

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

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

1616 S Fruit Ave, Fresno, CA 93706

February 23, 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.

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 5:33pm.

B. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Frances Davis	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Gretchen Saldana	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Jamie Gearon	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Tony Smith	<u> X </u>	<u> </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...Brenda makes the motion to adopt the Adoption of Agenda....Tony seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

Vote FD-Yes GS-Yes JG-Absent TS-Yes JR-Yes LA-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 shared:

- Prop 39 acceptance letter for use of the school facility to Fresno Unified District was written by lawyer and mailed. This request will also be hand delivered to Alex Belenger.
- Possibility of replacing both playgrounds on campus was also added in the as an item to review. The cost could be \$50,000-\$60,000 for upper grade playground and \$10,000-\$20,000 for TK/Kinder playground. We will wait for their response to how to proceed and possible share the cost with FUSD.
- Attended SELPA meeting, looking to restructure how money goes to school instead of county. SELPA is more effective and there is a concern with proposed changed and we it will impact FCOE.
- To celebrate Black History Month we will have the African Dance Drum Troupe assembly.
- Pastor Criner will be here tomorrow attempt to make the longest Soul Train. You are all invited to attend.
- E-file 700 thank you for completing the form

Frances asked if the school facility rent stays the same for next year and Mr. Garcia answered, “Yes.”

Report from Truancy Mediation Liaison – Mr. Solis

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

Mr. Solis shared:

- Pastor Criner and police officers will be on campus for the Soul Train. Q97 radio station announced about the Soul Train.
- 95.7% attendance rate. A lot of kids have been out sick. Pushing towards 96% attendance rate.

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:

- Monday African Drum Dance Troupe @9am will be here.

Mr. Garcia explained:

- Dashboard has been shared with School-Site Council and will be presented to teachers at next meeting. We will also go to classes and explain to students. In mid-March, this information will be available to public. API score having 5 levels is out the door. Now every student counts as they want

to see continuous progress grade to grade. He also mentioned that at the meetings, they are providing information on new dashboard and they are overwhelming with a big learning curve for us.

Mr. Sprattling continued: Parents will be able to log on and know how each school is performing.

- Scale score is a big deal that will tell you if standards were nearly met to exceed standard.
- Showed a sample comparing, meeting standard and below standard when averaged scores resulting in higher points.
- Taking every single student and averages of all student scores will give us our performance score.
- Status will change to year before. Allowing to see how grade level did last year to how grade level did this year. Status and change charts to identify overall shared in PowerPoint.
- Dashboard will report as Pie Color Icons for schools. Blue: Exceeding to Red: lowest
- This data has school indicators on how well they did in Math, ELD, Chronic Absence, and Suspension Rates.
- We need to write a narrative how we met the standards before reporting out.
- Equity Report being available can be complicated just by looking at the pie color charts if the overall information is not looked at. It is important to understand how numbers are reported.
- Out of 190 schools we are in the middle.
- Gretchen commented that data due to LCAP, groups are being identified by the types of funding.

Frances asked why Foster/Homeless students were not on the data. Not populated yet. Being that less than 30 is cut off. Gretchen added data measures all year long. Frances also mentioned that parents will be upset when they look at the color pies. We will have to invite parents to inform them how dashboard works.

- There is a change when there are new staff and new curriculum that contributes to the factors that impact scores. Prediction on this year is that we are hopeful we will do better.

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 January 26, 2017
- B. Approval of Warrant Report for January 2017

Frances asks for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda and for the approval of A. and B....Tony 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-Yes JR-Yes LA-Yes BP-Yes
Motion Carried

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. 2nd Interim Budget

Mr. Garcia explained:

- Insert in packet: Summary of 1st page explains budget at this board meeting.
- Numbers were adjusted cash flow sufficient for remainder of this year.
- ADA in 1st interim was 547. ADA in 2nd is 551. +\$41,000. Current enrollment is 574 Enrollment is current but changes can occur.
- Budget has gone to Mark from DMS. Susan and Mr. Garcia have reviewed with the recommendation to approve.

Jere mentioned that healthcare cost is half at where it should be since it has gone up to a 13% cost. Mr. Garcia explained that he was not sure where they get 5% but that this number will be looked at and adjusted on final budget.

Larry said, "Numbers are very good."

Frances asks for a motion to approve the 2nd Interim Budget...Larry makes a motion to approve the 2nd Interim Budget.....Tony seconds the motion ...request for discussion-none needed

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

Motion Carried

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

A. Form 700 E-filing Due April

- Almost all Board members have filed Form 700.
- Frances mentioned she had problems with the link to complete the form through website, so she printed up form. Gretchen mentioned password would not work and had to be reset.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.

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-Yes JR-Yes LA-Yes BP-Yes

Motion Carried

VII. NEXT MEETING: March 23, 2017