



Minutes – Approved
Ocean Charter School Special Board Meeting
January 11, 2011

Called to Order by Fran Montano, Board Chairman, and Convened at 9:18am.

Present: Su Addison, Lori Andrade, Stephanie Edwards, Charlie Francis, Jason Haas, Dean Kubani, Kristy Mack-Fett, Joan Jaekel, and Fran Montano.

Elizabeth Brownlow, Guillermo Modini, Nile Park and Romy Nourafchan were absent.

A quorum was present.

Open Forum

No Open Forum.

Finance

Board members reviewed proposed cuts to the 2010-2011 OCS Budget. OCS currently has funding levels budgeted approximately 6% below the funding levels actually passed by the state in November (based upon the advice of Excellent Education to allow for mid-year cuts), and we are now forecasting a loss of \$37,000 by 2010-2011 year end. Proposed changes to balance the budget included cutting 4th and 5th grade Woodworking, reducing hourly salary of Handwork to the same as other Specialty rates, eliminating a staff position, Recess and Aftercare salary changes, and staffing adjustments for Special Education. Some of these changes are expected due to other job opportunities for Woodworking staff, staffing transitions for Games, Recess and Aftercare, and Special Education students' needs. The Board acknowledged the proposed programmatic cuts were based on uncertain state funding assumptions, and if cut, would be difficult to reinstate.

The current OCS budget already reflects optimistic income assumptions based on prior year fundraising levels and 96% ADA. Fran Montano suggested approving the expected budget cuts and increasing funding figures closer to those passed by the state (leaving less allowance for uncertain potential mid-year cuts). Each 1% of educational funding added back in would equal approximately \$13,000.

MOTION: Dean Kubani moved to accept all of the OCS Administration's proposed cuts except eliminating the staff position, and adjust the funding contingency to arrive at a balanced 2010-2011 OCS Budget. Jason Haas seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Charlie Francis, Dean Kubani and Jason Haas voted in favor. Su Addison, Joan Jaekel and Fran Montano opposed. Motion failed.



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After further discussion regarding the hourly salary of Handwork and eliminating a staff position, it was determined these expenses would remain as budgeted.

Dean Kubani left the meeting at 10:32am.

Charlie Francis recommended the Board not adjust funding figures or pass a revised 2010-2011 OCS Budget at this meeting.

The Board agreed to approve expected changes and proposed cuts representing approximately \$11,500 in savings. More information was needed to decide whether to increase funding figures. If the state reduces funding levels before year-end, we will need to make program, position or salary cuts.

MOTION: Jason Haas moved to cut Woodwork from the 2010-2011 4th and 5th grades. Charlie Francis seconded the motion. Su Addison, Lori Andrade, Charlie Francis, Jason Haas and Joan Jaekel voted in favor. Fran Montano opposed. Motion passed.

MOTION: Charlie Francis moved to authorize OCS Administration to implement specific cuts related to staffing changes for Games, Recess and Aftercare, and Special Education representing approximately \$11,500. Jason Haas seconded the motion. Su Addison, Lori Andrade, Charlie Francis, Jason Haas, Joan Jaekel and Fran Montano voted in favor. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: Charlie Francis will contact Excellent Education to further discuss their recommendation of maintaining lower funding levels in expectation of mid-year cuts.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48am.

Respectfully submitted by
Lori Andrade, Secretary
OCS Board of Trustees