

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

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

1616 S Fruit Ave, Fresno, CA 93706

December 15, 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 5:38pm.

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	<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 asks for a motion to adopt the Adoption of Agenda...Jamie makes the motion to adopt the Adoption of Agenda.....Paxton seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

Vote FD-Yes GSM-Absent JG-Yes TS-Yes GS-Yes 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:

- Gave information on school app that would be available for cell phones. Has valuable info and also a very important way of communicating with parents. Another way to reach out.
- App shows current events and has different languages to choose from.
- Introduced my EBCA Live.
- TK-6 got a special treat by Santa visiting classrooms.

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:

- Classes took main curriculum tests and performance tests.
- Second grade citing evidence. Teachers were able to see what questions looked like. Having the chromebooks are a great help.
- For Kinders it is read to and First grade part of it is read.
- Adjusting with change

Report from Truancy Mediation Liaison – Mr. Solis

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

Mr. Solis was absent but Mr. Garcia informed

- A raffle for bikes is going to take place tomorrow. A total of 115 students qualified due to Perfect Attendance.
- Frances asked if students who don't win receive a certificate at the HOPES AWARDS. The answer was yes they receive a PURRFECT Attendance Award

III. 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 November 17, 2016
- B. Approval of Warrant Report for November 2016
- C. Approval of Resignation for Board Member—Sonny Uwaona

Frances asks for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda and for the approval of

A.,B., and C.....Brenda makes the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda ...Tony seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed
Vote FD-Yes GSM-Absent JG-Yes TS-Yes GS-Yes BP-Yes Motion Carried

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

- A. Approval of new Board Members for vacant position and Gloria Smith position
- Sonny has a vacant position and due to Gloria's illness she might not return.
 - Rev. Larry Arce is interested in the position was told by Frances. He introduced himself. Was CEO of the Fresno Rescue Mission, Fresno County Probation Dept., and a Veteran of the Military. He is interested in serving children. Has 3 children of his own, lived in the neighborhood, and has been ordained minister.
 - Jere Runciman is also interested in becoming a board member. He introduced himself again to the board members that were not at last meeting. He also mentioned that he likes what he sees at EBCA. He likes to give back to schools and is excited to be part of the school board.

Frances asks for a motion to approve new board members....Tony makes a motion to accept the new board members.....Jamie seconds the motion ...request for discussion-none needed
Vote FD-Yes JG-Yes TS-Yes GS-Yes BP-Yes Motion Carried

- B. Approval of LEA Application to the Charter SELPA Local Plan and SED-LP 5 LEA Assurance document for Fresno County Office of Education
- Mr. Golden-Lund has attended the SELPA Special Ed. meetings.
 - He informed the board that we had Speech and Psycho Therapists thru Fresno Unified. This year we have them thru Fresno County. The Speech therapist is at EBCA 3 days a week and the Psychotherapist 1 day a week.
 - Advantage of being thru Fresno County is that we have open doors to trainings and meetings. He is able to speak to someone from Files. Great move from FUSD to County.
 - Wed-U are also done with County.
 - Requesting approval for same services under Charter. IEP students can be added easier.
 - As of Dec. 1st document is current and error free and in good standing.
 - It was also mentioned that Fresno State also had good speech therapists.
 - Jamie mentioned financial benefit to go with county is it will stay the same.

Frances asks for a motion to approve the LEA Application to the Charter SELPA Local Plan and SED-LP 5 LEA Assurance document for Fresno County Office of EducationTony makes the motion to approve the LEA Application to the Charter SELPA Local Plan and SED-LP 5 LEA Assurance document for Fresno County Office of Education...Brenda seconds the motion...request for discussion-

none needed

Vote FD-Yes JG-Yes TS-Yes JR-Yes LA-Yes GS-Yes BP-Yes Motion Carried

C. Approval of Audit Report

- Finding this year on Free Reduced Lunch called a duplicate
- The amount of \$787.00 was in question. 3 students were input incorrectly.
- Doc goes to State and County
- Recommendation was to have additional review on proper input into the Infinite Campus Software. For this we have decided to get training to make sure everything is input correctly.

Frances asks for a motion for the approval of audit report ...Larry makes the motion for the approval of the audit report.....Tony seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

Vote FD-Yes JG-Yes TS-Yes JR-Yes LA-Yes GS-Yes BP-Yes Motion Carried

D. Approve purchase of Student Information System-Aeries

- Mr. Garcia explained on how Aeries starts up at \$8,000 for the 1st year compared to Infinite Campus \$7,000 but looping parent communication. Being able to text parents since it is also more convenient for them. It's more user friendly. The Aeries system was also brought up in the previous board meeting.
- It is up to date with the information that is being asked to have from the State of California. Saves time and easier to extract information. Decreasing futures errors.

Frances asks for a motion to approve purchase of Student Information System-Aeries....Brenda makes a motion to approve the purchase of Student System-Aeries.....Jamie seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

Vote FD-Yes JG-Yes TS-Yes JR-Yes LA-Yes GS-Yes BP-Yes Motion Carried

V. **ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION**

A. None

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.

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

Vote FD-Yes JG-Yes TS-Yes JR-Yes LA-Yes GS-Yes BP-Yes Motion Carried

VII. **NEXT MEETING:** Jan. 26, 2016