. Tammy Stanton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION: Laura Stoland moved to approve the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Block Grant plan. Tammy Stanton seconded and all were in favor. The motion passed.

Board Training

Ed presented Part 3 of the annual Board Training, highlighting the responsibilities of Board members.

Directors' report

Stephanie presented highlights from the Directors' report. Topics included preparation for the upcoming LAUSD annual review, as well as the recent visit from a representative of the Alliance for Public Waldorf Education. To qualify for full membership in the Alliance OCS will complete a self-study of the seven core principles of Public Waldorf education. Stephanie expressed gratitude for all who had made the Winter Faire a great success.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Tammy Stanton moved to accept the minutes from the board meeting of December 1, 2022, as amended. Ed Eadon seconded the motion. Dan and Laura abstained. All others were in favor and the motion passed

The board convened to closed session at 7:33pm.
The board returned to open session at 9:03.

MOTION: Tammy Stanton moved to approve the Compensation Comparability Study for Co-Executive Directors. Ed Eadon seconded and all were in favor. Motion passed.

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Laura gave the following oral statement: “Regarding approval of each of the Co-Executive Director employment agreements, I am required by law to indicate, prior to any vote on each of the employment agreements, that each agreement contains a term of three (3) years beginning July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2024 and provides the following:

1. A work schedule of a minimum of 230 days annually;
2. A base annual salary of:
\$127,094.40 for the 2022-2023 school year;
3. Sick Leave and other leaves as specified for all certificated employees;
4. Vacation leave to accrue at the rate of twenty (20) days annually;
5. Employer contributions for the State Teachers’ Retirement Program, subject to program and eligibility requirements.

I would also note that the annual salaries in each employment agreement are in keeping with the compensation comparability study the Board has received.”

MOTION: Jennifer Jacobus moved to approve approve the revised Co-Executive Director Employment Contracts. Tammy Stanton seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09PM.