

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

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

1616 S Fruit Ave, Fresno, CA 93706

August 24, 2017

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.

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I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by the Board Chair at 5:29pm.

B. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Frances Davis	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Gretchen Saldana	<u> X </u>	<u> </u> (5:37)
Jamie Gearon	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Tony Smith	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Jere Runciman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Larry Arce	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Brenda Paxton	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

C. FLAG SALUTE

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Frances asks for a motion to adopt the Adoption of Agenda...Larry makes the motion to adopt the Adoption of Agenda....Brenda seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed
Vote FD-Yes GS-Absent JG-Absent TS-Absent JR-Yes LA-Yes BP-Yes
Motion Carried

E. PUBLIC HEARING AND PRESENTATION OF EDUCATOR

EFFECTIVENESS GRANT was opened at 5:46pm and closed at 5:50pm.

Susan shared that a Spending Plan had to be brought in a Public Hearing. Mentioned there was a total of \$46,000 from 3 yrs. ago for Professional Development. Which has to be spent. In which can be used for Teacher and Administrator support, Professional Development, and activities to promote educator quality and effectiveness.

Jere asked if the money was not spent if it would be gone. Susan answered, yes. Teachers to be effective as possible. Next month plan will be brought up for approval and spending info.

Frances asked if Public Hearing announcements are posted in a flyer to go home, believing it should be done. Mr. Garcia responded that it is posted in our school App. and that it can be shared by phone, email and text now.

No further public comments. Public Hearing closed at 5:50pm.

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:

- We have a full house. A total of 576 students compared to last year having 571 students by October.
- Still have a waiting list.
- 4 Kinder classrooms were filled. TK is at 16 students enrolled compared to last year having 12 and some dropped later.
- Students have been coming from different schools like, Columbia, Ainsworth, Pyle and Kings.
- Howdy Day changed from Meet and Greet. There was complaints of having no ice cream. We had Aeries training that day. Thinking next time people can help and serve the ice cream.
- Back to School Night was last night. This was the formal presentation of the teachers.
- Surprised of some teachers leaving. We are pleased with what we see from the new teachers. They are asking for help from the other teachers.
- Some parents had the jitters since their children had different teachers and wanted to move them, since they had put in a teacher request. Others the students didn't want to move although it was not the teacher they had requested.

Report from Curriculum and Instruction Director – Mr. Sprattling

The Curriculum and Instruction Director will update the Board student

assessments and curriculum.

Mr. Sprattling shared:

- We have started to get Prelim for tests from Smarter Balance. We have Met or Exceeded Standards.
- Students will take test on 1 Wednesday of Oct.
- Local Data handout shows we are in the Yellow. When we meet with parents or students we will show that we are at the top in the West Fresno schools.
- There is some change from Red to Yellow.

Larry asked if there is more schools in West Fresno. The answer was that we didn't have all their numbers, but once we had them, that info will be shared. There is 191 schools in the county.

- Teachers will look at the curriculum with Smarter Balance and have a lot of work in planning accordingly.
- We have 3 brand new teachers.

Report from Truancy Mediation Liaison – Mr. Solis

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

No report was given. Mr. Solis was absent.

Report from Technology Director – Mr. Lek

The Technology Director will update the Board regarding technology on campus.

Mr. Lek shared:

- Moving from Infinite Compass to Aeries completely disengaging from Edison Learning.
- Training Analytical next week.
- Yes, there is some glitches. Teachers had training.
- We have mass message texts. 56 parents signed up for it on Back to School Night.
- We will have a parent portal where they can check their child's grades.
- Laptops for teachers have been delivered. Thank you Board!
- 4 Chromebooks for each Kinder class so by the time they are in 1st grade it will be much easier for the students to use the devices.

Francis wanted to know if everything ordered had been delivered. The answer was, Yes!

- Would like to say that the projectors are 9 yrs. old and some of them are burning out and will be needing replacement.

Continued back to OPEN PUBLIC HEARING AND PRESENTATION OF EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS GRANT.

III. CLOSED SESSION @5:51-7:00pm

- A. Going into closed session at 5:51pm to discuss Public Employee Resignation /Dismissal.

B. Closed session ended at 7:00pm action taken: the Board directed Admin. to review school safety, conduct anonymous survey-LCAP, review student positive recognitions and student discipline.

IV. 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 June 15, 2017.
- B. Approval of Warrant Report for June and July 2017.
- C. New Hires for 2017-18

Frances asks for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda and for the approval of A. and B.....Jere makes the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda ...Brenda seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed
Vote FD-Yes GS-Yes JG-Absent TS-Absent JR-Yes LA-Yes BP-Yes
Motion Carried

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

- A. Approve the 2017-18 Board Calendar

Gretchen mentioned she has school till December therefore cannot attend board meetings. Mr. Garcia mentioned that in July teachers were hired and then we started school. What happens if teachers are not approved. Should we have 2 board meetings in August? Gretchen and Frances suggested to meet on the first Thursday of August next school year.

Frances asks for a motion to approve the 2017-18 Board Calendar...Brenda makes a motion to approve the 2017-18 Board Calendar....Gretchen seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed
Vote FD-Yes GS-Yes JG-Absent TS-Absent JR-Yes LA-Yes BP-Yes
Motion Carried

- B. Unaudited Actuals Draft for 2017-18
Susan shared that the table of unaudited actuals was not done and will be brought to next meeting.

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Garcia shared about CPS coming to meet with a student. Parent was not happy about not having a staff member with the student during the meeting. There is a Penal Code that says CPS can talk to child. However we would like more information on procedure if we have to be there when CPS meets with a child or if student wants a staff member with them.

Frances mentioned that as a parent, a child should be with a staff along with CPS.

Brenda shared that she has been in a position where student had her be in the meeting and parent was mad about it.

It was mentioned that anybody can have and show badge. If there is a complaint go straight to CPS.

Mr. Garcia told the parent that he validated his concern and that it would be brought to the Board. Tomorrow we will call attorneys @9:00am and will share what they said in the next meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.

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

Vote FD-Yes GS-Yes JG-Absent TS-Absent JR-Yes LA-Yes BP-Yes

Motion Carried

VII. NEXT MEETING: Sept. 28, 2017