

APPROVED MINUTES
FENTON CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 15, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fenton Charter Public Schools was held on Thursday, April 15, 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 4:33 p.m. by the Board Chair, Joe Lucente

B. Roll Call – Secretary of the Board – Beth Henschel, Marie Kirakossian and Megan Stevenson

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 Yvette King-Berg, **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 Walter Wallace, **SECONDED** by Jed Wallace and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the minutes of the March 4, 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)

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Presentations from the Public – Chair Lucente

There were no presentations from the public.

B. 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.

C. 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 \$3.69M, a decrease from the previous forecast of \$43K. The main drivers for the change include:
 - True up of PERS benefits forecast per trend in actuals (\$34K increase in expense at SMBCCS)
 - Reduced depreciation expense due to delayed implementation of several projects (\$31K consolidated decrease in expense)
 - True up of Workers’ Compensation benefits forecast per trend in actuals (\$29K consolidated increase in expense)
- Cash balances remain strong throughout the year, with both STEM and FCLA now expected to end the year with 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

There were no items scheduled for the Consent Agenda.

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

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

On **MOTION** of Yvette King-Berg, **SECONDED** by Jed Wallace 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.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 differentiated stipends for staff to recognize and honor their efforts to reopen the Fenton Schools

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 the differentiated stipends for staff to recognize and honor their efforts to reopen the Fenton schools (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 the appointment of Monica Castañeda as Director of Fenton Avenue Charter School

On **MOTION** of Jed Wallace, **SECONDED** by Daniel Laughlin and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve the appointment of Monica Castañeda as the Director of Fenton Avenue Charter School (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 Avenue Charter School, Fenton STEM Academy and Fenton Charter Leadership Academy

On **MOTION** of Walter Wallace, **SECONDED** by Jed Wallace and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to receive and file 2020-2021 Annual Performance-Based Oversight Visit reports for Fenton Avenue Charter School, Fenton STEM Academy and Fenton Charter Leadership Academy (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 revised job descriptions for CEO and COO and begin the succession process

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 the revised job descriptions for the CEO and COO and to begin the succession process (Item IV.E.) 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. Update on Medical Insurance Premiums for 2021-2022**

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, May 20, 2021 at 4:30 pm via Zoom meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Beth Henschel
Secretary of the Board

Marie Kirakossian
Secretary of the Board

Megan Stevenson
Secretary of the Board