

Minutes-Approved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
June 27, 2023

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

A quorum was present.

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

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm.

Open Forum

The board celebrated outgoing Executive Director, Stephanie Edwards for her 15 years of service to OCS.

Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

The board heard a presentation of 2023-24 local indicators, and reviewed updates to the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for 2023-24.

MOTION: Mark Galanty moved to adopt the 2023-24. LCAP. Ed Eadon seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Finance

The board reviewed the April 2023 financial report and check register.

MOTION: Laura Stoland moved to approve the April 2023 financial report and check register. Ed Eadon seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The board reviewed the 2023-24 SACS Preliminary Budget and 2023-24 Final Preliminary Budget that was submitted June 15, 2023.

MOTION: Mark Galanty moved to approve, and Tammy Stanton seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ayanthy (ExEd) gave a report on the revised California budget approved by the legislature on June 15, 2023. The May revision had included a 50% cut to the Arts and Music block grant and a 32% cut to the Learning Recovery Emergency block grant. Cuts were less in the approved June budget, however, there is some uncertainty about the impact of the income tax filing extension this year on timing of receipt of funds. Therefore, the Ocean 2023-24 budget is based on numbers from the May revision. This includes cuts of \$258K (169K from the Arts and Music block grant and 89K from the Learning Recovery Emergency block grant). Ocean's 2023-24 budget is based on an enrollment of 558 and 94% ADA. Income from fundraising is budgeted at \$404K. The budget includes salary increases of 2.5%. There is a

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reduction of 10 classroom aid positions (down from 22 last year). Projected net operating income is \$438K.

The board reviewed the 2023-24 Education Protection Account (EPA) Spending Plan.

MOTION: Mark Galanty moved to approve the EPA spending plan. Ed Eadon seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The board reviewed the 2023-24 SNP (School Nutrition Program) contract.

MOTION: Laura Stoland moved to approve the contract. Mark Galanty seconded. All were in favor.

Governance Committee Report

Ed gave a report from the Governance Committee. As part of the ongoing self-study, at the last meeting the committee discussed the Alliance for Public Waldorf Education core principle #3: Social Change through Education. The committee is currently engaged in projects to (1) align the WASC Schoolwide Action Plan with the LCAP update, and (2) develop an OCS Board Google Drive as a repository for all key OCS documents.

Board and Committee Meeting Calendars

The board reviewed the Board and Committee Meeting Calendars.

MOTION: Ed Eadon moved to approve the calendars. Sue Ingles seconded. All were in favor.

Board Composition and Officers

Board Composition and structure was discussed. Officers for the 2023-24 school year were approved:

MOTION: Ed Eadon moved to approve Laura Stoland as Board Chair. Dominique DjeDje seconded. All were in favor.

MOTION: Sue Ingles moved to approve Ed Eadon as Board Vice Chair. Laura Stoland seconded. All were in favor.

MOTION: Laura Stoland moved to approve Sue Ingles as Board Secretary. Jennifer Jacobus seconded. All were in favor.

MOTION: Dominique DjeDje moved to approve Tammy Stanton as Board Treasurer. Ed Eadon seconded. All were in favor.

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MOTION: Ed Eadon moved to change the board composition from 7 members to 9 members. Dominique DjeDje seconded. All were in favor.

The Two new board members were appointed, bringing the board to 9 members

MOTION: Laura Stoland moved to appoint Maya Rao as a Board Trustee. Sue Ingles seconded. All were in favor.

MOTION: Laura Stoland moved to appoint Josh Stokes as a Board Trustee. Jennifer Jacobus seconded. Tammy Stanton abstained. All others were in favor.

Director's Report

The Board heard a report from administrators about end of school year events. The Ocean Institute hosted 32 teachers (20 from OCS; 12 from El Rio and other schools) for summer teacher training. Approximately 68 OCS students have been participating in summer camp each week. Parent education workshops were offered for Painting and for Rhythm & Routine.

Directors reported that there have been 13 new faculty/staff hires: 7 class teachers, 4 specialty teachers, and 2 administrative staff.

Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed and approved Board meeting minutes from May 4, 2023.

MOTION: Laura Stoland moved to approve the minutes. Ed Eadon seconded. Tammy Stanton and Maya Rao abstained. All others were in favor and the motion passed.

Covid Status Update

The board reviewed the current LAUSD Covid prevention requirements and recommendations.

MOTION: Laura Stoland moved to amend the OCS policy to align with LAUSD. Mark Galanty seconded. Sue Ingles and Tammy Stanton voted against the motion. Laura Stoland, Mark Galanty, Dominique DjeDje, Maya Rao, Ed Eadon, and Jennifer Jacobus voted in favor. The motion passed.

The board convened to Closed Session at 9:30

The board returned to Open Session at 10:52

The board reported that the new Executive Director compensation is \$137,094 plus the standard benefits package.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:55

Sue Ingles
Secretary, OCS Board of Trustees