Minutes-Unapproved

Ocean Charter School Board Meeting

February 6, 2025

Board Members Present: Laura Stoland, Ed Eadon, Tammy Stanton, Jennie Karrer, Josh Stokes

Absent: Sue Ingles

A quorum was present

Also present: OCS Executive Director Kristy Mack Fett, Ayanthy Peiris from ExED, and Tim Garlick - parent and advocate of going green and Ocean Charter School

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

Waldorf Moment: Read aloud by Ed Eadon

**Open Forum**

Kristy Mack Fett distributed OCS Calendars celebrating 20-years to board members and

community members in attendance

Maya Rao arrived 6:17 pm

Sustainability Goal

* Tim Garlick then presented a proposal for solar panels on the roof of the gym and classrooms.
* The board asked Tim to get 3 bids for the EV Charging Stations and 3 bids for the Solar Panels in compliance with LAUSD requirements.
* Board will reconvene for a special session when the information is available in order to pass the motion to move forward

**Finance**

Ayanthy Peiris presented the December Financial Report. Ocean's enrollment as of month 5 was 557, 1 student below budget. The attendance rate was 95% and the average attendance was 531.78. The forecast assumes the average attendance at 529.09, 4.57 ADA higher than budget. Ocean's projected operating net income is $401K, $13K below budget. Total revenues are higher than budget by $10K due to increased attendance. Total expenses are higher than budget by $24K mostly due to the increased Special Ed Fair Share expenses resulting from increased district encroachment fees. Forecast includes $208K of restricted one-time funds. An additional $65K remains available to spend through FY27/28. Ocean's projected EBITDA is $594K with a debt service coverage ratio of 1.27. Ocean's cash balance at the end of December was $2.4M with $317K as restricted site project cash. Projected operating cash balance at year-end is $2.4M which represents a 33% cash reserve.

**MOTION: Maya Rao moved to approve the December 2025 Financial Report and Check Register. Jennie Karrer seconded.** All present were in favor and the motion passed.

| Name | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Name | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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| Laura Stoland | x |  |  |  | Joshua Stokes | x |  |  |  |
| Ed Eadon | x |  |  |  | Jennie Karrer | x |  |  |  |
| Tammy Stanton | x |  |  |  | Maya Rao | x |  |  |  |
| Sue Ingles |  |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |

The Winter Consolidated Application (ConApp) for categorical federal funding was reviewed

Jennie Karrer summarized the fundraising events from December and January.

* $26,275.67 profit from the Winter faire (after expenses).
* 2 ice skating fundraisers raised $1548 and $134
* AFG Participation Rate only 66%
* The PC is planning a donor appreciation gratitude cocktail to celebrate them and continue fundraising.
* The board has a 100% participation rate.
* Ocean Charter is generally ahead of budget as this point
* The Ocean Charter Store has brought in over $8000 so far (over budget)

OCS’ Mid-year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) was reviewed and discussed.

Updates to Ocean’s Fiscal Policies and Procedures were reviewed by the board

**MOTION: Laura Stoland moved to approve Ocean’s Fiscal Policies and Procedures. Ed Eadon seconded.** All present approved and the motion passed.

| Name | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Name | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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| Laura Stoland | x |  |  |  | Joshua Stokes | x |  |  |  |
| Ed Eadon | x |  |  |  | Jennie Karrer | x |  |  |  |
| Tammy Stanton | x |  |  |  | Maya Rao | x |  |  |  |
| Sue Ingles |  |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |

Ocean Charter’s line of credit with Hanmi Bank was reviewed and discussed.

The Employee Flexible Savings Account (FSA) for dependent care and medical care was reviewed.

**MOTION: Josh Stokes moves to approve the FSA Program for dependent care. Laura Stoland seconded.** All present approved and the motion passed

| Name | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Name | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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| Laura Stoland | x |  |  |  | Joshua Stokes | x |  |  |  |
| Ed Eadon | x |  |  |  | Jennie Karrer | x |  |  |  |
| Tammy Stanton | x |  |  |  | Maya Rao | x |  |  |  |
| Sue Ingles |  |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |

The Board heard a report from the Executive Director about OCS’ fire response, the impact of the fires on charter schools in LA, and other ongoing effects. There has been a huge impact within the Charter School community

Laura commended Kristy Mack Fett for her response to the fires noting her thorough gathering of relevant information for student safety and her quick and competent pivots to ensure student safety while being minimally disruptive to the educational environment. Laura noted that the ability to deftly respond to crises is a particular strength of Ocean Charter under Kristy’s leadership and noted that those skills have helped the school flourish in spite of the challenges faced in recent years.

A desire was expressed to have all the information on the fire response, how the school decides what to do with the air quality be public on the website. This should be balanced by what is realistic and appropriate.

The Board heard a report from the Executive Director about Professional Development, specifically the national Alliance for Public Waldorf Education; OCS’ Equity Plan; and Charter Renewal in 2025-26.

OCS' SARC report 2023-24 was reviewed

The PowerSchool cybersecurity incident and response was reviewed. The school is now retaining a firm to oversee the data after the breach

The Board discussed the resolution stating that OCS was prevented from operating the ELOP program due to the State of Emergency in Los Angeles that led to LAUSD mandating all campuses be closed due to fire danger on 1/9/25 and 1/10/25.

**MOTION: Tammy Stanton moved to approve the resolution. Josh Stokes seconded.** All present approved and the motion passed.

| Name | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Name | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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| Laura Stoland | x |  |  |  | Joshua Stokes | x |  |  |  |
| Ed Eadon | x |  |  |  | Jennie Karrer | x |  |  |  |
| Tammy Stanton | x |  |  |  | Maya Rao | x |  |  |  |
| Sue Ingles |  |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |

The OCS J13 request for the two school closure days, Jan. 9 and 10th, and the one materially impacted attendance day on Jan. 8th was reviewed.

**MOTION: Josh Stokes moved to approve the J13 Request. Maya Rao seconded.** All present approved and the motion passed**.**

| Name | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Name | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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| Laura Stoland | x |  |  |  | Joshua Stokes | x |  |  |  |
| Ed Eadon | x |  |  |  | Jennie Karrer | x |  |  |  |
| Tammy Stanton | x |  |  |  | Maya Rao | x |  |  |  |
| Sue Ingles |  |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |

The Board reviewed the Board meeting minutes from December 5th 2024.

**MOTION: Laura Stoland moved to approve the minutes from December 5, 2024. Josh Stokes seconded.** All present voted in favor and the motion passed.

| Name | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Name | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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| Laura Stoland | x |  |  |  | Joshua Stokes | x |  |  |  |
| Ed Eadon | x |  |  |  | Jennie Karrer | x |  |  |  |
| Tammy Stanton | x |  |  |  | Maya Rao | x |  |  |  |
| Sue Ingles |  |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |

The Board reviewed the Board meeting minutes from January 9, 2025.

**MOTION: Laura Stoland moved to approve the minutes from January 9, 2025. Josh Stokes seconded.** All present voted in favor and the motion passed.

| Name | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Name | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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| Laura Stoland | x |  |  |  | Joshua Stokes | x |  |  |  |
| Ed Eadon | x |  |  |  | Jennie Karrer | x |  |  |  |
| Tammy Stanton | x |  |  |  | Maya Rao | x |  |  |  |
| Sue Ingles |  |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |

Laura shared information from the *CSDC Boarding Pass* podcast. The board discussed the size and composition of the board and reviewed possible new members and good board practices.

The Board discussed the adoption of a safe haven declaration for all students (immigrants, LGBTQ+) at OCS and a referral to the Governance Committee for development of a policy.

Kristy shared a policy from SDUSD that encapsulated the sentiment of the Ocean Charter Community.

**MOTION: Josh Stokes moved to adopt the substance of the policy with modifications and further changes consistent with Ocean Charter’s community. Tammy Stanton seconded.** All present voted in favor and the motion passed.

| Name | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Name | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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| Laura Stoland | x |  |  |  | Joshua Stokes | x |  |  |  |
| Ed Eadon | x |  |  |  | Jennie Karrer | x |  |  |  |
| Tammy Stanton | x |  |  |  | Maya Rao | x |  |  |  |
| Sue Ingles |  |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |

The Board convened to Closed Session at 8:45 pm

**CLOSED SESSION**

**The board reconvened to Open Session**

There was nothing to report.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm

**The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2025.**