

Minutes-Approved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
March 10, 2022

Called to order by Laura Stoland and convened at 6:04pm.

Board Members Present: Laura Stoland, Sue Ingles, Ed Eadon, Tammy Stanton, Anna Berk, Dominique DjeDje, Dan Wierzba, November McIlhargey, Mark Galanty, and Jason Haas

A quorum was present.

Also present: OCS Executive Director, Stephanie Edwards; OCS Executive Director, Kristy Mack Fett; OCS Business Manager, Maryangee Cano; OCS H.R. Coordinator, Debbie Tripp; and Craig McIntosh and Samira Estilai of Excellent Education.

Open Forum

Kristy shared photos of the Student Safety Patrol meeting with Councilman Mike Bonin. Safety Patrol members spent an hour interviewing Mike and were each presented with certificates for their service.

Community members spoke about local businesses dropping the mask mandate.

Finance

Craig McIntosh presented an overview of the January 2022 financial report. Enrollment is 9 students below budgeted and annual daily attendance (ADA) continues to be low at 88.2%. Projected operating net income is at -\$21K.

MOTION: Tammy Stanton moved to accept the January 2022 financials. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. All Board members voted in favor. Motion passed.

Dan Wierzba gave a report from the Audit sub-committee. Three bids were received for auditing services. The committee recommended to the board to contract with Clifton-Larson, a large firm with a nationwide reputation having experience with charter schools in Southern California.

MOTION: Dan Wierzba moved to give Administration authority to negotiate and approve a contract with CLA (Clifton-Larson) to conduct auditing services for the 2021-2022 school year. November McIlhargey seconded the motion. All Board members voted in favor. Motion passed.

Kristy reported on the ESSER III plan to address the academic impact of lost instructional time. Minor revisions were made in response to requests from LACOE. There were no substantive changes.

MOTION: Tammy Stanton moved to approve the revised ESSER III plan, as presented. Ed Eadon seconded the motion. All Board members voted in favor. Motion passed.

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As this meeting falls on the second anniversary of the pandemic closing of the school, Laura made a statement commending the administration and Finance Committee for their work in successfully guiding the school through this difficult crisis.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Dominique gave a report on the work of the DEIC committee. They are currently working on an equity plan. Goals are nearly finalized, and they are now working on Action Steps.

Laura announced that she will be stepping down from the DEIC committee and that a replacement needs to be appointed to maintain the required two board members. November was identified as a potential new member. The board will vote to approve a new member at the April meeting.

Governance

Ed gave a report from the Governance committee. The committee has been working on a numbering system for board resolutions, a method of tracking board action items, and a board document continuity plan.

Directors' Report

Kristy gave an update on covid protocols and the LADPH post surge plan. Masks are now optional outdoors, and will be optional but highly recommended as of March 12 on K-12 campuses, per LADPH. However, LAUSD will retain the indoor mask mandate. The directors presented the updated Covid Protection Plan.

MOTION: Mark Galanty moved to approve the updated Covid Protection Plan.

November McIlhargey seconded the motion. All Board members voted in favor. Motion passed.

Kristy reported that internal academic assessment results from the EasyCBM have been impacted by the one and a half years of classes on Zoom, with Math being more impacted than ELA (English Language Arts).

Stephanie reported that ADA is still low, resulting in loss of funding. Charter schools are still funded based on ADA rather than enrollment.

Kristy presented the Executive Directors' Written Finding Regarding Temporary Staffing Flexibilities Authorized by Executive Order N-3-22

Stephanie presented the 2022-2023 Annual Instructional calendar, which was negotiated with OCTA. The school start and end dates (Aug 15 to June 9) were set to align with LAUSD, since OCS contracts with LAUSD for special education services. The calendar includes 180 instructional days (only 175 are required). The major

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departure from the LAUSD calendar was a two-week winter break (instead of LAUSD's 3 weeks) and a one-week Renewal Week in February. Stephanie reported that the teachers were greatly appreciative of the Renewal Week break. Several board members reported that the Renewal Week break, which was new this year, was unexpected by many parents, leaving them scrambling for child care, and could present an equity issue. Laura noted that a timely announcement of the instructional calendar is needed so that families can make plans for the upcoming year.

MOTION: Laura Stoland moved to approve the OCS 2022-23 instructional calendar as negotiated with OCTA. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. Laura Stoland, Sue Ingles, Mark Galanty, and Dominique Djedje voted in favor of the motion. November McIlhargey, Dan Wierzba, Jason Haas, and Tammy Stanton voted against the motion. Ed Eadon and Anna Berk abstained. The motion did not pass.

MOTION: Laura Stoland moved to approve the Instructional Calendar start and end dates. Mark Galanty seconded the motion. November McIlhargey voted against the motion. All other Board members voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Policy Approvals

New requirements were incorporated into existing policies, as recommended by legal.

MOTION: Ed Eadon moved to approve the Uniform Complaint Policy. Dan Wierzba seconded the motion. All Board members voted in favor. Motion passed.

MOTION: Ed Eadon moved to approve the Suicide Prevention Policy. November McIlhargey seconded the motion. All Board members voted in favor. Motion passed.

MOTION: Ed Eadon moved to approve the Title IX, Harassment, Intimidation, Discrimination, and Bullying Policy. November McIlhargey seconded the motion. All Board members voted in favor. Motion passed.

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The Board reviewed a General Complaint Policy. This is a new policy that covers situations that are not covered by the Uniform Complaint Policy.

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Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Jason Haas moved to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2022 Board meeting, as amended. Laura Stoland seconded the motion. Dominique DjeDje and Dan Wierzba abstained from voting. All other Board members voted in favor. Motion passed.

MOTION: Jason Haas moved to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2022 Board meeting. Ed Eadon seconded the motion. Dominique DjeDje and November McIlhargey abstained from voting. All other Board members voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Board convened to closed session at 8:41pm.

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to section 54957 Public Employees: Performance Evaluation and Contract –
Position: Executive Directors

Reconvene to Open Session

The Board reconvened to open session at 9:00pm.

MOTION: Ed Eadon moved to approve a one-year contract with Stephanie Edwards, for a salary of \$117,680 plus benefits package. Jason Haas seconded the motion. All Board members voted in favor. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm