

ORCUTT UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Charter Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, March 13, 2013
Closed Session 6:00 p.m.
Public Session —6:15 p.m.
District Office Board Room
500 Dyer Street, Orcutt, CA. 93455

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Trustees welcomes comments about items appearing or not appearing on tonight's agenda. The audience members wishing to address the Board during the Public Comment segment of the agenda are reminded to fill out a Public Comment Form from the Superintendent's secretary and submit it prior to the time the presiding officer calls for Public Comment.

A maximum of thirty (30) minutes is set aside for Public Comment; speakers are allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to address the board on any items within the Board's jurisdiction in accordance with the Brown Act. The Board will limit any response to public comments to brief statements, referral to staff, or referral to a future board meeting.

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS

This section of the agenda is intended for members of the public to address the Board of Trustees on items that are being considered in Closed Session.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing matters expressly authorized by Government Code Section 3549.1, 54956.95, 54957, and 54957.6.

1. Public Employment per Personnel Report.
2. Public Employee Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release.
3. Conference with labor negotiator Robert Bush, Superintendent and/or Don Nicholson.
 - a. OEA
 - b. CSEA
4. Conference with labor negotiators for unrepresented employees:
 - a. Certificated and Classified Management, and Confidential.
Agency representative – Superintendent.
 - b. Superintendent. Agency representative – Board of Trustees
5. Student disciplinary/expulsion matters.

RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION 6:15 P.M.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Public Report on Action Taken in Closed Session
- C. Superintendent's Report
An opportunity for the Superintendent to share matters of special interest or importance which are not on the board agenda and/or special presentations of district programs or activities such as curriculum/instructional updates, timely events/information, and district activities.
 1. ASB Report – Kaitlin Tilley, ASB President
 2. Student Response System – Ted Lyon
 3. SOAAR Business Plan – Joe Dana/Rich Antles

D. Public Comment

An opportunity for the public to provide input to the Board of Trustees. Those wishing to speak about a specific agenda item may do so during the Public Comment segment or when the item is being considered. Any request to speak must be submitted on a **Request for Public Comment Form** which can be obtained from the Superintendent's secretary and submitted prior to the presiding officer addressing the item. If you choose to speak when an item is before the Board, your name will be called prior to board consideration. An item not on the agenda must be addressed during the Public Comment segment of the agenda.

E. Written Communication

Documents addressed to or by board members as communications during a Board of Education meeting are defined as letters from parents or community members regarding issues within the jurisdiction of authority of the Board of Education; information or reports from professional organizations, i.e., CSBA, SBCSBA, etc.; letters or reports from other public agencies; letters or reports from legislators; or letters or reports from district schools or staff.

F. Public Hearing - None

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Actions proposed for Consent Agenda (block vote) items are consistent with approved practices of the district and are deemed routine in nature. Since trustees receive board agenda backup information in advance of scheduled meetings, they are prepared to vote with knowledge on the block vote items. Consent Agenda items are voted on at one time, although any such item can be considered separately at a board member's request.

- A. Certificated Personnel Action Report
- B. Regular Charter Board Minutes, February 13, 2013
- C. Hiring of Additional Charter High School Coaches for 2012/2013
- D. Certification of Coaches 2012/2013

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve Consent Agenda Items A through D, as submitted.

Moved _____ Second _____ Vote _____

A. GENERAL

1. Acceptance of Gifts

Orcutt Academy High School received a donation of \$2,000 from the Los Alamos Valley Men's Club to cover the cost of transportation for the Choir to travel to Disneyland and participate in "Music in the Park."

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees accept this gift and direct that a letter of acceptance and appreciation be forwarded to Los Alamos Valley Men's Club.

Moved _____ Second _____ Vote _____

2. OAHS IFly Field Trip

Staff requests that the Board of Trustees approve the OAHS IFly field trip to Union City, CA. on April 19, 2013 by students from the Conceptual Physics, Physics and AP Physics classes.

Moved _____ Second _____ Vote _____

3. Charter School Renewal Petition

Staff submits this documentation and by so doing, the 30- and 60-day timelines mentioned in the Submission of Charter Renewal Evidence and Documentation memo begin. Staff requests that the Board of Trustees officially receive the petition through this Board action. A copy of the Charter School Renewal Petition is available for review at the District Office, 500 Dyer Street, Orcutt, CA. Monday-Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Moved _____ Second _____ Vote _____

B. BUSINESS

1. Second Interim Report 2012/2013

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Second Interim Report 2012/2013 as presented and authorize the filing of a positive certification with the Santa Barbara County Education Office. A copy of the Second Interim Report 2012/2013 is available for review at the District Office, 500 Dyer Street, Orcutt, CA. Monday-Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Moved _____ Second _____ Vote _____

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

1. Charter Financial Report
2. Items from the Board

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Unless otherwise noticed, the next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2013 with Closed Session beginning at 6:00 p.m. followed by Public Session at 6:15 p.m. in the District Office Board Room, 500 Dyer Street, Orcutt, CA.

ADJOURN

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Superintendent's Office at (805) 938-8907. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the district to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

All documents related to the open session agenda are available for review 72 hours prior to the meeting at the Orcutt Union School District Office, 500 Dyer Street, Orcutt, CA.

ORCUTT ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS

ORCUTT UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Certificated Personnel Action Report

TO: Bob Bush
District Superintendent

FROM: Jan Yanagisako
Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

DATE: Board Meeting of March 13, 2013

RE: **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION**

<i>SCHOOL</i>	<i>CLASS/ STEP</i>	<i>EFFECTIVE DATE</i>	<i>ACTION INFORMATION</i>
Casmalia	Hourly	1/24/13	NWEA Training, 1.75 hrs
Charter HS	VI-20 Extra Duty	2013-14 1/7-6/7/2013	Prob 2 PLC Lead Teacher
Charter HS	V-20	2013-14	Permanence
Charter HS	V-4 Extra Duty	2013-14 1/14-1/31/13	Permanence Intervention, 8 hrs
Charter HS	Stipend	2012-13	Boys Varsity Tennis Coach
Casmalia	VI-8	2013-14	Permanence
Charter HS	V-2	2013-14	Prob 2
Charter HS	Extra Duty	1/7-6/7/2013	PLC Lead Teacher
Charter HS	VI-8	6/30/13	Resignation
Charter HS	Extra Duty	1/8-1/31/13	Detention, 8 hrs
Charter HS	V-3	2013-14	Permanence
Charter HS	Extra Duty	1/7-6/7/2013	PLC Lead Teacher
Charter HS	III-3	2013-14	Permanence
Charter HS	Extra Duty	1/8-1/31/13	Geometry Support, 7 hrs
Charter HS	IV-3 Extra Duty	2013-14 1/7-6/7/2013 1/14-1/29/13	Permanence PLC Lead Teacher Intervention, 6 hrs
Charter HS	I-3	2013-14	Prob 2
Charter	Hourly	1/7-1/30/13	Charter Consultant, 45 hrs

*To be prorated

<i>SCHOOL</i>	<i>CLASS/STEP</i>	<i>EFFECTIVE DATE</i>	<i>ACTION INFORMATION</i>
Charter HS	IV-8	2013-14	Prob 2, 20% contract
Charter HS	VI-20	2013-14	Permanence
Charter HS	Extra Duty	1/7-6/7/2013	PLC Lead Teacher
Charter HS	IV-7	2013-14	Permanence

*To be prorated

**ORCUTT UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGUALR CHARTER MEETING
February 13, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular charter meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Orcutt Union School District was held on Wednesday, February 13, 2013, with Jan Zilli calling Public Session to order at 6:03 p.m. Members Present: Buchanan, Peterson, Hatch Zilli and Phillips. Absent: None. Administrators Present: Bush, Yanagisako, Edds and Ochej. Absent: None.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Liz Phillips, seconded by Jim Peterson and carried to adjourn to Closed Session at 6:05 p.m.

RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

The meeting reconvened to Public Session at 6:16 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob Hatch. Board President Zilli reported that no action was taken in Closed Session.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Kaitlin Tilley, OAHS ASB President, gave her monthly report. An entertaining circus themed Winter Sports Rally was held on February 8, 2013. On February 16, 2013 the Sadie Hawkins Day dance, "Opposite Attract" will be held. Kaitlin reported that on March 6, 2013 OAHS students will participate in the Special Olympics and Best Buddies Annual Day of Awareness of the hurtful use of the "R" word. Cinderella's Closet will take place on March 9, 2013 at the Element Church. This is an opportunity for girls to have access to gently used or new dresses, shoes and accessories for Prom. The Spartatroniks Robotics team, mentors and advisors were in attendance to present the robot they would be taking to competition this year. Team leads were introduced and each gave a brief explanation of their role on the team. 2012/2013 Team Leaders are:

- Brian Bond, Team Captain
- Mason Souther, Mechanical Lead
- Kathryn O'Neil, Chassis Lead
- Hayden Downum, Business Lead
- Grace Douglass, Outreach Lead
- Gabriel Oman, Electrical Lead
- Charlie Miller, CAD Lead
- Tyler Veness, Programming Lead
- Harrison Miller, Rules Lead
- Mark Bae, Rally Lead

The meeting was adjourned to the IMC parking lot where the team was able to demonstrate the robot's skills. The audience was able to see how quickly the team can make adjustments and repairs when the robot does not perform as expected.

Joe Dana gave an Academy Enrollment Lottery recap. There were 182 applicants for the OAK-8 campus (up 15 over last year), 79 being out of the district. The OAHS had 267 applicants (down 19 over last year), 60 being from out of the district. Enrollment projections for 2013/2014 are 84 students for OAK-8 and 599 for OAHS. Mr. Dana thanked Matt Barsotti, Margaret George, Kim Domingues, Ted Lyon, Laurel Cievro and Monica Michel for all they contributed to the process.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Certificated Personnel Action Report
- B. Regular Charter Board Minutes, January 9, 2013
- C. Hiring of Additional Charter High School Coaches 2012/2013

It was moved by Jim Peterson, seconded by Bob Hatch and carried to approve Consent Agenda Items A, through C as submitted.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

It was moved by Jim Peterson, seconded by Liz Phillips and carried to approve the March 27-30, 2013 Robotics Team trip to the Coussoulis Arena on the campus of Cal State San Bernardino to compete in the FIRST Inland Empire Regional Competition

It was moved by Rob Buchanan, seconded by Jim Peterson and carried to approve the March 20-23, 2013 Robotics Team trip to Long Beach, CA. to compete in the FIRST Los Angeles Robotics Regional Competition.

It was moved by Liz Phillips, seconded by Jim Peterson and carried to approve the April 12-13, 2013 OAHS Choir trip to Disneyland in Anaheim, CA. to participate in the Music in the Park Festival.

It was moved by Bob Hatch, seconded by Jim Peterson and carried to approve the February 22-23, 2013 OAHS Cheer Team trip to Buena Park, CA. to participate in a competition at Knott's Berry Farm.

It was moved by Liz Phillips, seconded by Jim Peterson and carried to accept the gifts and directed that a letter of acceptance and appreciation be forwarded to Melfred Borzall, Inc., Best Buy Children's Foundation, FLIR Charitable Giving Program and the San Luis Obispo County Reading Association.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

The Charter Financial Report was presented for information/discussion. Marysia reported that nothing unusual was contained in the report.

Rob Buchanan and Liz Phillips visited the OAHS staff on February 12th.

Superintendent Bush congratulated the OAHS staff and everyone involved in the accreditation process for their success in being awarded a 6 year WASC accreditation.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ADJOURN

It was moved by Bob Hatch, seconded by Rob Buchanan and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Bob Bush, Board Secretary

Dr. James Peterson, Clerk, Board of Trustees

ORCUTT ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

ORCUTT UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO: Robert Bush
District Superintendent

FROM: Jan Yanagisako
Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

DATE: March 13, 2013

RE: ***NOTIFICATION TO BOARD –HIRING OF ADDITIONAL CHARTER
HIGH SCHOOL COACHES FOR 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR***

Orcutt Academy High School:

John Cartwright

Boys Varsity Tennis Coach

*Volunteer coaches are required to submit similar paperwork as paid positions. They are not required to hold an ASCC certificate from the CTC but have submitted fingerprints to FBI and DOJ reportable to Orcutt Union School District



PERSONNEL SERVICES MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert Bush

FROM: Jan Yanagisako

DATE: March 13, 2013

RE: Certification of Coaches

BACKGROUND: By April 1st of each year, local governing school boards shall certify to the State Board of Education that the coaches hired by the district meet the provisions of Section 5593 (i.e., first aide, CPR, coursework, etc.)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees certify that the provisions of Section 5593 have been met by the coaches hired by the Charter High School.

FUNDING: N/A

ORCUTT ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

ORCUTT UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO: Robert Bush
District Superintendent

FROM: Jan Yanagisako
Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

DATE: March 13, 2013

RE: ***NOTIFICATION TO BOARD
CERTIFICATION OF COACHES FOR 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR***

Article 5, Section 5594, of the California Administrative Code, requires that “the District Superintendent shall certify to the local Board of Trustees that the provisions in Section 5593 have been met” with respect to the selection of temporary athletic team coaches. Section 5594 also requires that “by April 1 of each year, local governing school boards shall certify to the State Board of Education that the provisions of Section 5593 have been met.” Section 5593 applies to any person serving at any grade level as a temporary athletic team coach.

All temporary coaches hired for the 2012-13 school year have been certified as meeting the provisions of Section 5593.

Orcutt Academy Charter High School:

Anthony Payne	Varsity Football
Justin Magdaleno	Varsity Football
Danny Avila	Girls Varsity Basketball
Gilbert Fierros	Girls Jr. Varsity Basketball
Darrell Black	Boys Varsity Basketball
Richard Faulk	Boys Jr. Varsity Basketball
Jared Hart	Boys and Girls Track
Stephanie Krouse	Boys and Girls Track Assistant
Roger Fabing	Cross Country
Joe Warrick	Cross Country Assistant
Patrick Ortiz	Girls Varsity Tennis
Raymond Kinsey	Girls Jr. Varsity Tennis
John Cartwright	Boys Varsity Tennis
Raymond Kinsey	Boys Jr. Varsity Tennis

Rick Velasco	Girls Varsity Soccer
Henry Bermudez	Girls Jr. Varsity Soccer
Manuel Baro	Boys Varsity Soccer
Bill Tjaden	Boys Jr. Varsity Soccer
Annika Walker	Girls Varsity Volleyball
Brenda Sullens	Girls Jr. Varsity Volleyball
Shane Davis	Boys Varsity Volleyball
Karl Cudworth	Girls Golf
Karl Cudworth	Boys Golf
Deanna Ayers	Boys and Girls Swim
Brittany Enthoven	Boys and Girls Swim Assistant
Alicia Pasko	Boys and Girls Dive
Robert Pena	Varsity Baseball
Larry Burnham	Jr. Varsity Baseball
Deedra Dutra	Varsity Softball
Ulvia Frank	Jr. Varsity Softball
Alicia Pasko	Cheerleading

Unpaid Volunteer Assistant Coaches at the Charter HS:

James West	Varsity Football
Nathaniel Sparks	Varsity Football
Nathan Castillo	Varsity Football
Dave Rapson	Boys Varsity Basketball
Elias Soto	Girls Varsity Basketball
Tom Sullivan	Girls Varsity Basketball
Stephanie Hull	Girls Varsity Tennis
Olivia Connelly	Girls Varsity Volleyball
Margaret Elfering	Girls Jr. Varsity Volleyball
Tim Papworth	Boys Varsity Volleyball
Robert Speaker	Boys Varsity Volleyball
Jim Rose	Varsity Baseball
Christian Allen	Jr. Varsity Baseball
Kurt Mason	Jr. Varsity Baseball
Gordon Dutra	Varsity Softball
Chris Rojas	Varsity Softball
Danielle Fatoorchi	Swim

*Volunteer coaches are required to submit similar paperwork as paid positions. They are not required to hold a CIF certificate or an ASCC certificate from the CTC but have submitted fingerprints to FBI and DOJ reportable to Orcutt Union School District.

ORCUTT ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

ORCUTT UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

2012-13 CERTIFICATION
TEMPORARY ATHLETIC TEAM COACHES

TO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Section 5594, requires:

By April 1 of each year, each local governing school board shall certify to the State Board of Education that the provisions of Section 5593 have been met.

LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify the school district has met the conditions set forth in Title 5, Sections 5593 and 5594.

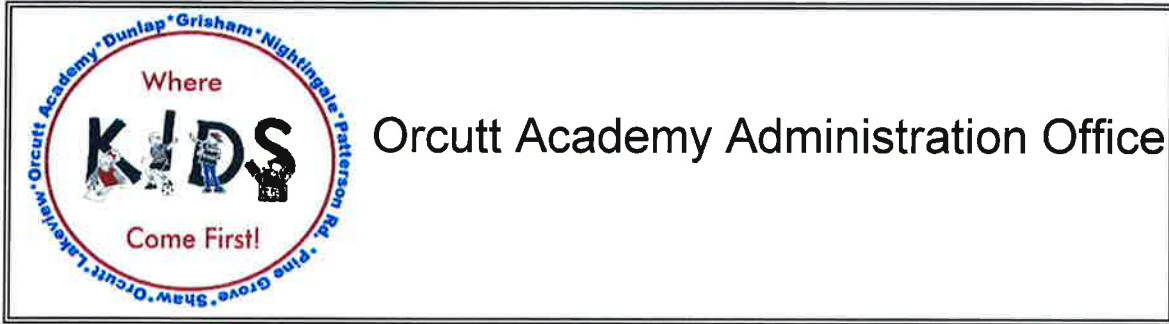
Orcutt Academy Charter High School
500 Dyer Street
Orcutt, CA 93455

Jan Zilli, President
Board of Trustees

(School District)

(Date)

Return to: State Board of Education
Department of Education
1430 N. St.
Sacramento, CA 95814



TO: Mr. Bob Bush, Superintendent

FROM: Mr. Ted Lyon, Jr., OAHS Principal

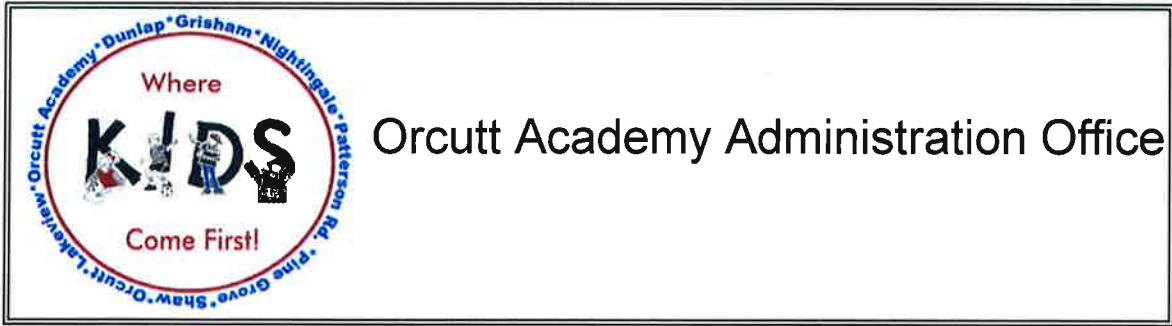
BOARD MEETING DATE: March 13, 2013

BOARD AGENDA ITEM: Acceptance of Gift from the Los Alamos Valley Men's Club

BACKGROUND: We recently received a generous check in the amount of \$2000.00 from the Los Alamos Valley Men's Club. This donation will be used to cover the cost of transportation for our Choir to travel to Disneyland and participate in "Music in the Park".

RECOMMENDATION: Please join me in accepting this generous gift from the Los Alamos Valley Men's Club.

FUNDING: No Impact on General Fund



TO: Mr. Bob Bush, Superintendent

FROM: Mr. Ted Lyon, Jr., OAHS Principal

BOARD MEETING DATE: March 13, 2013

BOARD AGENDA ITEM: IFly Trip

BACKGROUND: Fifty Orcutt Academy High School students and 9 adults will be traveling to Union City, CA on Friday, April 19, 2013 to participate in an IFly event. These students are from our Conceptual Physics (Mr. Ty Fredriks), Physics and AP Physics (Mr. Skyler Lassman) classes. This trip is an educationally sound Physics based trip. Students will receive a strong educational experience relating to air pressure, Bernoulli's Principle, dynamic equilibrium, and balanced and unbalanced forces. The OAHS students and teachers will be transported to this event by OAHS parent volunteers. The students will return on the evening of April 19th.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends this trip be approved as submitted.

FUNDING: No Impact on General Fund

Memo



To: Bob Bush, Superintendent
From: Joe Dana, Director of Charter Programs
Kenneth Cardona, Chairperson, School Advisory Council
Date: March 13, 2013
Re: Submission of Charter Renewal Evidence and Documentation

After reviewing stakeholder survey results regarding the effectiveness of our previous charter's implementation and considering future needs of the Orcutt Academy Charter School, the School Advisory Council respectfully submits all charter renewal documents as required by California Education Code Sections 47605-47607. The proposed "renewed" charter for 2013-2018 is submitted for your review. (Please note that highlighted page number references in the charter will be edited once strikeout copy is deleted.) Additionally, "A Case for Charter Renewal" is attached for your consideration and that of the Board of Trustees.

From this point forward, the following timeline defines future required action by the Board of Trustees for charter renewal to be accomplished:

- Within 30 days of receiving the renewal petition, the Board is required to review the documentation and obtain public input through a public hearing. This public hearing is scheduled for the April 10, 2013 meeting of the Board of Trustees.
- Within 60 days of receiving the renewal petition, or within 90 days if extended by mutual written agreement of the Board and the School Advisory Council, the Board shall either grant or deny the request to renew the charter (California Education Code Sections 47605-47607). The May 8, 2013 meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Board action relative to the renewal of the charter.

A review of future Board meeting dates on our district website for the months of March, April, and May finds the scheduled meetings fall within the 30- and 60-day boundaries.

This evening, staff submits this documentation and by so doing, the 30- and 60-day timelines mentioned in paragraphs three and four above begin. We respectfully ask that the Board of Trustees officially receive our petition through Board action.

Charter Board Meeting Dates Related to Charter Renewal:

March 13, 2013 – Staff gives petition for charter renewal and documentation to Board

April 10, 2013 – Public Hearing

May 8, 2013 – Board action for charter renewal or denial

***Renewal Petition for
Orcutt Academy Charter School***

***A Dependent, Indirectly Funded Charter School
Chartered and Operated by the Orcutt Union School District***

We, the undersigned, believe that the attached **charter renewal** petition merits consideration and implementation, and thereby petition the Orcutt Union School District Board of Trustees to grant approval of the **charter renewal pursuant** to Education Code Section 47607 and Title V, Chapter 11, Sub-Chapter 19, Article 2 to enable ~~the creation~~ **the ongoing operation and development** of the **charter school**. Orcutt Academy **and the Orcutt Union School District** agree to operate the school pursuant to the terms of the Charter Schools Act and the provisions of the school's charter. ~~The petitioners listed below certify that they are meaningfully interested in teaching in the charter school. By signing below, the petitioners certify that they have read and reviewed the attached charter petition. The undersigned, with the expectation of 215 students enrolled in this school during its first year of operation and further expecting no more than 9 full-time equivalent teachers to be hired and/or teaching at this school during its first year of operation, offer their five (5) or more signatures as evidence of their meaningful interest in teaching in this school... representing at least 50% of the teachers required for the first year of the school's operation. The petitioners authorize the Lead Petitioner, Kenneth Parker to negotiate any amendments to the attached charter necessary to secure approval by the Orcutt Union School District Board of Trustees. The parties below agree to work toward the full implementation of this charter renewal over its five-year term.~~

By the Lead Petitioner:

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____
(please print) **Chairperson of the School Advisory Council**

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____
Director of Orcutt Union School District Charter Programs

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____
Superintendent, Orcutt Union School District

A Case for Charter Renewal

Orcutt Academy Charter School

Charter Number 967

History

In August 2008, Orcutt Academy Charter School opened its doors to students in grades K-9. For the next three years, a high school grade was added, and in June 2012 our high school's original ninth grade class crossed the stage as graduating seniors. What began as a small venture with a total of 170 students is now a multi-site school with grades 9-12 on one campus, grades K-8 on a nearby campus, and an independent study program for grades K-8. Our current enrollment is nearly 700 students (including independent study) and we anticipate 740 students in the 2013-2014 school year.

On June 30, 2013, our first charter will expire. This "Case for Charter Renewal" is meant to be both a reflective learning tool and an evidentiary process from which our next five-year charter will emerge for submission to the Board of Trustees of the school's authorizing agency, the Orcutt Union School District. The rigor for charter renewal has been kept intentionally high to assure state compliance and also to assure a laser focus on student learning. It is important to note that charter renewal items new since the adoption of Orcutt Academy's original charter have been included in this renewal. These items include the new language regarding discrimination (Education Code 220) and also compliance with SB 1290 and its focus on student Academic Performance Index (API) achievement growth in all subgroups.

Charter Renewal Guidance Orcutt Academy Charter School

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To: Bob Bush, District Superintendent
From: Joe Dana, Director of Charter Programs, and Dr. Ken Parker, Charter Consultant
Date: March 13, 2013
Re: A Case for Charter Renewal

Background – On June 30, 2013, the first charter petition for Orcutt Academy Charter School will expire. Though it seems like only yesterday when the Board approved the first charter of the school, it is time to begin the evidentiary process that will result in a five-year renewal of the school’s charter. A charter renewal is a matter of law and is reflected in Title V the California Education Code and in the Charter Schools Act of 1992, as amended through the end of the 2010 regular legislative session in June 2011. The following sections of charter law and legislation are meant to guide the renewal process.

General Overview of Charter Renewal Process - Section 11966.4 of Title V, Submission of a Charter School Renewal Petition to Governing Board of a School District states, “A petition for renewal submitted pursuant to Education Code section 47607 (see appendix) shall be considered received when submitted to the district governing board with all of the requirements set forth in this subdivision:

- Documentation charter school meets one of the criteria specified in Education Code 47607.
- A copy of the renewal charter petition including a reasonably comprehensive description of how the charter has met all new charter school requirements enacted into law since the charter was originally granted or last renewed.
- The signature requirement set forth in Education Code section 47605(a) is not applicable to a petition for renewal.

(b)(1) When considering a petition for renewal, the district governing board shall consider the past performance of the school’s academics, finances and operation in evaluating the likelihood of future success, along with future plans for improvement if any.

(2) The district governing board may deny a petition for renewal of a charter school only if the district governing board makes written factual findings, specific to the particular petition, setting forth specific facts to support one or more of the grounds for denial set forth in Education Code section 47605(b).

(c) If within 60 days of a district governing boards receipt of a petition for renewal, the district board fails to make written factual findings as to why the charter school is not renewed, the renewal petition shall be deemed approved for the purposes of this section.

(1) The district governing board and charter petitioner may extend this date by an additional 30 days only by written mutual agreement.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 33031, Education Code, Reference: Sections 47605 and 47607, Education Code.

Review of Granting Agency's Renewal Policies – The renewal agency's charter school policy (Board Policy 0420.42 (a-c) was reviewed. Issues that were specific to the renewal policy that were not covered elsewhere in this Case for Renewal follow.

1. The petition for renewal shall include a reasonably comprehensive description of how the charter school has met all new charter school requirements enacted into law after the charter was originally granted or last renewed. The petition also shall include documentation that the charter school meets as least one of the criteria for academic performance specified in Education Code 47607 (b). (Education Code 47607; 5CCR 11966.4).
2. The board shall not grant a renewal until at least 30 days after the charter school submits such documentation of its academic performance. (Education Code 47607)
3. Within 30 days of receiving the renewal petition, the Board shall hold a public hearing to review documentation submitted by the charter school and obtain public input.
4. Within 60 days of receiving the renewal petition, or within 90 days if extended by mutual written agreement of the Board and the charter school, the Board shall either grant or deny the request to renew the charter. (Education Code 47606; CCR 11966.4).
5. Renewals shall be governed by the same standards and criteria that apply to new charter petitions as set forth in Education Code 47605. When considering a petition for renewal, the Board shall consider the past performance of the charter school's academics, finances, and operations in evaluating the likelihood of future success, along with plans for improvement, if any. (Education Code 47607; CCR 11966.4).
6. Each renewal shall be for a period of five years (Education Code 47607).

Reasons for Denial of a Charter - The Board shall deny a renewal petition only if it makes a written factual finding setting forth specific facts to support one or more of the following grounds: (Education Code 47605, 47607; 5 CCR 11966.4).

- a. The charter school presents an unsound educational program for the students to be enrolled in the charter school.
- b. The petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition.
- c. The petition does not obtain an affirmation of each of the conditions described in Education Code 47605(d). *"A charter shall be nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations, shall not charge tuition, and*