

***APPROVED MINUTES***  
**FENTON CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**September 16, 2021**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fenton Charter Public Schools was held on Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/528616088>)

**I. PRELIMINARY**

**A. Call to Order** – Chairperson of the Board – Joe Lucente

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by the Board Chair, Joe Lucente.

**B. Roll Call** – Secretary of the Board – Irene Sumida

**Board Members Present**

Yvette King-Berg, *Community Representative*

Daniel Laughlin, *Parent Representative*

Joe Lucente, *Community Representative*

Jed Wallace, *Community Representative*

Walter Wallace, *Community Representative*

**Board Members Not Present**

**C. Approval of the Agenda** – Chair Lucente

On **MOTION** of Walter Wallace, **SECONDED** by Yvette King-Berg and **CARRIED** by a vote of 4 (YES) and 0 (NO), the Agenda (Item I.C.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (4) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,  
Walter Wallace

Nay: (0)

Abstentions: (0)

**D. Approval of Minutes**

**Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting** – Chair Lucente

On **MOTION** of Daniel Laughlin, **SECONDED** by Yvette King-Berg and **CARRIED** by a vote of 4 (YES) and 0 (NO), the minutes of the August 19, 2021 Regular Meeting (Item I.E.) were approved as presented.

Aye: (4) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,  
Walter Wallace

Nay: (0)  
Abstentions: (0)

## **II. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. Presentations from the Public – Chair Lucente**

There were no presentations from the public.

### **B. Committee/Council Reports**

Minutes of all meetings held by any committee and/or council were sent to the Board Members prior to this meeting.

There were no further reports by committees/councils.

### **C. Financial Business Manager’s Report**

Erik Okazaki, Associate Client Manager, EdTec, and Assistant to the Financial Business Manager of the FCPS, presented the following update on F22 financials:

- Consolidated net income is \$2.08M, an increase of \$306K from the original approved budget. The main drivers for this change include:
  - Decrease in enrollment (consolidated decrease of 79 students)
  - Alignment of staffing with actual enrollment and school needs (\$504K consolidated decrease in expense)
  - Decrease in projected OPEB contributions needed (\$444K consolidated decrease in expense)
  - Increase in LAUSD SELPA special education revenue rates (\$245K consolidated increase in revenue)

### **D. Directors’ Reports**

Fenton Avenue Charter School (FACS) – Ms. Monica Castañeda, Director, reported.

Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School (SMBCCS) – Mr. Walter Gomez, Assistant Director, reported.

Fenton Primary Center (FPC) – Mrs. Sirui Thomassian, Assistant Director, reported.

Fenton STEM Academy (STEM) – Mrs. Jennifer Miller, Director, reported.

Fenton Charter Leadership Academy (FCLA) – Mrs. Jennifer Miller, Director, reported.

**E. Chief Operating Officer’s Report**

Fenton Charter Public Schools (FCPS) – Mr. Jason Gonzalez, Chief Operating Officer, reported.

**F. Chief Executive Officer’s Report**

Fenton Charter Public Schools (FCPS) – Dr. David Riddick, Chief Executive Officer, reported.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no items scheduled for the Consent Agenda this month.

**IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

*Jed Wallace joined the meeting at 5:28 p.m.*

**A. Recommendation to ratify and accept executive action on the assignment of Yesenia Fuentes and Kelley Christenson to serve as Distance Learning Lead Teachers for Fenton Avenue Charter School, Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School, Fenton Primary Center, Fenton STEM Academy and Fenton Charter Leadership Academy**

On **MOTION** of Yvette King-Berg, **SECONDED** by Daniel Laughlin and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to ratify and accept executive action on the assignment of Yesenia Fuentes and Kelley Christenson to serve as Distance Learning Lead Teachers for Fenton Avenue Charter School, Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School, Fenton Primary Center, Fenton STEM Academy and Fenton Charter Leadership Academy (Item IV.A.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (5) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,  
Jed Wallace, Walter Wallace

Nay: (0)

Abstentions: (0)

**B. Recommendation to approve hiring of Richard Pearson as IT Manager for the Fenton Charter Public Schools**

On **MOTION** of Walter Wallace, **SECONDED** by Daniel Laughlin and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve the hiring of Richard Pearson as the IT Manager for the Fenton Charter Public Schools (Item IV.B.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (5) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,  
Jed Wallace, Walter Wallace

Nay: (0)

Abstentions: (0)

**V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION**

**A. Update on FCPS OPEB Trust**

**B. Progress on expansion of FCLA and STEM**

**C. Ad Hoc Committee to study revising the FCPS salary schedules for certificated and classified staff and the feasibility of an increase in compensation**

**D. Update on Material Revisions for Fenton Avenue Charter School and Fenton Primary Center**

*These were information items only and no action was taken.*

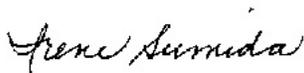
**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fenton Charter Public Schools will be held on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 4:30 pm via Zoom meeting.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Irene Sumida  
Secretary of the Board