

NOCCS Board Minutes
May 17, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of North Oakland Community Charter School was held on **May 17, 2017 at 6 pm** at the School. The meeting was called to order at **6:00 pm**.

The following members of the Board were present: Stephen Ajani, Raja Antony, Leslie Bell, Mia Birdsong, Teresha Freckleton-Petite, Juliana Germak, Sahra Halpern, Tracy Hanna, Devon King-Neece, Melissa McDonald, Luis Rodriguez, and Rachel Vyda-Venning.

Absent: Mariah Landers, Joy Sherrod and Lakisha Young

Guests: Cori Belew (Dean of Instruction), Lutrica Lewis (K/1 Lead Teacher), Christine Parker (Special Education Program Specialist), Aleshia Reaves (FTO Co-Chair and Parent), Amy Righter (NOCCS Parent and Board Candidate)

Closed Session

In a closed session, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to establish a working group to support and supervise the NOCCS Head of School and manage his performance goals.

Public Comment

Several teachers and the FTO Co-Chair read statements in support of Stephen Ajani's tenure as NOCCS Head of School and advocated against his termination. The letters that were submitted are posted on the board website.

Minutes

Leslie made a motion to approve the April minutes. Raja seconded the motion. There were 10 votes in favor: Stephen, Raja, Leslie, Teresha, Devon, Melissa, Juliana, Rachel, Sahra, Tracy. None opposed. Abstentions: Luis and Mia.

Board Recruitment Update

We have three parent candidates running for three seats on the Board of Trustees. The election has been delayed because the FTO needed more time to recruit their candidates for the joint ballot. A board member is needed to witness the ballot counting on May 30.

Leslie made a motion to elect Luis Rodriguez as the 2017-18 board co-chair. Tracy seconded the motion. All in favor: Stephen, Raja, Leslie, Teresha, Devon, Melissa, Juliana, Rachel, Sahra, Mia, Tracy. None opposed. Abstentions: Luis.

State of School Report

Mr. Ajani highlighted this month's administrative activities including: state testing; mandated Civil Rights Data Survey; document collections and interviews for Educate 78 grant; 6-8 grade Woolman trip, end- of-year event planning; recruiting, hiring and starting the onboarding process of new staff members; student enrollment; LCAP draft; planning for next school year; Educate

78 Teacher Retention grant application; Auction and Audit. He also said the 2017-18 budget is in good shape to support the increase in student enrollment.

Mr. Ajani shared the draft presentation for the State of the School address scheduled for May 26 and asked for feedback. He stated that his desired outcomes for the presentation were to illustrate: how NOCCS is pushing more resources into the classrooms; NOCCS is following through on promises; demonstrate shared leadership; build excitement for new talent coming to school; build excitement for the middle school; get more participation in the caregiver survey; how the voices of the school's community are reflected in next steps.

The board suggested changes to the slides on to increasing enrollment to better explain how it will affect operating income and what years we'll be adding additional students. Also, adding a slide on fundraising would be a good idea. It was also suggested that the school invite families with enrollment offers to attend. The board also discussed the outreach plan to drive attendance.

Finance Updates

April 2017 was a strong month financially. Our operating income went up \$17K from last month. Revenues went up \$35K but expenses were only up \$19K. We also obtained the \$160K PEC grant. The draft 2017-18 budget is ready for review – it looks mostly the same as last year. The staff made their best guesses regarding cost changes due to increased enrollment. Other changes include an added \$5000 for board development and \$10K increase in food costs

EdTec announced earlier that day that SB740 will be increasing per pupil, estimating around \$1100. We might want to request a rent increase from the PEC if we are already at our 75% reimbursement cap.

Local Control and Accountability Plan

Mr. Ajani submitted a draft the LCAP report. It's due July 1st. The board must approve it before it votes on the budget (both can happen at the same meeting). Stephen said the sections highlighted in read need verifying by edTec. Leslie and Devon volunteered to read the document in its entirety and share feedback with Stephen by May 31. It is a long document but all board members should read it. An updated draft will be sent a week before the June Board meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Teresha Freckleton-Petite, Secretary