



Minutes – Approved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
April 10, 2008

Ocean Charter School
12606 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles 90066

Called to Order 6:09 pm by Joan Wicks, Board Chairman

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

A quorum was present.

Closed Session

The Board convened into closed session at 6:10pm pursuant to Brown Act sections 54957.6 (Labor Negotiations), 54956.8 (Real Property Negotiations), 54956.9 (Anticipated Litigation), and 54957 (Personnel-Discipline/Dismissal/Release). Stacey Lisker recused herself. Director Peter Samaranayake, Assistant Principal Kristy Mack-Fett, and parents Todd Mobley and Ken Kutcher were in attendance. The Board discussed Labor Negotiations.

Beth Rendeiro, Office Manager Valentina Vega, and Assistant Principal/Resource Specialist Michelle Hedge joined the meeting at 6:18pm, 6:19pm, and 6:22pm, respectively.

Parent Todd Mobley left the meeting and Stacey Lisker rejoined the meeting at 7:00pm. The Board discussed Real Property Negotiations. Ken Kutcher left the meeting at 7:19pm. The Board discussed Anticipated Litigation then Personnel-Discipline/Dismissal/Release.

Dean Kubani joined the meeting at 8:12pm.

No actions were taken during the closed session.

The Board reconvened to open session at 8:27pm.

Board and Community Development

Dean Kubani announced tentative dates for the OCS Board and All Community Group elections. Joan Wicks requested that Dean hold Board training for new Board candidates.



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The Board discussed scheduling a Board retreat sometime between the June 5, 2008 Board meeting and before school has ended on June 20, 2008.

Kristy Mack-Fett announced that the Core Values Workshop will now be held on South Campus in the yellow house. It will be open to the community from 8:30am to 3:30pm, followed by a Board and Faculty session.

OCS Charter Renewal

Andrea Reibsam provided an update on Charter Renewal. OCS has not yet received any redlines to the submission. Our hearing is tentatively scheduled for May 15, 2008.

Finance

Wendy Teeter provided an overview of the impact the Governor's proposed budget cuts on the OCS 2008-2009 OCS Budget Draft. She stated that the SB740 funding will be cut and also delayed by four months. Wendy emphasized the importance of maintaining adequate reserves to cover monthly expenses and prepare for delayed funding.

Tammy Stanton of Excellent Education reviewed the February 2008 Financial Statements. She also discussed accurate reporting of ADA and confirmed proper procedures for Independent Study contracts.

The December 2007 and January 2008 Financial Statements were addressed cumulatively through the review of the February 2008 Financial Statements. The Finance Committee will make a recommendation on check registers for the Board to pass with a consent agenda item.

MOTION: Wendy Teeter moved to approve the February 2008 Financials and check registers. Beth Rendeiro seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Jeannie Elmstrom, Jason Haas, Liz Koravos, Dean Kubani, Beth Rendeiro, Cissy Stanford, Wendy Teeter, Leo Trujillo-Cox, and Joan Wicks voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

Directors Report and Discussion

Director Peter Samaranayake announced that LAUSD had awarded OCS additional classroom space at Walgrove Elementary. This is based on the Proposition 39 settlement between California Charter Schools Association and LAUSD, which mandates that districts provide "equivalent facilities" for charter schools. He requested the Board's directions on whether to pursue discussions with LAUSD regarding our request for a single site. Assistant Principal Kristy Mack-Fett will follow-up with LAUSD on the use



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of “shared space”. Based on his analysis of funding and campus quality, Peter Samaranayake recommended that we relocate next year’s 4th grade from the South Campus located on Culver Boulevard, to the North Campus on Walgrove Elementary, where grades 5 through 8 currently reside. Stacey Lisker was concerned about the recommendation given the students’ age, and asked that we consider creative use of South Campus space. The Board and community discussed early communications about possibly moving the 4th grade and rallying support for summer improvements to OCS’s North Campus.

ACTION ITEM: Joan Wicks will agendize a Board discussion of LAUSD’s Proposition 39 offer to OCS.

Peter Samaranayake recommended more Math support to ensure an adequate Math program in our middle school grades. He also stated that Reasonable Assurance letters must go out to non-OCTA (Ocean Charter Teachers Association) employees in May.

Improving the Future of OCS

Jason Haas described the S.W.O.T. analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) exercise that took place at this first meeting to discuss long-term planning. Liz Koravos and parent Kami Cotler will organize the next meeting. The eventual goal is to identify the top five goals and to bring them as a proposal to the Board.

OCS Executive Search / OCS Administrative Structure

Jeannie Elmstrom announced that a few resumes had been received. Andrea Reibsamen requested more specific information to post for the Pedagogical Leader position. Kristy Mack-Fett stated that there were currently five other Waldorf charter schools also looking for a similar position. George Hoffecker and Donna Burgess of Hoffecker Burgess Consulting would work with the Hiring Committee as part of the Core Values interviews to establish qualifications that would best serve our needs. The community discussed creating an Interim Team from a current pool of parents from our community.

ACTION ITEM: Liz Koravos will organize a list of names and positions for an Interim Team for the May Board meeting.

Wendy Teeter expressed concern about the costs of an Interim Team. Andrea Reibsamen suggested that Liz Koravos refer to the Directors Duties and Deliverables when identifying individuals and their qualifications. Valentina Vega requested that the current



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Administration be asked what they needed for support, and plan accordingly for each month if a Director is not hired.

Stacey Lisker left the meeting at 10:20pm.

Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Lori Andrade moved to approve the Board Meeting minutes from February 7, 2008. Leo Trujillo-Cox seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Jeannie Elmstrom, Jason Haas, Beth Rendeiro, Cissy Stanford, Wendy Teeter, Leo Trujillo-Cox, and Joan Wicks voted in favor. Liz Koravos and Dean Kubani abstained. None opposed. Motion passed.

MOTION: Lori Andrade moved to approve the Special Board Meeting minutes from February 21, 2008. 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. Liz Koravos and Dean Kubani abstained. None opposed. Motion passed.

Acknowledgement of Board Correspondence

The Board acknowledged the following Board correspondence:

1. Letter dated March 10, 2008 from Ran Boytner regarding the March 6, 2008 Board meeting
2. Letter dated March 15, 2008 from Charlene Haney regarding OCTA and hiring for any new positions
3. Letter dated April 2, 2008 from Lisa Aycock regarding a NVC workshop

Open Forum (Opportunity for Public Comments)

Karen Wolfe announced that the Art is Smart art auction raised approximately \$30,000 for OCS. Joan Wicks thanked Karen Wolfe, Su Addison, Meg Cranston and Mike Pierzynski for their efforts in making this fundraiser such a success. Julie Jbara also thanked the OCS Crafters for their felt bowl creations for the event.

Closed Session

The Board convened into closed session at 10:40pm pursuant to Brown Act section 54956.9 (Personnel-Public Appointment) and 54957 (Personnel-Discipline/Dismissal/Release). Director Peter Samaranayake, Assistant Principals Kristy Mack-Fett and



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Michelle Hedge, and Office Manager Valentina Vega were in attendance. The Board discussed Personnel-Public Appointment. Michelle Hedge and Julie Yarnall left the meeting at 11:04pm. The Board discussed Personnel-Discipline/Dismissal/Release. No actions were taken during the closed session.

The Board reconvened to open session at 12:02am.

Meeting adjourned at 12:03am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37am.

Respectfully submitted by
Lori Andrade, Secretary
OCS Board of Trustees