

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

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

1616 S Fruit Ave, Fresno, CA 93706

March 23, 2017

5:30pm

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO
THE BOARD BY PARENTS AND CITIZENS**

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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 5:48pm.

B. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent	
Frances Davis	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Gretchen Saldana	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	(6:04)
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>	(6:04)

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....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:

- Minimum week coming up due to Parent/Teacher conferences for 3rd Quarter.
- Kindness Committee had talked about having an Asthma Awareness Walk-A-Thon to raise money. Our goal is to give to the Jovante Woods Foundation. (Walk-A-Thon to be on March 27th at 8:00am) Icky Woods will be here on March 29th at 9:00am where we will donate him the funds raised.
- You can give a tax deductible donation if you would like to put in funds.
- Went to 3-6 grade classes and explained DashBoard. Letting students know all scores count. Giving students the idea to take test more serious. Showed if students are -100 its better than -200. Taking average scores.
- Coming up with ideas as a reward, have banner in cafeteria per grade as a competition. To leave a legacy on wall. And a bigger banner for the grade with the best score in the whole school.
- Trying to do short term stuff for students in how important these scores are.
- During DAC meeting we will explain Dashboard to parents.

Jere asked if there is a good turnout. The answer was, no. Mr. Garcia said that sometimes in the morning it is better. The parents are usually the same ones from the school-site council meetings.

- During the last school-site council meeting, the parents were asked what they would like to see in ASP.
- Teacher Recruitment was done at Fresno State and Fresno Pacific. Goal is to continue to grow. 7 applicants were interviewed. 4 have been hired this week somewhere else. One candidate came today and looked around the school. The next 2 will also come and in the next meeting I will give a recommendation to hire.
- Current school population 572/goal 625
TK- could enroll 15-20 kids. We have 5 enrolled already. 64 openings in Kindergarten. 1st grade has 22 openings. 2nd grade is full. 3rd grade has 7 openings. 4th grade has 4 openings. 5th grade is full. 6th grade has 3 openings.
- Mr. Solis and Mr. Garcia went to Franklin, P. Gordon, Mariposa Headstart and FCEOC, to pass out enrollment forms.

Frances asked, if other districts are visited and the answer was only by invitation. We have to pay at other places.

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:

- Students prepare themselves with Smarter Balanced. 3-6 grades will run

the Math test.

Frances mentioned that an article on the paper talked about the API of schools and since Dashboard is more complex all they could mention is Fresno and Clovis Unified. Jere said that channel 30 gave little information on it.

- The Dashboard information is now open to the public. They are still adjusting at state level.

Report from Truancy Mediation Liaison – Mr. Solis

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

Mr. Solis shared:

- Icky Woods will be here next Wednesday due to the Asthma Walk-A-Thon. At the same time quarterly attendance winners will be announced.
- We are above 95% ADA with a 96% overall average. Lower grades had more absences than Upper grades.
- Soul Train was a success. Pat Riddlesprigger from district office was here and will be here for the Asthma Walk-A-Thon next week.

Frances mentioned that some people from church said they saw her do the Soul Train.

Report from Technology Director – Mr. Lek

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

Mr. Lek shared:

- Outage due to a cut cable, therefore internet connection was down all day in our school and Fresno County schools. We put the information on our school APP.
- Go Guardian filter was installed in the chromebooks. It monitors online activity of students at all times.
- Projection for next year is buying new laptops for teachers especially with the new grading program. Possibly chromebooks.

Larry asked how many laptops would be bought and Mr. Lek responded, 30 laptops.

- 1st training in the new Aeries system starts next Tuesday for Admin. and Office Staff. This program is more user friendly. Total of 6 trainings.

Susan mentioned this system is more specific with what the state of California requires reporting and more beneficial to us.

- Aeries also has a student portal that will be implemented next school year.

Mr. Garcia mentioned that Mr. Lek had worked on Aeries as rollover from Infinite Campus.

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 February 23, 2017.
- B. Approval of Warrant Report for February 2017.

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-Yes JR-Yes LA-Yes BP-Yes
Motion Carried

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

- A. Approve 2017-2018 School Calendar
Susan mentioned:

- Our school calendar mirrors FUSD school calendar.
- 180 days with student instruction

Mr. Garcia mentioned about a possible change on Parent Teacher Conferences with new Aeries system if report cards are done sooner we can have conferences the following week. This 3rd quarter one week to input grades and then Parent Teacher Conferences. By this time we are already in the second week of the 4th quarter. We might bring the calendar back for your approval.

Frances asks for a motion to approve the 2017-2018 School CalendarLarry makes a motion to approve the 2017-2018 School Calendar....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

- B. Approve Delta Managed Solutions-Business Services Agreement for 2017-2019
Susan mentioned,

- Business agreement with Delta for next 3 yrs. We have benefitted with their help. Payroll and additional accounting system. We have a set person who addresses concerns and is on top of things.
- In packet there is a whole presentation on services as a package deal.
- They have helped with LCAP, reporting 1st and 2nd Interims and state reports.

Frances asked how much is the cost? Susan responded that it would stay the same of about \$9,800.00 a month. Our cost has not increased in 3 years, but they have added services.

- Susan makes a recommendation to approve to continue services for the next 3 yrs.

Jere wanted to know how long have they worked for us and the response was 3 yrs.

Frances asks for a motion for the approval of Delta Managed Solutions-Business

Services Agreement for 2017-2019...Larry makes the motion for the approval of Delta Managed Solutions-Business Services Agreement for 2017-2019... 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. Projected Enrollment for 2017-2018

- This item was mentioned earlier in Principal's Report.

B. Summer School

- We will be posting positions for Summer School
- Usually targeted low students. Parents would say yes but students wouldn't show up.
- Last year it was open enrollment
- This year proposing for a 4 week True Academy for kids
- Subjects would include: Science, Poetry or Health. They would include writing. Another example would be Legos, something interesting for kids.

Brenda asked if the Academy was open to other teachers other than what we have.
Mr. Garcia responded that the openings would be posted in EDJOIN.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.

Frances asks for a motion to adjourn...Gretchen makes the motion to adjourn...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

VII. NEXT MEETING: April 27, 2017