

**APPROVED MINUTES
FENTON CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

May 20, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fenton Charter Public Schools was held on Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/528616088>)

I. PRELIMINARY

A. Call to Order – Chairperson of the Board – Joe Lucente

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m. by the Board Chair, Joe Lucente

B. Roll Call – Secretary of the Board – Laura Holmes and Coco Salazar

Board Members Present

Yvette King-Berg, *Community Representative*

Daniel Laughlin, *Parent Representative*

Joe Lucente, *Community Representative*

Jed Wallace, *Community Representative*

Walter Wallace, *Community Representative*

Board Members Not Present

Diane Abeyta, *Parent Representative*

C. Approval of the Agenda – Chair Lucente

On **MOTION** of Jed Wallace, **SECONDED** by Daniel Laughlin and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the Agenda (Item I.C.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (5) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,
Jed Wallace, Walter Wallace

Nay: (0)

Abstentions: (0)

D. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting – Chair Lucente

On **MOTION** of Daniel Laughlin, **SECONDED** by Yvette King-Berg and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the minutes of the April 15, 2021 Regular Meeting (Item I.E.) were approved as presented.

Aye: (5) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,
Jed Wallace, Walter Wallace

Nay: (0)

Abstentions: (0)

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II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. **Presentations from the Public – Chair Lucente**

There were no presentations from the public.

B. **Public Hearing: Local Control and Accountability Plans and Expanded Learning Opportunities Grants**

A public hearing encouraging participation and comment from parents, teachers, and community members regarding the Local Control and Accountability Plans and Expanded Learning Opportunities Grants of the Fenton schools was conducted.

C. **Committee/Council Reports**

Minutes of all meetings held by any committee and/or council were sent to the Board Members prior to this meeting.

There were no further reports by committees/councils.

D. **Financial Business Manager's Report**

Kristin Dietz, Vice President of EdTec, and Financial Business Manager of the FCPS, presented the following information:

- Consolidated net income is \$2.9M, a decrease from the previous forecast of -\$733K. The main drivers for this change include:
 - Salaries and Benefits: Added year-end stipends, extended distance learning stipends, increased overtime based on April actuals, summer program funded with ELO Grant funds (\$1.06M consolidated increase in expenses)
 - Non-capitalized equipment (\$301K consolidated increase in expense)
 - Contracted substitutes (\$103K consolidated decrease in expense)
 - SB740 revenue per CSFA (\$80K consolidated increase in revenue)
- Cash balances remain strong throughout the year, with both STEM and FCLA expected to end the year with small positive cash balances.

E. **Directors' Reports**

Fenton Avenue Charter School (FACS) – Leticia Padilla Parra, Director, reported.

Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School (SMBCCS) – Cary Rabinowitz, Director, reported.

Fenton Primary Center (FPC) – Richard Parra, Director, reported.

Fenton STEM Academy (STEM) – Jennifer Miller, Director, reported.

Fenton Charter Leadership Academy (FCLA) – Jennifer Miller, Director, reported.

F. Chief Academic Officer’s Report

Fenton Charter Public Schools (FCPS) – Dr. David Riddick, Chief Academic Officer reported.

G. Executive Director’s Report

Fenton Charter Public Schools (FCPS) – Irene Sumida, Executive Director, reported.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Recommendation to approve Kaiser Permanente and Health Net for medical benefits for benefited employees

B. Recommendation to approve 2021-2022 instructional calendar

C. Recommendation to approve first extension for School Nutrition Plus contract

D. Recommendation to approve Ad Hoc Committee to nominate FCPS Board members for 2021-2022

On **MOTION** of Yvette King Berg, **SECONDED** by Daniel Laughlin and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda (Item III.A., Item III.B., Item III.C. and Item III.D.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (5) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,
Jed Wallace, Walter Wallace

Nay: (0)

Abstentions: (0)

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. Recommendation to approve Expanded Learning Opportunities Grants for FACS, SMBCCS, FPC, STEM and FCLA

On **MOTION** of Walter Wallace, **SECONDED** by Yvette King-Berg and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve the recommendation to approve Expanded Learning Opportunities

Grants for FACS, SMBCCS, FPC, STEM and FCLA (Item IV.A.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (5) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,
Jed Wallace, Walter Wallace
Nay: (0)
Abstentions: (0)

B. Recommendation to approve expenditures above the spending authority of the Executive Director

On **MOTION** of Daniel Laughlin, **SECONDED** by Yvette King-Berg and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve expenditures above the spending authority of the Executive Director (Item IV.B.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (5) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,
Jed Wallace, Walter Wallace
Nay: (0)
Abstentions: (0)

C. Recommendation to approve purchase of i-Ready assessments to be used for 2020-2021 school year

On **MOTION** of Yvette King-Berg, **SECONDED** by Daniel Laughlin and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to purchase i-Ready assessments to be used for the 2020-2021 school year (Item IV.C.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (5) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,
Jed Wallace, Walter Wallace
Nay: (0)
Abstentions: (0)

D. Recommendation to receive and file 2020-2021 Annual Performance-Based Oversight Visit Reports for Fenton Primary Center and Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School

On **MOTION** of Yvette King-Berg, **SECONDED** by Walter Wallace and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to receive and file the Annual Performance-Based Oversight Visit Reports for Fenton Primary Center and Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School (Item IV.D.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (5) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,
Jed Wallace, Walter Wallace
Nay: (0)
Abstentions: (0)

E. Recommendation to approve appointment of Chief Operating Officer as selected by Ad Hoc Interview Committee, and approve the salaries, calendars and benefits of the Chief Operating Officer and Chief Executive Officer, and consulting fee of the Executive Consultant

On **MOTION** of Jed Wallace, **SECONDED** by Yvette King-Berg and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve the appointment of Jason Gonzalez to the position of Chief Operating Officer, and the salaries, calendars and benefits of the Chief Operating Officer and Chief Executive Officer, and the consulting fee of the Executive Consultant (Item IV.E.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (5) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,
Jed Wallace, Walter Wallace

Nay: (0)

Abstentions: (0)

F. Recommendation to approve Emergency Succession Plans for CEO, COO, both CEO and COO, and FCPS Board Chair

On **MOTION** of Yvette King-Berg, **SECONDED** by Daniel Laughlin and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve the Emergency Succession Plans for the CEO, COO, both the CEO and COO, and FCPS Board Chair (Item IV.F.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (5) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,
Jed Wallace, Walter Wallace

Nay: (0)

Abstentions: (0)

G. Recommendation to approve revised FCPS Bylaws

On **MOTION** of Walter Wallace, **SECONDED** by Daniel Laughlin and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve the revised FCPS Bylaws (Item IV.G.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (5) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,
Jed Wallace, Walter Wallace

Nay: (0)

Abstentions: (0)

H. Recommendation to approve revised FCPS General Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual

On **MOTION** of Walter Wallace, **SECONDED** by Jed Wallace and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve the revised FCPS General Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual (Item IV.H.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (5) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,
Jed Wallace, Walter Wallace

Nay: (0)

Abstentions: (0)

I. Recommendation to approve presenting notice to authorizing district, LAUSD, to reserve the right of Fenton schools to leave LAUSD SELPA at the end of the 2021-2022 school year

On **MOTION** of Walter Wallace, **SECONDED** by Yvette King-Berg and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve presenting notice to the authorizing district, LAUSD, to reserve the right of the Fenton schools to leave the LAUSD SELPA at the end of the 2021-2022 school year (Item IV.I.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (5) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,
Jed Wallace, Walter Wallace

Nay: (0)

Abstentions: (0)

J. Recommendation to approve differentiated stipends for staff to recognize their efforts to fully reopen the Fenton schools into the 2021-2022 school year

On **MOTION** of Yvette King-Berg, **SECONDED** by Daniel Laughlin and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve differentiated stipends for staff to recognize their efforts to fully reopen the Fenton schools into the 2021-2022 school year (Item IV.J.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (5) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,
Jed Wallace, Walter Wallace

Nay: (0)

Abstentions: (0)

K. Recommendation to approve renewal of contracts with Infinite Campus and Illuminate

On **MOTION** of Yvette King-Berg, **SECONDED** by Walter Wallace and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve renewal of contracts with Infinite Campus and Illuminate (Item IV.K.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (5) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,
Jed Wallace, Walter Wallace
Nay: (0)
Abstentions: (0)

L. Recommendation to receive and file tax returns for the calendar year 2019 and year ending June 30, 2020 for FCPS, SFV Education and FCPS Foundation

On **MOTION** of Jed Wallace, **SECONDED** by Walter Wallace and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve receive and file 2019 tax year returns for FCPS, SFV Education and FCPS Foundation (Item IV.L.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (5) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,
Jed Wallace, Walter Wallace
Nay: (0)
Abstentions: (0)

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION

- A. Update on FCPS OPEB Trust**
- B. Progress on expansion of FCLA and STEM**
- C. Governor's May Revision**

These were information items only and no action was taken.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fenton Charter Public Schools will be held on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 4:30 pm via Zoom meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Laura Holmes
Secretary of the Board



Coco Salazar
Secretary of the Board