



Minutes –Approved
Ocean Charter School Special Board Meeting
August 30, 2007

Ocean Charter School
12606 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles 90066
Called to Order 6:35 pm by Joan Wicks, Board Chairman

Present: Lori Andrade, Jeannie Elmstrom, Jason Haas, Nancy O'Rourke, Beth Rendeiro, Peter Samaranayake, Cissy Stanford, Leo Trujillo-Cox, Joan Wicks, and Julie Yarnall. Wendy Teeter was absent. A quorum was present.

Open Forum (Opportunity for Public Comments)

Nancy O'Rourke announced that the 2006-2007 OCS Fundraising Summary was ready to go to the printers.

Cissy Stanford arrived at 6:40pm.

Directors' Report and Discussion

Director Peter Samaranayake presented the Board with a revised OCS Parent and Student Handbook. The Board reviewed and made additional changes to various parts of the Handbook.

Beth Rendeiro arrived at 6:45pm.

Julie Yarnall arrived at 6:49pm.

MOTION: Leo Trujillo-Cox moved to accept the OCS Dress Code as written in the 2007-2008 OCS Parent and Student Handbook. Jason Haas seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Jeannie Elmstrom, Jason Haas, Nancy O'Rourke, Beth Rendeiro, Cissy Stanford, Leo Trujillo-Cox, and Joan Wicks voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

Michelle Hedge arrived at 6:50pm.

Leo Trujillo-Cox presented a draft of the OCS Attendance, Absences and Extended or Anticipated Absences/Independent Study Policies, which the Board then reviewed and further amended.

MOTION: Leo Trujillo-Cox moved to approve the OCS Attendance, Absences and Extended or Anticipated Absences/Independent Study Policies as amended for inclusion in the 2007-2008 OCS Parent and Student Handbook. Jason Haas seconded



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the motion. Lori Andrade, Jeannie Elmstrom, Jason Haas, Nancy O'Rourke, Beth Rendeiro, Cissy Stanford, Leo Trujillo-Cox, and Joan Wicks voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed. (A copy of the OCS Attendance, Absences and Extended or Anticipated Absences/Independent Study Policies is attached as Exhibit A.)

ACTION ITEM: Lori Andrade will update the OCS Attendance, Absences and Extended or Anticipated Absences/Independent Study Policies and send to the Director.

Closed Session

The Board convened into closed session at 7:15pm pursuant to Brown Act sections 54956.9 and 54957. Assistant Principals Michelle Hedge and Kristy Mack-Fett and Office Manager Valentina Vega were in attendance. The Board initiated a conference call with Legal Counsel regarding pending litigation which ended at 7:37pm. The Board then discussed personnel. No actions were taken during the closed session. The Board reconvened to open session at 7:40pm.

Directors' Report and Discussion (continued)

The Board discussed the OCS Discipline Policy. Jason Haas reviewed the OCS Suspension/Expulsion Procedures and clarified its specific language and terms.

MOTION: Jason Haas moved to adopt the OCS Suspension/Expulsion Procedures as amended for inclusion in the 2007-2008 OCS Parent and Student Handbook. Leo Trujillo-Cox seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Jeannie Elmstrom, Jason Haas, Nancy O'Rourke, Beth Rendeiro, Cissy Stanford, Leo Trujillo-Cox, and Joan Wicks voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed. (A copy of the OCS Suspension/Expulsion Procedures is attached as Exhibit B.)

ACTION ITEM: Lori Andrade will update the OCS Suspension/Expulsion Procedures and send to the Director.

Director Peter Samaranayake reported on hiring. He also reported on North Campus' readiness for the first day of school and the Faculty Professional Development session with Encompass Training. Peter Samaranayake proposed to revise salary distributions to include non-budgeted Specialty and Electives staff. The Board discussed the short-term and long-term financial challenges.

ACTION ITEM: Peter Samaranayake will provide the Board with the Class and Specialty schedules for grades at the September 6, 2007 Board Meeting.



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Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Lori Andrade, Secretary
OCS Board of Trustees