

Minutes – Approved  
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting  
May 17, 2007  
Ocean Charter School  
12606 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles 90066  
Called to Order 7:07 pm by Joan Wicks, Board Chairman

Present: Lori Andrade, Patti Binder, Deborah Fryman, Jason Haas, Tamar Kern, Sara Maun, Nancy O'Rourke, Beth Rendeiro, Cissy Stanford, Wendy Teeter, Leo Trujillo-Cox, and Joan Wicks. Jefferson Eliot was absent. A quorum was present. Kami Cotler and Alex Metcalf joined the meeting at 8:10 pm.

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

Director Search: Numerous teachers and community members spoke in favor of one of two Director candidates: Joan Ingle and Dr. Peter J. Samaranayake (“Dr. Sam”).

Fifth Grade Class: Numerous parents of children in the current fifth grade class addressed the Board to ask that the class be assigned a current OCS teacher for the 2007-2008 school year rather than a teacher newly hired by OCS and they submitted a petition—signed by a larger number of class parents—to this effect. (This petition is attached to the minutes as Exhibit A.) The parents expressed their deep concern about the impact that unexpectedly high teacher turnover over the last three years has had on their children. Current long-term substitute teacher Hallie Krinski discussed her experiences with the class and the progress she had achieved with them.

Kami Cotler and Alex Metcalf joined the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Jean Gasca: Teacher Jean Gasca discussed her experience with teaching at OCS, expressed her desire to stay at OCS, and questioned the administrative decision not to renew her contract for the 2007-2008 school year. Community member Linda Patterson-Salib complimented Ms. Gasca's performance with her class.

Spanish teacher Joycelyn Kon discussed her teaching at OCS and asked about her future role at the school.

### **Previous Board Meeting Minutes Approval**

MOTION: Jason Haas moved to adopt the minutes of the April 12, 2007 Board Meeting as record. Leo Trujillo-Cox seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Patti Binder, Jason Haas, Tamar Kern, Sara Maun, Nancy O'Rourke, Wendy Teeter, Leo Trujillo-Cox, and Joan Wicks voted in favor. None opposed. Beth Rendeiro abstained. Motion passed.

### **Director Search Task Force Report**

Task force member Beth Rendeiro announced that, with the presentation of Ms. Ingle and Dr. Sam to the Board, the work of the Director Search Task Force was complete and the task force would disband. Administrator Kristy Mack-Fett presented the priorities

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collectively agreed to by the teachers for a new Director and indicated the teachers would support either candidate if hired, although they preferred Ms. Ingle.

### **Co-Directors' Report and Discussion**

MOTION: Kami Cotler moved to adopt the Sexual Harassment and Non-Discrimination Policies included in the May 11, 2007 Co-Directors' Report as the policies of Ocean Charter School. Wendy Teeter seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Patti Binder, Jason Haas, Tamar Kern, Sara Maun, Nancy O'Rourke, Beth Rendeiro, Wendy Teeter, Leo Trujillo-Cox, and Joan Wicks voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed. (A copy of these policies—edited to refer to OCS—is attached to these minutes as Exhibit B.)

Walgrove Site: Co-Director Metcalf reported that LAUSD charges OCS \$4.62/ft<sup>2</sup> for space at the Walgrove campus and contends that OCS must pay an additional 2% in ADA for all OCS students located on that site. (This is in addition to the 1% of ADA fee imposed by LAUSD on all OCS students.) Due to the extra 2% fee, OCS paid LAUSD approximately \$36,000 for use of the site during the 2006-2007 year, despite being informed initially that the cost would be only \$21,000. Lawyers for OCS believe LAUSD is legally not permitted to charge both the rent fees and the 2% ADA fee. This issue will continue to be discussed with LAUSD.

The meeting temporarily adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Kami Cotler left the meeting.

### **Closed Session**

The Board reconvened into closed session at 9:10 p.m. pursuant to Brown Act sections 54957.6 and 54957.8. Administrator Kristy Mack-Fett and Director Search Task Force members Liz Koravos and Jefferson Schierbeek were in attendance. The Board discussed the appointment of new administrators. At 10:45 p.m., Ms. Koravos and Mr. Schierbeek left the meeting. The Board discussed other issues relating to the discipline, dismissal or release of public employees. At 10:50 p.m., Sara Maun and Tamar Kern recused themselves. The Board then discussed collective bargaining issues. No actions were taken during the closed session. Closed session adjourned: 11:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Jason Haas, Secretary  
OCS Board of Trustees