



Minutes – Approved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
January 8, 2009

Ocean Charter School
12606 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles 90066

Called to Order 6:15 pm by Dean Kubani, Board Chairman

Present: Su Addison, Lori Andrade, Karen Bernstein, Kami Cotler, Jami Gazzaniga, Stephanie Edwards, Jason Haas, Tamar Kern, Liz Koravos, Dean Kubani, Kristy Mack-Fett, Fran Montano and Wendy Teeter.

Joan Wicks was absent.

A quorum was present.

The Board interviewed Board candidates Diem-mi Tran Burton, Bobbie Albanese, November White McIlhargey, and Nile Park for vacant seats on the OCS Board of Trustees.

Jami Gazzaniga and Tamar Kern recused themselves from the meeting at 7:08pm.

Closed Session

The Board convened into closed session at 7:09pm pursuant to Brown Act sections 54957.6 (Labor Negotiations). Directors Karen Bernstein, Stephanie Edwards and Assistant Principal Kristy Mack-Fett were in attendance. The Board discussed Labor Negotiations.

The Board reconvened to open session at 7:31pm.

Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Kami Cotler moved to approve the Board Meeting minutes from December 4, 2008 as amended. Dean Kubani seconded the motion. Su Addison, Lori Andrade, Kami Cotler, Jason Haas, Liz Koravos, Dean Kubani, Fran Montano and Wendy Teeter voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

Board Member Appointments

The Board discussed the term and voting status of the two vacant seats to be appointed for the OCS Board of Trustees, and the candidates that were interviewed.



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MOTION: Jason Haas moved to appoint Bobbie Albanese to the 3-year, OCS Board of Trustees voting community seat, effective January 8, 2009 to 6/30/2012. Dean Kubani seconded the motion. Su Addison, Lori Andrade, Kami Cotler, Jason Haas, Liz Koravos, Dean Kubani, Fran Montano, and Wendy Teeter voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

MOTION: Dean Kubani moved to change the 1-year Board-appointed seat from a non-voting seat to a voting one, leaving the term to expire on 6/30/09. Kami Cotler seconded the motion. Su Addison, Lori Andrade, Kami Cotler, Jason Haas, Liz Koravos, Dean Kubani, Fran Montano, and Wendy Teeter voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

MOTION: Dean Kubani moved to appoint Nile Park to the 1-year, OCS Board of Trustees voting community seat, effective January 8, 2009 to 6/30/09. Liz Koravos seconded the motion. Su Addison, Lori Andrade, Kami Cotler, Jason Haas, Liz Koravos, Dean Kubani, Fran Montano and Wendy Teeter voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: Lori Andrade will communicate the Board appointment results to new Board members, Bobbie Albanese and Nile Park.

ACTION ITEM: Lori Andrade will provide the new Board members with appropriate documentation and inform them of upcoming meeting and workshop dates outside of regularly scheduled Board meetings.

Open Forum

Parent Karen Wolfe suggested the OCS Administration provide a staffing solution to improve the traffic safety at the North campus.

ACTION ITEM: OCS Administration will address North campus traffic safety.

Finance

John Vargas of Excellent Education reviewed the November Financials and Check Register, and the 2008-2009 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs (Part II).

MOTION: Liz Koravos moved to accept the November 2008 financials and check register. Wendy Teeter seconded the motion. Su Addison, Lori Andrade, Kami Cotler,



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Jason Haas, Liz Koravos, Dean Kubani, Fran Montano and Wendy Teeter voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

MOTION: Kami Cotler moved to approve the 2008-2009 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs (Part II). Liz Koravos seconded the motion. Su Addison, Lori Andrade, Kami Cotler, Jason Haas, Liz Koravos, Dean Kubani, Fran Montano and Wendy Teeter voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

Disclosure of Subjects to be Raised in Collective Bargaining with the Ocean Charter Teachers Association (OCTA)

Director Karen Bernstein publicly announced the topic areas sunshined by Ocean Charter School and Ocean Charter Teachers Association, to be addressed in Labor Negotiations. In effect, the entire existing contract will be negotiated, save for previously agreed salaries for 2008-2009.

Board Core Values Statement

Lori Andrade read a statement of core values to provide guidance for the operation of school and interaction within the school community. The Board discussed the statement and decided to work with George Hoffecker during his February 19, 2009 workshop to craft a final statement.

“Ocean Charter School’s Board of Trustees practices a collaborative values-based approach to decision-making utilizing the Principles, Process, Priorities/Dialogue, Discussion, Decision tools introduced at the Core Values Workshop in Spring, 2008.”

“Be tough on the issues and tender on the people.”

Atlantis Contract

The Board reviewed and recommended changes to the Atlantis contract.

ACTION ITEM: OCS Directors will meet with Atlantis to finalize the contract for the February 2008 Board meeting, so the Board can authorize OCS Directors to execute it.

Donor Development

Rowena Macaraeg announced that the Pledge Drive closed with participation levels of 90.5% for total families, 100% for four classes, the Administration, and Voting Board members, and a total amount pledged of \$231,740.00. The Board expressed their



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gratitude to Rowena Macaraeg, Wendy Teeter and all Classroom parent representatives for their efforts resulting in outstanding participation levels and pledges.

Su Addison reviewed Jody Labb's Fundraising Strategy report which included the Board's future role in fundraising. Su also presented the OCS Advisory Board Task Force's vision for the OCS Advisory Board's purpose and goals when identifying candidates.

Karen Wolfe gave a presentation regarding Board member participation in Donor Development.

Directors' Report

Karen Bernstein, Stephanie Edwards and Kristy Mack-Fett reviewed the Directors' Report. Karen distributed a working draft of a portion of the OCS Employee Handbook. Hiring efforts continue for a Strings teacher. The Board discussed the Administration's Spanish Feasibility Study which analyzed different scenarios for reintroducing Spanish.

Class Size Committee Update

The Class Size Committee will discuss this report at the February 2009 Board meeting.

Site Task Force Update

Jefferson Schierbeek asked if the Board wanted to reach out to Marlene Canter as outgoing LAUSD Board President regarding OCS site needs. Karen Bernstein reported that some Walgrove bungalows are deteriorating and will be demolished. The Board discussed the funding benefits of our South Campus lease.

Policy Committee Update

The Policy Committee will report to the Board at the February 2009 Board meeting.

Setting of Next Agenda

The Board reviewed agenda items for the next Board meeting on February 5, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Lori Andrade, Secretary
OCS Board of Trustees