

APPROVED MINUTES
FENTON CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 3, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fenton Charter Public Schools was held on Thursday, March 3, 2022, 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 4:36 p.m. by the Board Chair, Joe Lucente.

Chair Lucente welcomed board member Diane Abeyta back to “active” board membership after a leave of absence during the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year.

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

Board Members Present

Diane Abeyta, *Parent Representative*

Yvette King-Berg, *Community Representative*

(joined the meeting at 5:00 p.m. after the approval of the agenda and minutes)

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 Daniel Laughlin and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the Agenda (Item I.C.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (5) Diane Abeyta, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente, Jed Wallace, Walter Wallace

Nay: (0)

Abstentions: (0)

D. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting – Chair Lucente

On **MOTION** of Daniel Laughlin, **SECONDED** by Jed Wallace and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the minutes of the February 17, 2022 Regular Meeting (Item I.D.) were approved as presented.

Aye: (5) Diane Abeyta, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente, Jed Wallace, Walter Wallace
Nay: (0)
Abstentions: (0)

II. COMMUNICATIONS

Board member Yvette King-Berg joined the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

A. Presentations from the Public – Chair Lucente

Executive Advisor Irene Sumida shared information about two significant anniversary dates in the history of the Fenton schools: the signing of the CSFA conduit Social Bond on February 26, 2020, which allowed for the repayment of the New Market Tax Credit Loan and the expansion of FCLA and STEM, and the 29th anniversary when the original petition for Fenton Avenue Charter School was written in March 1993.

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 and Assistant to Kristin Dietz, Vice President of EdTec and Financial Business Manager of the FCPS, presented the following information:

- Consolidated net income is \$395K, an increase of \$8K from the previous update. The main drivers for this change include the following:
 - SELPA Special Education revenue rates increased by \$107 per ADA (\$213K consolidated increase in revenues)
 - Added Universal Pre-K grants (\$384K consolidated increase in revenue)
 - Carryover of food program net cash resources limited to the maximum 3-month expense average (\$170K consolidated net increase in expense)
 - Shifting ESSER III funds to rebalance budgets (\$404K consolidated decrease in revenue)

E. Directors’ Reports

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

Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School (SMBCCS) – Mr. Cary Rabinowitz, Director, reported.

Fenton Primary Center (FPC) – Mr. Richard Parra, 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

A. Recommendation to approve Kaiser Permanente and Health Net for medical benefits for 2022-2023

B. Recommendation to approve continued remote viewing option via tele/video conferencing meetings for the Fenton Charter Public Schools Board of Directors and for all Brown Act Committees Under AB 361 and Executive Order N-15-21

C. Recommendation to approve the 2022-2023 calendars for 201-day, 224-day, and 249-day staff

D. Recommendation to approve the hiring of Payroll/HR Manager and Business Data Manager

On **MOTION** of Daniel Laughlin, **SECONDED** by Jed Wallace and **CARRIED** by a vote of 6 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda (Items III.A., III.B., III.C., and Item III.D.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (6) Diane Abeyta, Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente, Jed Wallace, Walter Wallace

Nay: (0)

Abstentions: (0)

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. Recommendation to certify Second Interim Financial Report

On **MOTION** of Walter Wallace, **SECONDED** by Diane Abeyta **CARRIED** by a vote of 6 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to certify the Second Interim Financial Report (Item IV.A.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (6) Diane Abeyta, Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin,
Joe Lucente, Jed Wallace, Walter Wallace

Nay: (0)

Abstentions: (0)

B. Recommendation to approve expenditures for items above spending authority of the Chief Executive Officer

On **MOTION** of Yvette King-Berg, **SECONDED** by Daniel Laughlin and **CARRIED** by a vote of 6 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve expenditures for items above the spending authority of the Chief Executive Officer (Item IV.B.) was approved as presented. Specific expenditures approved:

- *Balboa Consulting*: \$45,000 for marketing services to ensure ELO-P and ESSER funds are used to meet the distinct needs of the Fenton communities
- *SEB Strategic Media*: \$65,000 for street banners for FACS and SMBCCS, and mailers for students at FACS, STEM and FCLA
- *Scout Substitute Agency*: \$299 short-term daily rate for substitute teachers

Aye: (6) Diane Abeyta, Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin,
Joe Lucente, Jed Wallace, Walter Wallace

Nay: (0)

Abstentions: (0)

C. Recommendation to approve an Acceleration Specialist 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 Walter Wallace and **CARRIED** by a vote of 6 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve an Acceleration Specialist for Fenton Avenue Charter School and Fenton Primary Center (one per site); two Acceleration Specialists for

Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School (one for the primary grades and one for the upper grades); and a shared Acceleration Specialist for Fenton STEM Academy and Fenton Charter Leadership Academy (Item IV.C.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (6) Diane Abeyta, Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin,
Joe Lucente, Jed Wallace, Walter Wallace

Nay: (0)

Abstentions: (0)

D. Recommendation to approve the position of Expanded Learning Coordinator 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 Diane Abeyta, **SECONDED** by Jed Wallace and **CARRIED** by a vote of 6 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve the position of Expanded Learning Coordinator, one coordinator per site, for Fenton Avenue Charter School, Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School, and Fenton Primary Center; and a shared Expanded Learning Coordinator at Fenton STEM Academy and Fenton Charter Leadership Academy (Item IV.D.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (6) Diane Abeyta, 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 and FCPS Investment Account

B. Progress on expansion of FCLA and STEM

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, April 7, 2022, at 4:30 pm via Zoom meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Irene Sumida

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Secretary of the Board