

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

**January 28, 2021**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fenton Charter Public Schools was held on Thursday, January 28, 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 4:32 p.m. by the Board Chair, Joe Lucente

**B. Roll Call** – Secretaries of the Board – Kelley Christenson and Veronica Palazzola

**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

Mrs. Sumida asked that Item IV.B. be pulled from the agenda. The final audit will be presented for review and receipt by the Board at the March 4, 2021 meeting.

On **MOTION** of Yvette King-Berg, **SECONDED** by Jed Wallace and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the Agenda (Item I.C.) was approved as amended.

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 Yvette King-Berg, **SECONDED** by Daniel Laughlin and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the minutes of the

December 3, 2020 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 \$2.12M, an increase from the previous forecast of \$427K. The main drivers for this change include:
  - Additional ASCIP rebates (\$277K consolidated increase in revenue)
  - True up of SB740 reimbursements based on appraised rental values obtained during the bond deal (\$189K consolidated increase in revenue)
  - Shifts and corrections to staff resulting in savings (\$48K consolidated decrease in expense)
  - Continued expense for hotspots at FACS with no ESSER funds available to cover additional costs (\$44K increase in expense)
- All schools fully spent LLM CRF funds by 12/30/2020 despite deadline extension. Other CARES funds remain unspent.
- Cash balances remain strong throughout the year, except for STEM and FCLA which are currently expected to need cash assistance at the end of FY21 and into FY22.

### **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 receive and file 2019-2020 School Accountability Report Card (SARC) documents for Fenton Avenue Charter School, Fenton Primary Center, Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School, Fenton STEM Academy and Fenton Charter Leadership Academy**

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 Consent Agenda (Item III.A.) was approved.

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 adopt revised Conflict of Interest Policy as per SB 126**

On **MOTION** of Jed Wallace, **SECONDED** by Yvette King-Berg and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to adopt the revised Conflict of Interest Policy as per SB 126 (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 review draft of June 30, 2020 consolidated audit for FCPS**

*Item IV.B. was pulled from the agenda by the Executive Director.*

**C. Recommendation to approve three-year contract with Schwab Actuarial Services for FASB ASC 715 Valuation and Cash Funding Projections related to OPEB obligations**

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 the three-year contract with Schwab Actuarial Services for FASB ASC 715 Valuation and Cash Funding Projections related to OPEB obligations (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 apply for the In-Person Instruction Grant and approve the COVID Safety Plan for Fenton Avenue Charter School, Fenton Primary Center, Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School, Fenton STEM Academy and Fenton Charter Leadership Academy**

On **MOTION** of Daniel Laughlin, **SECONDED** by Walter Wallace and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to apply for the In-Person Instruction Grant and approve the COVID Safety Plan for Fenton Avenue Charter School, Fenton Primary Center, Santa Monica Boulevard Community 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)

**V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION**

**A. Form 700 Filers**

**B. Update on FCPS OPEB Trust**

**C. Progress on expansion of FCLA and STEM**

**D. Strategies for Balancing Budgets in Future Years**

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, March 4, 2021 at 4:30 pm via Zoom meeting.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kelley Christenson  
Secretary of the Board

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Veronica Palazzola  
Secretary of the Board