

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS EDISON-BETHUNE CHARTER ACADEMY

1616 S Fruit Ave, Fresno, CA 93706

May 28, 2015

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.*

**I. PRELIMINARY**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by the Board Chair at 5:42 pm

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

**C. FLAG SALUTE**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

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

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 30, 2015**

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

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

**E. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE LOCAL CONTROL ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN (LCAP) – 5:45pm Frances opens the Public Hearing for community input on the LCAP. There were no comments from Public. The Public Hearing was closed at 5:46 pm**

**F. PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT 2015-16 BUDGET**

Susan presents Draft of 2015-2016 budget. She stated document has most current numbers. Allocation from the state has been increased. These numbers will coincide with LCAP. Take time to review and we will bring back in June for final approval.

**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. 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 District employees file the appropriate complaint form prior to this meeting. Speakers are cautioned that under California law, no person is immune from liability for making intentionally false or defamatory comments regarding any person simply because these comments are made at a public meeting.

Parent Shamika Brown addressed the Board to express her displeasure that her son was dismissed from EBCA and cannot return next year. She stated she was an employee of EBCA. She explained that there are some issues going on with her son and felt like his teacher did not want him in his class. He has been allowed to take the state test and work independently in the office. She shared that her son was sent to office for defiance by teacher and then by another staff member. He did not go to the office instead got into a fight with another student and was suspended. She stated that the Principal told her son hopes have fun at your new school. She felt that was not appropriate for the Principal to tell her son.

Geraldine Ezenuzo addressed the board. Telling them that the student probably needed help to address his issues. She felt that sending him to another school was not addressing the problem but instead passing on the other school. She thanked the board for listening.

**B. For Information: Executive Director's Report**

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.

Mr. Garcia shared the following with the board:

- State testing was going well and will be completed 6/3/15
- Promoting EBCA on Radio Q97 and Kiss Country promoting our annual celebrity Softball game 5/29 at 10 am. All invited to attend
- Certificated staff will all take a summer online course DISCIPLINE THAT RESTORES from Fresno Pacific University (FPU). We will implement school wide next year. FPU will be at our in-service day before we start school in August to help us roll this out.

**III. CLOSED SESSION-No Close Session Needed**

**A. ANNOUNCEMENT OF REASONS FOR CLOSED SESSION.**

Prior to entering closed session, the Board will publicly announce the items to be covered in closed session. – **NO CLOSED SESSION**

#### IV. PUBLIC SESSION

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: The meeting was reconvened to open session at \_\_\_\_\_. – **NO CLOSED SESSION**

#### V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

- A. Approval of the Delta Managed Solutions Contract through 2017  
Susan made the recommendation to approve the Delta Managed Solution contract through 2017.  
Frances asks for motion to approve DMS Contract... Tony makes motion to approve DMS Contract... Gretchen seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed  
**Vote FD-Yes GSM-Yes JG-Absent TS-Yes SU-Yes GS-Yes Motion Carried**
- B. April 2015 Warrant Report  
Susan presented April 2015 Warrant report and recommended approval  
Frances asks for motion to approve April 2015 Warrant report... Gretchen makes motion to approve DMS Contract...Sonny seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed  
**Vote FD-Yes GSM-Yes JG-Absent TS-Yes SU-Yes GS-Yes Motion Carried**
- C. Resignation and New Employee Approval  
Susan asking for approval of resignation of John Taylor. He will work through Summer School July 10<sup>th</sup>. Resignation of Cynthia Swanson and Bianca Oyoque. We are asking for approval of new hires Maria Contreras and Shanna Tovar  
Frances asks for motion to approve Resignations and New employee hires as presented...  
Sonny makes motion to approve resignations and new hires as presented...Tony seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed  
**Vote FD-Yes GSM-Yes JG-Absent TS-Yes SU-Yes GS-Yes Motion Carried**
- D. MOU with Fresno Unified School District – Operations and Facilities  
We asked Frances to come in and sign MOU because we met with charter office and they advised us that it would be best we keep our spot on the FUSD agenda so we can have an MOU to start JULY 1 2015-JUNE 2019. If we got any answers or new direction on our three main questions 1) credit for Energy Prop 39 expenditures done to FUSD facility. 2) Allow us back into FUSD sports league 3) Exiting FUSD SELPA and enter into FCOE SELPA. If there is a change MOU will need to be amended and resigned. Recommendation is to approve MOU as presented.  
Frances asks for motion to approve Operations and facilities MOU with FUSD... Tony makes motion to approve Facilities and Operation MOU with FUSD...Sonny seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed  
**Vote FD-Yes GSM-Yes JG-Absent TS-Yes SU-Yes GS-Yes Motion Carried**
- E. Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) Increase  
Susan redirected board to Budget information presented earlier in the meeting explained rationale for potential COLA increase. A COLA increase is a good

faith gesture to show are returning teachers we value them and we are also concerned with the growing gap in salaries with our neighboring districts and it is getting harder to retain experienced teachers. We are proposing a one-time 2% COLA payment that will be paid out monthly for the 2015-16 fiscal year. The board had discussion and agreed to offer a one-time 2% COLA payment to be paid out monthly to all employees.

Frances asks for motion to approve a one-time 2% COLA payment to be paid out monthly... Gretchen makes motion to approve one time 2% COLA to be paid out monthly...Sonny seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

**Vote FD-Yes GSM-Yes JG-Absent TS-stepped out no vote given SU-Yes GS-Yes Motion Carried**

- F. 2 - Used Copier Purchase – Federal Surplus  
Since FUSD is going to pick up the Staff Copy Machine we are in the need to replace a copy machine. Susan has been exploring lease and purchase options from different vendors. Our goal is two have copy machines available for staff. Currently we are looking at some federal surplus machines. If we can get a deal we are recommending to purchase two copiers.  
Frances asks for motion to approve purchase of two copy machines... Gretchen makes motion to approve purchase of two copy machines...Sonny seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed  
**Vote FD-Yes GSM-Yes JG-Absent TS-Yes SU-Yes GS-Yes Motion Carried**

## **VI. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION**

- A. None- Susan informed board that we received a call from PERS inviting us back. More details at next meeting to whether we stay with what we have or go back into PERS.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

## **VIII. NEXT MEETING: JUNE 25, 2015**