

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS EDISON-BETHUNE CHARTER ACADEMY

1616 S Fruit Ave, Fresno, CA 93706

February 26, 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 5:45.

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 (came late and joined at Closed Session)	<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... Gloria makes motion to approve minutes...Gretchen seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed
Vote FD-Yes GS-Yes JG-Yes TS-absent SU-absent GS-Yes Motion Carried

Motion was made by Gretchen to amend the agenda to allow Item C: Field Trip Approval – 5th Grade and ASP Cheer Team present before going into closed session...Second by Jamie... Vote FD-Yes GS-Yes JG-Yes TS-absent SU-absent GS-Yes Motion Carried

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2015

January 22, 2015. Motion by Jamie adopt minutes as presented Second by Gloria Smith...Frances asked if there is any discussion...none Vote FD-Yes GS-Yes JG-Yes TS-absent SU-Absent GS-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. 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. **NONE**

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. **No Executive Director report given as we needed to go into closed session.**

C. **Field Trip Approval – 5th Grade and ASP Cheer Team (Amended Agenda – timing)**

5th grade teacher Mrs. Platt allowed to present logistics and video of proposed 5th grade trip to California Academy of Science in San Francisco. This educational trip is aligned with 5th grade standards. She presented logistics, cost and chaperones. Board asked to seek best price for charter bus. Trip will take place 1st week in June after testing.

Frances asks for motion to approve 5th grade trip to San Francisco... Gloria makes motion to approve minutes...Gretchen seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

Vote FD-Yes GS-Yes JG-Yes TS-absent SU-absent GS-Yes Motion Carried

Ms. Espitia presented to board logistics of ASP cheer program going to Clovis West on school bus and request their approval for trip.

Frances asks for motion to approve Cheer trip to Clovis West on Saturday...

Gloria makes motion to approve minutes...Gretchen seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

III. CLOSED SESSION

A. ANNOUNCEMENT OF REASONS FOR CLOSED SESSION.

Prior to entering closed session at 5:55 pm, the Board President Frances publicly announces the items to be covered in closed session: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release. Tony Smith joins us for closed session

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

IV. PUBLIC SESSION

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: The meeting was reconvened to open session at 6:20 pm.

PUBLIC REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION (includes the vote or abstention of every member present).

The Board voted to ratify the General Release Settlement agreement with Valerie Lopes... Vote FD-Yes GS-Yes JG-Yes TS-Yes SU-absent GS-Yes Motion

carried to ratify agreement with Valerie Lopes.

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. **2nd Interim Report – to be submitted to CDE**

Susan present and reviewed the 2nd Interim Report in detail with board she allow for clarification and questions by the Board. She reviewed multiyear projection which included projected staffing needs. Mr. Garcia discussed staffing projections for next year which are reflected in the 2nd Interim Report. This included maximizing class sizes of TK@20, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd@26, 4th, 5th, and 6th@29. This will allow for a reduction in 3 teaching position pending Kindergarten enrollment. We will project 3 Kindergarten teachers to start the year 2015-16. Currently we have 30.5 teachers and serving 559 students. If we maximized class size we can reduce by 3 teachers to 27.5 and still potential serve 619 students. By attrition and filling the Curriculum and Instruction Director if approved from in-house staff, all this could be done without laying off any current employees. Mr. Garcia informs board that some teachers will probably not return next year as they are interviewing with other districts. We will eliminate the Student Support Advocate (SSA) position, increase nurse hour from 4 hours to 6 hours plus benefits, and post and hire a Curriculum and Instruction Director if approved later on the agenda.

Also in the budget and included in our LCAP is to run a summer school Program at EBCA. We have not had one here for several years. We will need one admin in charge, one clerk, and 6 teachers. Proposed dates for summer school June 15-July 10. 19 days for Teachers and 18 days for students. 8am to 12:30pm student day. We will be posting these positions on EdJoin. Jamie asked Susan to look into receiving funding for the summer school program.

Frances asks for motion to approve 2nd Interim Report as presents...Tony makes motion to approve ...Jamie seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed
Vote FD-Yes GS-Yes JG-Yes TS-Yes SU-Absent GS-Yes Motion Carried

B. **January 2015 Warrant Report**

Susan presents 2015 Warrant report. Board member given opportunity to ask about any specific items list a warrant report. Susan explains specific questions such as U-Haul and Brookside Christian Charter was for Purchase of Desks and chairs from closing school in Stockton.

Frances asks for motion to approve January 2015 Warrant Report...Tony makes motion to approve ...Gretchen seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed
Vote FD-Yes GS-Yes JG-Yes TS-Yes SU-Absent GS-Yes Motion Carried

C. **Field Trip Approval – 5th Grade and ASP Cheer Team**

This item was approved prior to going into close session as allowed by amended agenda...See above for details and vote.

D. **Chromebook Purchase Approval**

Susan presents 3 Quotes for the purchase of chromebooks needed for state testing. This purchase qualifies for reimbursement from the \$26,000 Microsoft money. We have check to validate that the purchase qualifies for such reimbursement. Susan recommends to approve the quote from Troxell.

Frances asks for motion to approve Chromebook quote from Troxell for purchase...Gretchen makes motion to approve ...Tony seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

E. Curriculum and Instruction Director Job Position Approval

Rodolfo reviews job description for proposed hiring of a Curriculum and Instruction Director. He explains the need for such position to help implement Common Core Standards and plan for Profession Development to help us propel EBCA forward. We currently have 560 students and a great need for this position. We will post the position on EdJoin In-House. We have potential candidates on staff with administration credential eligibility. All staff meeting qualifications will be given opportunity to apply for the position. We will hold interviews and bring forward a recommendation for hire.

Frances asks for motion to approve hiring of a Curriculum and Instruction Director...Jamie makes motion to approve ...Tony seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

VI. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Form 700 Distribution for all Board Members.
Susan passed out Form 700 need back by next Board meeting.
- B. List of Acronyms for Board Members to Refer to
Susan passed out list of acronyms

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: MARCH 26, 2015