

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING**

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

**1616 S Fruit Ave, Fresno, CA 93706**

**September 22, 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 5:38 pm.

**B. ROLL CALL**

	Present	Absent
Frances Davis	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Gretchen Saldana	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Jamie Gearon	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Tony Smith	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u> (5:43)
Sonny Uwaoma	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Gloria Smith	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Brenda Paxton	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>

**C. FLAG SALUTE**

**D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Frances skips D. for a motion to adopt the Adoption of Agenda and continued on II. A. Oral Communications Returned to Agenda after First Tee Fresno Presentation  
 Frances asks for a motion to adopt the Adoption of Agenda...Brenda makes the motion to adopt the Adoption of Agenda.....Sonny seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed  
 Vote FD-Yes GSM-Absent JG-Absent TS-Yes SU-Yes GS-Absent BP-Yes Motion Carried

**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 will update the Board on current events on campus, including but not limited to the events and important information around campus.

Mr. Garcia shared:

- Marisol Benitez will be helping with the school board Minutes
- Mrs. Penner and Mr. Solis have been nominated as employees of the year

The First Tee Fresno Presentation-Mike Firpo

- Golf available to all school age kids
- Simple process teaching; life skill, golf skill and core values, and creates peer mentoring
- Program includes curriculum, training of 2 people by Mike and equipment
- Curriculum written by educators that can be modified according to age
- Program is done by After School Programs or P.E. Specialists having a huge advantage since it can be done in a classroom setting
- A one-time of \$3750.00 fee for program and only a minimal of money to replace equipment. Equipment consists of: golf clubs are plastic, tennis style balls and targets.
- Easy to set-up and small storage space needed

Report from Curriculum and Instruction Director – Mr. Sprattling

The Curriculum and Instruction Director will update the Board regarding student assessments and curriculum.

Mr. Sprattling shared:

- The Discipline flow chart and time to teach low level behavior issues
- Restore Relationship, teachers are reminded to have a conference with students
- Frances wanted to know if form was age appropriate for the younger students. The answer was yes, as they have pictures they can look at (EMOJI'S)
- Sitting down with teachers and students working on a restorative and positive outcomes

Report from Truancy Mediation Liaison – Mr. Solis

The Truancy Mediation Liaison will update the Board regarding student attendance and discipline.

Mr. Solis shared:

- Student store was opened last Friday
- Current ADA 97.4% good for attendance. 7 letters were sent out for tardies and absences
- Mr. Garcia asked what was the total enrollment and Mr. Solis said we have 581 students and still more students are wanting to come in
- Paxton wants to know if student store is accepting donations and the answer was yes

Report from Technology Director – Mr. Lek

The Technology Director will update the Board regarding technology on campus. Mr. Lek shared:

- The chromebook rollouts include; chromebook, mouse and headphones for every student in classrooms 3-6 grade
- Form “Students User Agreement” was given to every student and parents to fill out and sign on what was expected of them
- \$400 to replace a chromebook
- Classroom usage is monitored and chromebook can be locked if student takes it home
- Life expectancy of chromebooks is about 6 yrs.
- Google Classroom and Think Central are a great resource for classrooms

**V. 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 August 25, 2016.
- B. Approval of Warrant Report for August 2016.
- C. Resignation of Employee

Frances asks for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda (A-B) because Sonny asked to pull item C. for further discussion...Sonny makes the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda A-B...Brenda seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed  
Vote FD-Yes GSM-Absent JG-Absent TS-Yes SU-Yes GS-Absent BP-YES  
Motion Carried

Item C. Mr. Garcia explains on why teacher Shannon Tovar was granted an immediate resignation. Mr. Waterbury has been hired as a sub to take over Mrs. Tovar’s class. He is working with a county short term staffing permit, while he works on his internship. Frances asked if he had been working at EBCA before. The answer was, yes.

Frances asked for a motion to accept Mrs. Tovar’s resignation Item C.... Sonny makes a motion to accept Mrs. Tovar’s resignation Item C... Tony seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed  
Vote FD-Yes GSM-Absent JG-Absent TS-Yes SU-Yes GS-Absent BP-Yes  
Motion Carried

## VI. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

### A. Approve 2015-2016 Unaudited Actuals

- Susan shared about ending the year nicely with a surplus of \$688,585.00. This is why security cameras were installed, new chromebooks were bought, and increase of staff salary was able to be given. Frances asked if money is not used will they cut it. Susan said that they wouldn't. She explained that county will not always be there for the funds but at this point we are fully funded instead of waiting 4 years. She added that it was a matter of planning and deciding where money could be spent
- Karl asked what would be big ticket items. Paxton suggested upgrading the playground equipment. Susan said that we can plan on that item this year for next year. Mr. Garcia mentioned upgrading the marquee sign
- Sonny talked about increasing pay for staff and Susan responded, that incentives can be given to teachers to keep them here
- EBCA has a 521 ADA 550 enrollment mediocre 95% possibly could increase class size to 580, to increase funds. There is 4 Kindergarten classes and 1 TK. We added new teachers and instructional aides. Using money in a wise manner
- Susan also mentioned money could be used for new library books, possibly expand the chromebooks to First and Second Graders and maybe laptops needed.
- Mr. Garcia mentioned that the state and Karl Yoder recommended to have a reserve of 25-30% by the end of 2017.
- Susan also shared that the auditors were coming on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> and that they would look for adjustments if any needed to be made
- Frances asked, when the school was funded. Susan responded that funds are received monthly. Based on attendance, benchmarks and that's why it's important to hold a 580 with a 97%.

Frances asks for a motion to approve 2015-2016 Unaudited Actuals...Sonny makes the motion to approve 2015-2016 Unaudited Actuals...Tony seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

### B. Approve FCOE SELPA Local Plan

- Susan presented the FCOE SELPA changes made to document adding Edison Bethune Charter Academy to the list of schools
- Frances asked, when the psychologist comes Susan shared that the psychologist is at school 1 day a week, Speech therapist 3 days and that we also have occupational therapy. Susan said services are being made.

Frances asks for a motion to approve the FCOE SELPA Local Plan...Tony makes the motion to approve the FCOE SELPA Local Plan...Paxton seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed  
Vote FD-Yes GSM-Absent JG-Absent TS-Yes SU-Yes GS-Absent BP-Yes  
Motion Carried

- C. Prop 39 – Facilities Application to Fresno Unified
- Susan shared, this is an application showing FUSD that we have a need and that this facility fits our needs which include last years, currently and 2018
  - The report shows where kids would go to school if they didn't attend EBCA

Frances asks for a motion to approve Prop 39 – Facilities Application to Fresno Unified...Paxton makes the motion to approve Prop 39-Facilities Application to Fresno...Tony seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed  
Vote FD-Yes GSM-Absent JG-Absent TS-Yes SU-Yes GS-Absent BP-YES  
Motion Carried

**VII. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION**

None

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Frances asks for a motion to adjourn...Sonny makes the motion to adjourn...Tony seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed  
Vote FD-Yes GSM-Absent JG-Absent TS-Yes SU-Yes GS-Absent BP-Yes  
Motion Carried

**IX. NEXT MEETING: October 27, 2016**