

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

**April 7, 2022**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fenton Charter Public Schools was held on Thursday, April 7, 2022, 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** – Secretary of the Board – Irene Sumida

**Board Members Present**

Yvette King-Berg, *Community Representative*

Daniel Laughlin, *Parent Representative*

Joe Lucente, *Community Representative*

Walter Wallace, *Community Representative*

**Board Members Not Present**

Diane Abeyta, *Parent Representative*

Jed Wallace, *Community Representative*

**C. Approval of the Agenda** – Chair Lucente

On **MOTION** of Walter Wallace, **SECONDED** by Daniel Laughlin and **CARRIED** by a vote of 4 (YES) and 0 (NO), the Agenda (Item I.C.) was approved with one revision: items needing board approval were placed before all communication and information items.

Aye: (4) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,  
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 4 (YES) and 0 (NO), the minutes of the March 3, 2022 Regular Meeting (Item I.D.) were approved as presented.

Aye: (4) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,  
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**

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 \$407K, an increase of \$11K from the previous update. The main drivers for this change include:
  - Outstanding bills for Apple equipment from 2020 that had not been accrued (\$265K consolidated increase in expense)
  - Increase in contracted Special Education services at FPC (\$144K increase in expense)
  - Received ASCIP rebates for Workers’ Compensation and health benefits (\$84K increase in revenue at FACS, FPC, and FCPS)
  - Shifting ESSER III funds to rebalance budgets (\$332K consolidated decrease in revenue)

### **D. 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.

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

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

**F. 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 Annual Maintenance Charges Contract for the LACOE BEST Advantage System**

**C. Recommendation to receive and file rebates for Fenton’s participation in ASCIP’s Workers’ Compensation and Health Benefits programs**

On **MOTION** of Walter Wallace, **SECONDED** by Yvette King-Berg and **CARRIED** by a vote of 4 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda (Items III.A., III. B. and III.C.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (4) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,  
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 Daniel Laughlin, **SECONDED** by Yvette King-Berg and **CARRIED** by a vote of 4 (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. *Expenditure approved:* \$300,000 for weekly COVID-19 PCR Testing.

Aye: (4) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,  
Walter Wallace  
Nay: (0)

Abstentions: (0)

**B. Recommendation to receive and file 2021-2022 Annual Performance-Based Oversight Visit Reports for the Fenton Schools**

On **MOTION** of Yvette King-Berg, **SECONDED** by Daniel Laughlin and **CARRIED** by a vote of 4 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to receive and file the 2021-2022 Annual Performance-Based Oversight Visit Reports for the Fenton Schools (Item IV.B.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (4) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,  
Walter Wallace

Nay: (0)

Abstentions: (0)

**C. Recommendation to approve expenditures for the Math Adoption for Fenton Avenue Charter School, Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School, Fenton Primary Center, Fenton STEM Academy and Fenton Charter Leadership Academy**

On **MOTION** of Yvette King-Berg, **SECONDED** by Walter Wallace and **CARRIED** by a vote of 4 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve expenditures for the Math Adoption for Fenton Avenue Charter School, Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School, Fenton Primary Center, Fenton STEM Academy and Fenton Charter Leadership Academy (Item IV.C.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (4) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,  
Walter Wallace

Nay: (0)

Abstentions: (0)

**D. Recommendation to approve revised differentiated stipends for staff to recognize their efforts during the 2022-2023 school year**

On **MOTION** of Walter Wallace, **SECONDED** by Daniel Laughlin and **CARRIED** by a vote of 4 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve revised differentiated stipends for staff to recognize their efforts during the 2022-2023 school year (Item IV.D.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (4) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,  
Walter Wallace

Nay: (0)

Abstentions: (0)

**E. Recommendation to approve the selection of Administrative Coordinators for Fenton Avenue Charter School**

On **MOTION** of Yvette King-Berg, **SECONDED** by Daniel Laughlin and **CARRIED** by a vote of 4 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve the selection of Administrative Coordinators for Fenton Avenue Charter School (Item IV.E.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (4) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,  
Walter Wallace  
Nay: (0)  
Abstentions: (0)

**F. Recommendation to approve the selection of Acceleration Specialists for Fenton Avenue Charter School, Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School, Fenton Primary Center, Fenton STEM Academy and Fenton Charter Leadership Academy**

On **MOTION** of Yvette King-Berg, **SECONDED** by Walter Wallace and **CARRIED** by a vote of 4 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve the selection of Acceleration Specialists for Fenton Avenue Charter School, Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School, Fenton Primary Center, Fenton STEM Academy and Fenton Charter Leadership Academy (Item IV.F.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (4) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,  
Walter Wallace  
Nay: (0)  
Abstentions: (0)

**G. Recommendation to approve selection of Expanded Learning Coordinators for Fenton Avenue Charter School, Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School, Fenton Primary Center, Fenton STEM Academy and Fenton Charter Leadership Academy**

On **MOTION** of Yvette King-Berg, **SECONDED** by Daniel Laughlin and **CARRIED** by a vote of 4 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve the selection of Expanded Learning Coordinators for Fenton Avenue Charter School, Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School, Fenton Primary Center, Fenton STEM Academy and Fenton Charter Leadership Academy (Item IV.G.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (4) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente,  
Walter Wallace  
Nay: (0)  
Abstentions: (0)

**V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION**

**A. Update on FCPS OPEB Trust and FCPS Investment Account**

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

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

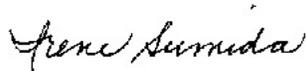
**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fenton Charter Public Schools will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 4:30 pm via Zoom meeting.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Irene Sumida  
Secretary of the Board