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Ocean Charter School Special Board Meeting  
February 21, 2008

**Ocean Charter School**  
**12606 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles 90066**

**Called to Order 6:13 pm by Joan Wicks, Board Chairman**

Present: Lori Andrade, Jeannie Elmstrom, Jason Haas, Stacey Lisker, Beth Rendeiro, Peter Samaranayake, Cissy Stanford, Wendy Teeter, Leo Trujillo-Cox, and Joan Wicks.

Julie Yarnall was absent.

A quorum was present.

**Closed Session**

The Board convened into closed session at 6:14pm pursuant to Brown Act sections 54957.6 (Labor Negotiations), 54956.8 (Real Property Negotiations) and 54957 (Personnel). Director Peter Samaranayake, Assistant Principals Kristy Mack-Fett and Michelle Hedge, and Office Manager Valentina Vega were in attendance. Stacey Lisker recused herself. The Board discussed Labor Negotiations. Stacey Lisker returned to the meeting at 6:25pm and Beth Rendeiro joined the meeting at 6:30pm. Parent Ken Kutcher also joined the meeting. The Board discussed Real Property Negotiations. Ken Kutcher, Peter Samaranayake, Kristy Mack-Fett, Michelle Hedge, Valentina Vega and Stacey Lisker left the meeting at 6:45pm. The Board discussed Personnel. Peter Samaranayake, Kristy Mack-Fett, Michelle Hedge, Valentina Vega, and Stacey Lisker returned to the meeting at 7:19pm. No actions were taken during the closed session.

The Board reconvened to open session at 7:20pm.

Dr. Wendy Teeter joined the meeting at 7:30pm.

**Teacher Sharing**

Ms. Jamie Gazzaniga shared examples of First Grade student work including letter books and beeswax characters representing the math processes.

**OCS Board Investigation Report**

Parent Patti Binder read her letter addressed to the OCS Board.

Joan Wicks reviewed the purpose of the investigation, which is for the OCS Administration to address the allegations of the Ocean Charter Teachers' Association



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(OCTA) letter to the OCS Board of Trustees dated January 10, 2008. Joan then read the introduction to the investigation. Beth Rendeiro and Jeannie Elmstrom alternated reading each allegation and the Administration's response to the allegation. Joan closed the investigation by asking OCTA to consider the responses provided and to retract any inaccuracies if applicable. She also described the OCS Communication Model and encouraged everyone to follow it.

Joan discussed the reduced Administrative structure and time-consuming Charter Renewal efforts as challenges, and referred to the proposed upcoming Core Values retreat.

**ACTION ITEM:** Beth Rendeiro will make copies of the OCS Board Investigation Report available at both North and South campuses.

#### **OCS Administrative Response**

Dr. Peter Samaranayake responded to the OCTA letter dated January 10, 2008 and the OCS Board Investigation Report.

#### **OCS Administrative Structure and Executive Search**

The Board and community discussed various approaches to searching for an Instructional Leader and School Director, as well as the need to identify the best structure to support the existing Director's Duties and Deliverables. Joan Wicks reminded those present that it was currently the hiring season. OCTA President Charlene Haney suggested these discussions and the search occur with or during the Core Values work, since the Administrative model we choose will impact the candidates we attract. Office Manager Valentina Vega agreed that we should take the time to make the right decision but that it would be ideal to hire someone in time for all the planning that occurs during the summer. Dean Kubani suggested we get input from prior and current Administration to establish what was successful and what was not.

**ACTION ITEM:** Beth Rendeiro will take the names of individuals interested in participating in a committee to search for an Instructional Leader and School Director.

#### **Core Values Workshop**

Assistant Principal Kristy Mack-Fett proposed a Core Values retreat for the Board, faculty, and parents, led by George Hoeffeker and Donna Burgess. The goal of the workshop is to clarify our vision and work on aligning our decision-making processes



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with that vision. Interviews of core leaders will be conducted on Friday, April 11, 2008, following by the Core Values Workshop all day on Saturday, April 12, 2008.

Joan Wicks called for a brief recess at 10:04pm and reconvened at 10:12pm.

### **Board Development**

Leo Trujillo-Cox described Dr. Wendy Teeter's email to OCS Families and Community yahoo groups regarding candidates for appointed and elected seats to fill current Board vacancies.

**MOTION: Leo Trujillo-Cox moved to appoint Dean Kubani to Nancy O'Rourke's parent representative seat, whose term expires on June 30, 2009.** Beth Rendeiro seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Jeannie Elmstrom, Jason Haas, Beth Rendeiro, Cissy Stanford, Wendy Teeter, Leo Trujillo-Cox, and Joan Wicks voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

**MOTION: Leo Trujillo-Cox moved to appoint Liz Koravos to Colleen Kelly's appointed seat, whose term expires on June 30, 2008.** Joan Wicks seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Jeannie Elmstrom, Jason Haas, Beth Rendeiro, Cissy Stanford, Wendy Teeter, Leo Trujillo-Cox, and Joan Wicks voted in favor. Dean Kubani abstained. None opposed. Motion passed.

**ACTION ITEM:** Secretary Lori Andrade will provide new Board members Dean Kubani and Liz Koravos with the necessary Board documents.

### **Parent Petition on Vision**

Parent Deborah Stambler was not in attendance to present a parent Vision Petition.

### **Moving Forward: Vision for OCS**

Parent Ran Boytner shared a presentation on his future-focused vision for OCS.

### **Procedural Fairness**

Parent Gary Adler read his letter to the Board and community regarding his concerns regarding procedural fairness.

### **Open Forum (Opportunity for Public Comments)**

Attendees discussed the need for continued open communication amongst all parties.



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**Closed Session**

The Board convened into closed session at 11:18pm pursuant to Brown Act sections 54957 (Personnel) and 54956.9 (Anticipated Litigation). Director Peter Samaranayake, Assistant Principals Kristy Mack-Fett and Michelle Hedge, and Office Manager Valentina Vega were in attendance. Stacey Lisker left the meeting. The Board discussed Personnel, then Anticipated Litigation. No actions were taken during the closed session.

The Board reconvened to open session at 12:08pm.

Meeting adjourned at 12:09am.

Respectfully submitted by  
Lori Andrade, Secretary  
OCS Board of Trustees