

MINUTES
FENTON CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

December 5, 2013

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fenton Charter Public Schools was held on Thursday, December 5th, 2013, at 4:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School, 1022 North Van Ness Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90038.

I. PRELIMINARY

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

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 4:42 p.m. by Chair Lucente.

Vice Chair Yvette King-Berg asked that the Board and participants observe a moment of silence to honor the life and work of Marguerite Poindexter Lamotte, LAUSD Board of Education member, who passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, December 4, 2013.

B. Roll Call – Secretary of the Board – Angie Castellana Ferri

Secretary Angie Castellana Ferri called the roll.

Board Members Present

Katherine Alvarez, *Parent Representative*
Tommy Chang, *Community Representative*
Gabriela Hernandez, *Parent Representative*
Lilly T. Hernandez, *Parent Representative* (via conference call)
Yvette King-Berg, *Community Representative*
Joe Lucente, *Community Representative*
Walter Wallace, *Community Representative*

Board Members Not Present

Gary Borden, *Community Representative*
Cile Borman, *Community Representative*
Jacqueline Elliot, *Community Representative*
Donald Parker, *Community Representative*

C. Flag Salute – Chair Lucente

Chair Lucente led the Board and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda – Chair Lucente

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

E. Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting – Chair Lucente

On **MOTION** of Gabriela Hernandez, **SECONDED** by Tommy Chang and **CARRIED** by a vote of 7 (YES) and 0 (NO), the minutes of the November 7, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors were approved.

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. Treasurer/CFO's Report -

Glen Benitz, CharterWorks Accountant, presented.

D. Directors' Reports -

Fenton Avenue Charter School – Michelle Rappino, Director, reported.

Fenton Primary Center – Richard Parra, Director, reported.

Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School – David Riddick, Director, reported.

E. Executive Director's Report -

Fenton Charter Public Schools – Irene Sumida, Executive Director, reported.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Recommendation to approve Maria Reyes for Compliance Assistant position and Michelle Menjivar for Purchasing Assistant position.

On **MOTION** of Walter Wallace, **SECONDED** by Gabriela Hernandez and **CARRIED** by a vote of 7 (YES) and 0 (NO), the consent calendar was approved.

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. Recommendation to approve revised meetings dates for the Fenton Charter Public Schools Board of Directors for 2013-2014.

On **MOTION** of Yvette King-Berg, **SECONDED** by Tommy Chang and **CARRIED** by a vote of 7 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve the revised meeting dates of the FCPS Board of Directors for 2013-2014 was approved.

B. Recommendation to approve hiring of additional maintenance worker for the FCPS Maintenance and Operations team.

On **MOTION** of Walter Wallace, **SECONDED** by Yvette King-Berg and **CARRIED** by a vote of 7 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve the hiring of an additional maintenance worker for the FCPS Maintenance and Operations team was approved.

C. Recommendation to approve hiring of school counselor for Fenton Avenue Charter School.

On **MOTION** of Yvette King-Berg, **SECONDED** by Gabriela Hernandez and **CARRIED** by a vote of 7 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve hiring of school counselor for Fenton Avenue Charter School was approved. The recommendation was amended to include the selection of Alin Zakarian as the school counselor.

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION

A. Summary on Board vote on additional staffing needs

B. Second Apportionment of Common Core State Standards Funds

These were information items and no action was taken.

VI. CLOSED SESSION

Chair Lucente made the following announcement:

“The Board of Directors will now be moving into closed session to discuss matters described in Section VI. Matters to be discussed are those permitted by Government Code Sections 54956.8, 54956.9, 54956.95, 54957, and 54957.6 – personnel, litigation and/or real property.”

The Board of Directors convened to closed session at 5:31 p.m.

- A. Personnel**
- B. Personnel**
- C. Personnel**
- D. Personnel**
- E. Real Property**

The Board of Directors reconvened to open session at 6:28 p.m. Chair Lucente announced that the following action had been taken in closed session:

For item A, the board took action consistent with board policy regarding the 2% staff salary increase for specific personnel for the second half of the year.

For item B, the Board discussed personnel matters, but took no action.

For item C, the Board approved the continued work of the Lead Teachers transferred to Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter on July 1, 2012. Each Lead Teacher will be asked to continue his/her work and additional responsibilities through June 30, 2017, the date when the current charter petition expires, with continued additional compensation through that date. The Board gave final discretion to the Director of SMBCCS and the Executive Director to determine the level of compensation each year: the same rate of compensation through June 30, 2017, or a varied amount from year to year as the financial position of the school changes or the needs of the school change. The Board also approved the “return rights” policy for those Lead Teachers who remain at Santa Monica through June 30, 2017 (right to return to any grade level at any Fenton school). There will be no return rights offered to those who choose to leave Santa Monica after June 30, 2014 and before June 30, 2017. The Board also gave discretion to the Director of SMBCCS and the Executive Director to identify a mechanism to document the turnaround effort over the five-year period that can be shared with other schools, both traditional and charter.

For item D, the Board was updated on a personnel matter.

For item E, the Board discussed matters related to real property, but took no action.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fenton Charter Public Schools will be held on January 16, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Fenton Avenue Charter School.

Respectfully submitted:

Angie Castellana Ferri
Secretary of the Board