

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

**May 19, 2022**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fenton Charter Public Schools was held on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87479668758>).

**I. PRELIMINARY**

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

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by Board Chair, Joe Lucente.

**B. Roll Call** – Secretary of the Board – Irene Sumida

The Secretary of the Board announced that Diane Abeyta, *Parent Representative*, has resigned from the FCPS Board of Directors. Her service to the Fenton Charter Public Schools as a member of the Board and former Vice Chair of the Board is very much appreciated.

**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**

**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 Daniel Laughlin and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the minutes of the April 7, 2022 Regular Meeting (Item I.D.) 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. Public Hearing: Local Control and Accountability Plans**

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

### **C. Committee/Council Reports**

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

*There were no further reports by councils or committees.*

### **D. Financial Business Manager’s Report**

Erik Okazaki, Associate Client Manager and Colleague to Kristin Dietz, Vice President of EdTec, and Financial Business Manager of the FCPS, presented the following information:

- Consolidated net income is \$402K, a decrease of \$5K from the previous update. The main drivers for this change include:
  - Refund for duplicate payment of Apple equipment (\$265K consolidated decrease in expense)
  - P2 ADA came in lower than forecast (\$333K consolidated decrease in LCFE revenue) NOTE: this assumes no “hold harmless” funding
  - Increased need for substitute services (\$374K consolidated increase in expense)
  - Shifting ESSER III funds to rebalance budgets (\$485K consolidated increase in revenue)

### **E. Directors’ Reports**

Fenton Avenue Charter School (FACS) – Ms. Monica Castañeda, Director, reported.

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

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

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

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

**F. Chief Operating Officer’s Report**

Fenton Charter Public Schools (FCPS) – Mr. Jason Gonzalez, Chief Operating Officer, reported.

**G. Chief Executive Officer’s Report**

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

**III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Recommendation to approve continued remote viewing option via tele/video conferencing meetings for the Fenton Charter Public Schools Board of Directors and for all Brown Act Committees Under AB 361 and Executive Order N-15-21**
- B. Recommendation to approve Ad Hoc Committee to nominate FCPS Board members for 2022-2023**
- C. Recommendation to approve renewal of contracts with Infinite Campus and Illuminate**
- D. Recommendation to receive and file tax returns for the calendar year 2020 and year ending June 30, 2021 for FCPS, SFV Education and FCPS Foundation**
- E. Recommendation to approve renewal of contract with i-Ready**

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 Consent Agenda (Items III.A., B., C., D., and E.) was approved as presented.

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

**IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

**A. Recommendation to approve expenditures above the spending authority of the Chief Executive Officer**

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 expenditures above the spending authority of the Chief Executive Officer (Item IV.A.) was approved as presented. *Specific expenditures approved:*

- Think Together (Fenton Charter Leadership Academy): \$230,679.00
- Education Through Music (Fenton Primary Center): \$36,773.00
- The Education Team (Fenton Charter Public Schools): Hourly rate of \$41.95

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

**B. 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 2022-2023 school year**

On **MOTION** of Walter Wallace, **SECONDED** by Jed Wallace 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 2022-2023 school year (Item IV.B.) was approved as presented.

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

**C. Recommendation to approve credential policy for administrators**

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 a credential policy for administrators (Item IV.C.) was approved as presented.

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

**D. Recommendation to approve ELO-P stipends for eligible eight (8) hour staff for their additional responsibilities related to the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P)**

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 ELO-P stipends for eligible eight (8) hour staff for their additional responsibilities related to the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) (Item IV.D.) was approved as presented.

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

**V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION**

- A. Update on FCPS OPEB Trust and FCPS Investment Account**
- B. Progress on final phase of expansion of FCLA and STEM**
- C. Governor’s May Revision**
- D. Revision to Employee Handbook**

*These were information items only and no action was taken.*

**VI. CLOSED SESSION**

Chair Lucente made the following announcement:

“The Board of Directors will now be moving into closed session to discuss matters described in Section VI. Matters to be discussed are those permitted by Government Code Section 54957 - Public Employee Performance Evaluation, and Government Code Section 54956.9 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation.”

The Board convened to Closed Session at 6:04 p.m.

- A. Government Code 54957**

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION –  
Evaluation of Chief Executive Officer**

**B. Government Code 54957  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION –  
Evaluation of Chief Operating Officer**

**C. Government Code 54957  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION –  
Evaluation of Executive Advisor**

**D. Government Code Section 54956.9  
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED  
LITIGATION**

**VII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 6:47 p.m.

Chair Lucente announced that action was taken on the following items by the Board of Directors in Closed Session:

**A. Government Code 54957  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION –  
Evaluation of Chief Executive Officer**

On **MOTION** of Yvette King-Berg, **SECONDED** by Daniel Laughlin and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the Board evaluated the performance of Dr. David Riddick, the Chief Executive Officer, for the 2021-2022 school year. In alignment with the salary provisions established for all staff, Dr. Riddick’s current annual salary of \$180,000 will remain unchanged, and as per the Board’s request, Dr. Riddick will additionally receive the \$10,000 annual stipend, and any additional stipends that have been approved for all full-time certificated and classified employees for the 2022-2023 school year.

**B. Government Code 54957  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION –  
Evaluation of Chief Operating Officer**

On **MOTION** of Yvette King-Berg, **SECONDED** by Jed Wallace and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the Board evaluated the performance of Mr. Jason Gonzalez, the Chief Operating Officer, for the 2021-2022 school year. In alignment with the salary provisions established for all staff, Mr. Gonzalez’s current annual salary of \$160,000 will remain unchanged, and as per the Board’s request, Mr. Gonzalez will additionally receive the \$10,000 annual stipend, and any additional stipends that have been approved for all full-time certificated and classified employees for the 2022-2023 school year.

**C. Government Code 54957  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION –  
Evaluation of Executive Advisor**

On **MOTION** of Yvette King-Berg, **SECONDED** by Daniel Laughlin and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the Board evaluated the performance of Mrs. Irene Sumida who serves as the Executive Advisor to Dr. Riddick, Mr. Gonzalez, and the Board of Directors for the 2021-2022 school year. As mutually agreed upon at the end of the 2020-2021 school year, Mrs. Sumida will continue in the position for the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Sumida's annual salary will be the approved limitation established by CalSTRS for the 2022-2023 school year. She will not be eligible to receive any stipends or other compensation.

**D. Government Code Section 54956.9  
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED  
LITIGATION**

*Chair Lucente announced that no action was taken on Item VI.D. in Closed Session.*

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fenton Charter Public Schools will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Irene Sumida  
Secretary of the Board