

NOCCS Board Minutes May 18, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of North Oakland Community Charter School was held on May 18, 2016 at 6 pm at the School. The meeting was called to order at 6 pm.

The following members of the Board were present: Kristen McClusky, Steve Fox, Leslie Bell, Tracy Hanna, Mariah Landers, Steve Ajani, Lakisha Young, Sahra Halpern, Juliana Germak, Pam Rich, Ann Gordon
Guest: Alicia Reeves

Minutes

Steve Fox moved to approve the April minutes. Leslie Bell seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed and 4 abstentions.

Head of School Report

The Board discussed the Head of School report.

Fundraising Update

Fundraising is going well this year. David Bond has developed effective systems and engaged the FTO and parents. The committee does not recommend making any changes to fundraising goals or processes in the coming year and would like to use this year to look at other schools to learn about best practices that we may want to adopt. The Board and FTO need to continue discussions about how funds are used and who makes those decisions.

Finance Update

Sahra Halpern reported to the Board that while the budget is currently at expected levels, there are unwelcome trends in the future. As NOCCS spends down its Proposition 39 funds, next year's forecast will be impacted and revenue will be lower than expenses and the fund balance will go down. In addition, increases are expected in SPED costs as well as benefits and there will be reductions in state funds. This is not a financially secure position. If spending or income doesn't change over next three years, NOCCS will be \$160K short by the end of 2019.

The Board needs to direct staff to determine areas to cut funds or increase revenue. All possibilities should be reviewed including staffing, programs and class size. The Board and Stephen will also need to determine how to communicate this with families. An ad hoc committee of the Board will work with Stephen to identify next steps and a communication plan before the next meeting. Participants will be Lakisha, Sahra, Kristen, Juliana, Tracy, Mia and Rachel.

Next Board Meeting

The Board discussed postponing its next scheduled meeting by one week so that it's not on the last day of school. Ann moved to change the meeting date to June 22. Steve seconded the motion which passed unanimously.