

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS EDISON-BETHUNE CHARTER ACADEMY

1616 S Fruit Ave, Fresno, CA 93706

November 20, 2014

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 5:37 pm.

**B. ROLL CALL**

	Present	Absent
Frances Davis - <b>FD</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Gretchen Saldana - <b>GS</b>	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Enrique Reade - <b>ER</b>	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Jamie Gearon - <b>JG</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Tony Smith - <b>TS</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Sonny Uwaoma - <b>SU</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Gloria Smith- <b>GS</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>

**C. FLAG SALUTE**

**D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA - MOTION – by SU, 2<sup>ND</sup> by– TS, – Yes – FD, Yes – GS- Yes- JG – Yes-SU –Yes-TS **Motion Approved****

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF October 23, 2014**  
Motion by FD, 2<sup>nd</sup> by – TS – Yes – GS,- Yes – SU – Yes- JG- Yes- FD-Yes-TS-  
**Motion Approved.**

**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.

**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.

### Executive Director's Report

- Attendance/Enrollment – Current enrollment is up to 564
- Book Fair during our parent teacher conference
- Channel 24 did a report on our school. The report is posted on our school website.
- Mr. Lek did a presentation on our school webpage
- Mr. Solis presented the winners of the attendance challenge. The winners were announced on the radio station.

### **III. CLOSED SESSION**

#### 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 items for close session**

#### B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (1 case) **No items for discussion**

### **IV. PUBLIC SESSION**

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: The meeting was reconvened to open session at \_\_\_\_\_.

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

### **V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

Board suggests reviewing all items together and approving all at once.

- A. Approval of Employee Handbook – Phone Conference with DMS
- B. Presentation and Approval of Monthly Financial Report by DMS
- C. Approval of Permission Slip and Medical Release forms
- D. Approval of Out of Town Field Trips
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Madera Fossil Museum
  - b. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Monterey Bay Aquarium
  - c. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camp and Magic Mountain

**It was suggested by the board that Magic Mountain Field Trip be on Fridays and for students to be back at school no later than 10pm. for all Field Trips. Motion for approval by TS - 2<sup>nd</sup> by SU - Yes GS - Yes –JG – Yes- FD – Yes- TS -Yes- SU**  
**Motion Approved**

- E. Approval of Petty Cash Policy
- F. Vandalism Claim on Mr. Garcia's Truck ( **Table till next meeting when the board has more information from council** )
- G. Consideration and Approval of Ricoh Quote for new copy machine
- H. Approval Amendment to 401(a) Plan for both Employer and Employee Eligibility
- I. Approval ERATE Proposal

The board reviewed the following items for approval ABCEGHI. Motion for approval by –TS - 2<sup>nd</sup> by SU- Yes - FD- Yes –GS-Yes- JG-Yes TS-Yes-SU  
**Motion Approved**

**VI. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION**

- A. Filling Vacant Board Member Seat – Copies of Bylaws provided  
**Send Enrique Read a formal letter for resignation from the board give him 7 days to respond**
- B. Prop 39 – Clean Energy Act – posted ad in Fresno Bee
- C. Prop 39 – Facilities for 2015-16 School Year
- D. Fresno Unified MOU Modifications – Special Education and Cafeteria
- E. Great Attendance Challenge

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.

Motion to adjourn by Tony Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sonny Uwaoma Yes- FD- Yes-JG- Yes-SU- Yes-TS-Yes-GS

Next meeting November 20, 2014