

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
EDISON-BETHUNE CHARTER ACADEMY**

1616 S Fruit Ave, Fresno, CA 93706

March 31, 2016

5:30pm

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO
THE BOARD BY PARENTS AND CITIZENS**

The Edison-Bethune Charter Academy (“EBCA”) welcomes your participation at the EBCA Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Board of Directors (“Board”) is to conduct the affairs of the EBCA in public. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our EBCA. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided:

1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting.
2. “Request to Speak” forms are available to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda items or under the general category of “Oral Communications.” “Oral Communications” is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The Board may give direction to staff to respond to your concern or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen-requested item.
3. You may also complete a “Request to Speak” form to address the Board on Agenda items. With regard to such agenda items, you may specify that agenda item on your “Request to Speak” form and you will be given an opportunity to speak for up to five (5) minutes when the Board discusses that item.
4. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and address from the podium and adhere to the time limits set forth.
5. Any public records relating to an agenda item for an open session of the Board which are distributed to all, or a majority of all, of the Board members shall be available for public inspection at 1616 S Fruit Ave, Fresno, CA 93706.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and upon request, the Edison-Bethune Charter Academy may furnish reasonable auxiliary aids and services to qualified individuals with disabilities. Individuals who require appropriate alternative modification of the agenda in order participate in Board meetings are invited to contact the Executive Director’s office in person or by calling (559) 457-2530. Please contact EBCA at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to a regular meeting or as early as possible prior to a special meeting to allow EBCA sufficient time to arrange for the provision of such auxiliary aids and services.

I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by the Board Chair at 5:32.

B. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Frances Davis	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Gretchen Saldana	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Jamie Gearon	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Tony Smith	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Sonny Uwaoma	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Gloria Smith	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

C. FLAG SALUTE

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Frances asks for motion to approve agenda...Tony makes motion to approve Adoption of Agenda...Gretchen seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

Vote FD-Yes GSM-Yes JG-Yes TS-Yes SU-Absent GS-Yes Motion Carried

E. STUDENT RECOGNITION

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken due to California’s public meeting laws. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation.

The Board may not have complete information available to answer questions and may refer specific concerns to the Executive Director for attention. The Board requests that any person wishing to make complaints against EBCA or EBCA employees file the appropriate complaint form prior to this meeting. We appreciate your input and EBCA will respond to your complaint in accordance with our complaint policies and procedures.

B. For Information:

This is a presentation of information which has occurred since the previous Board meeting. No action will be taken as the report is purely for informational purposes.

Report from Executive Director/Principal – Mr. Garcia

The Executive Director updated the Board on current events on campus, including but not limited to the Time to Teach Training - Mr. Garcia shared with the board that TIME TO TEACH was implemented recently at EBCA. It is a system that allows teachers a way to deal with the minor classroom disruptions. We were trained by FCOE. LCAP Update - We are currently conducting a survey to give all stakeholders an opportunity to provide input. SELPA Update - FCOE will vote to see if we can join there county SELPA. We also will submit an application to El Dorado in case we are turned down. Parent Forum meetings - I continue to hold my monthly coffee with the principal meeting. It has been a good outlet for parent involvement and communication.

Report from Curriculum and Instruction Director – Mr. Sprattling

The Curriculum and Instruction Director updated the Board regarding student assessments and curriculum. Staff has been researching two ELA curriculums for adoption, Journeys – Houghton Mifflin and Wonders – McGraw Hill are the two being reviewed. We will present to board our recommendation possibly next month April. We are preparing for state test and working on a schedule.

Report from Truancy Mediation Liaison – Mr. Solis

The Truancy Mediation Liaison updated the Board regarding student attendance and discipline. We have opened the student store where student can exchange Core Value Rewards CRV for school supplies and lunch with the Principal. We continue our weekly attendance challenge and 3rd quarter Great Attendance Challenge. Sponsors have been coming in to treat their classes.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a Board member for further discussion or removed from the agenda, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the Board votes on them. The director recommends approval of all consent agenda items.

- A. Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting of January 28, 2016.
- B. Approval of Warrant Report for January, February.
- C. Resignation of Teachers – Stephenson and Beach

Frances asks for motion to approve Consent Agenda...Jamie makes motion to approve Consent Agenda...Tony seconds the motion...request for discussion - none needed

Vote FD-Yes GSM-Yes JG-Yes TS-Yes SU-Absent GS-Yes Motion Carried

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

- A. LEA Application to the SELPA
a. Fresno County Office of Education
Susan explained the current situation we are in and waiting for decision form FCOE to see if we are allowed to join their SELPA. FCOE had No quorum on 3/16/16 so they tabled our application to 4/28/16. Susan recommends to formally approve Application submitted to FCOE SELPA.

Frances asks for motion to approve LEA Application to FCOE SELPA...Jamie makes motion to approve Application to FCOE SELPA...Gloria seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed.

Vote FD-Yes GSM-Yes JG-Yes TS-Yes SU-Absent GS-Yes Motion Carried

- B. 2nd Interim Financial Report
DMS offered to reduction of 10% discount for lack of services. Susan will follow up on this. We show a positive balance of 472,000 through June 2016. Submitted March 15, 2016 as required. Susan as for approval as presented.

Frances asks for motion to approve 2nd Interim Financial Report...Jamie makes motion to approve 2nd Interim Financial Report...Tony seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

Vote FD-Yes GSM-Yes JG-Yes TS-Yes SU-Absent GS-Yes Motion Carried

- C. Audit Services Contract – Borchardt, Corona and Faeth
This is a three year contract same amount approximately \$11,200. Recommendation is to approve the Audit Services Contract as presented.

Frances asks for motion to approve Audit Service Contract...Tony makes motion to approve Audit Service Contract...Gretchen seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

Vote FD-Yes GSM-Yes JG-Yes TS-Yes SU-Absent GS-Yes Motion Carried

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

- A. El Dorado County Office of Education – CHELPA
We will be submitting an application to El Dorado CHELPA. If things don't work out with FCOE we are preparing to have another option.
- B. Discussion items only: These items are brought forward to consider as we plan for 2016-2017 budget.
- a. Surveillance System - We are looking to get a pack of 12 security cameras to place around the school. Question was asked if they are needed. Discussion held around the question. The consensus was that to protect our investment and for safety that is we could afford we should consider.
- b. Chromebooks 1 to 1 - EBCA is striving to go to a 1:1 ratio with chrome books

for grade 3rd through 6th. We look to close the digital divide.

- c. Salary Increase for 2016-17 - Salary increase for all staff across the board. We want to retain quality staff and need to stay competitive. Our neighboring district just increase 7%. 5% on the salary schedule and 2% retro. We are currently 1% higher than our neighboring district. We are suggesting a 6% increase with no retro. That would keep us 2% higher. Instead of a retro we would pay it forward or ongoing. We also discussed possibility of increase in health insurance premiums, and what to do about those, do we absorb the cost or do we pass part of it on to the employee with the increase in salary. We want you to start thinking about these proposed expenditures. We will bring forward at a future meeting with specifics. The budget is being built with these items included.

C. Summer Academy 2016

We will have summer academy this year. It will run from June 14th through July 8th. Positions have been posted on Edjoin. We will look to hire a Lead Teacher to work under Mr. Garcia and Mr. Sprattling to run Summer school. We will hire about 6 teachers (depending on enrollment), office secretary, and crossing guard.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Frances asks for motion to adjourn...Gretchen makes motion to adjourn...Tony seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

Vote FD-Yes GSM-Yes JG-Yes TS-Yes SU-Absent GS-Yes Motion Carried

VII. NEXT MEETING: April 28, 2016