

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING 1-20-09 #798
BOARD OF EDUCATION

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education Vice President, Mrs. Mary Rees, called the regular meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. at Oak Park High School Presentation Room, G9, 899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park.

BOARD PRESENT

Mrs. Jan Iceland, President, Mrs. Mary Rees, Vice President, Mrs. Barbara Laifman, Clerk, Mrs. Marie Panec, Member, and Mrs. Cindy Vinson, Member (by phone).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:37 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Jan Iceland, reconvened the regular meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. in the Oak Park High School, Presentation Room, G9, 899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park.

BOARD PRESENT

Mrs. Jan Iceland, President, Mrs. Mary Rees, Vice President, Mrs. Barbara Laifman, Clerk, Mrs. Marie Panec, Member, Mrs. Cindy Vinson, Member (by phone), and Ben Pyle, Student Board Representative.

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Tony Knight, Superintendent, Mr. Martin Klauss, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Mr. Cliff Moore, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, Mrs. Laurel Ford, Director, Teaching and Learning, and Ms. Linda Sheridan, Executive Assistant

FLAG SALUTE

Barbara Dickerson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

During Closed Session held this evening the Board took no action.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education adopted the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Barbara Laifman reported she attended the Oak Park High School Acceptance Week awards before the holiday break. The students were very deserving of these awards and the entire week was very inspiring and helped teach students to respect others differences. She attended the Medea Creek Middle School Band Concert which was dedicated to student Cody Badalato who died just days before. Mrs. Laifman wanted to invite everyone to attend the District sponsored gathering at her home on Friday morning at 10 a.m. to discuss the budget. She attended the EEAC meeting where they discussed their

continued efforts to bring recycling programs into the schools and they are looking at earth day activities. Mrs. Laifman also attended the EEL meeting where they discussed the Zangle and Rosetta Stone programs. Board Member Marie Panec reported that the Curriculum Council meeting in December was canceled and the January meeting will be held tomorrow and she could not attend the January SEAC meeting because it was the same night as our Special Board Meeting. Board Member Mary Rees reported that January is a time for resolutions and the District and Board should have the same goals for excellence in education for all students. The Board set goals which the Leadership took to teachers and these goals are working but we need to be mindful of our finances and need to look at every single thing we spend money on. Mrs. Rees attended the Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks meeting where they are planning a ski trip for teens in March, installing a dog park and water park in Oak Park in the summer and having a Drive In Theater in June. Board Member Jan Iceland reported she attended the Ventura County School Boards dinner where the speakers spoke on negotiations and budget. She received information from CSBA on how the Legal Alliance has helped with the settlement on Special Education. Mrs. Iceland attended the Finance Committee meeting where they watched a webinar from CSBA on the budget. They will meet again on February 12.

REPORT FROM STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Ben Pyle reported Peer Counseling is planning a fundraiser. They are working on their memorial garden and will be adding something for the Medea Creek student who died. There are two basketball games this week, one with Oaks Christian. This weekend there will be the play "Life After High School" on January 22, 23, and 24. They are finalizing the prom site, planning the Monte Carlo dance and finals are next week.

REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Knight is proud to report that both Medea Creek Middle School and Oak Park High School have received word that they have advanced in the 2009 Distinguished School application process and will have site validation visits in March or April. He is pleased to report that five students attended the inauguration today which is an historic day for the country. Dr. Knight watched the event on TV with the Oak View High School students this morning.

Dr. Knight spoke about the unprecedented situation we are facing right now with the California state budget and how it affects our district. We must remember to keep our core goals and moral imperatives intact during these very difficult times and not jeopardize the hard work we have done.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL REPORTS

Oak Park High School – Doug Orens reported the School Site Council discussed graduation tickets and honors programs costs. They had a facilities update and looked at priorities. The California Distinguished school visit will be in March. Emergency signs have been installed on the buildings and will be installed on top of the buildings as well. They have looked into the "Every 15 Minutes" safety program for students which has been determined to be too expensive.

Oak View High School – Linda Roberts reported School Site Council reviewed and approved the Site Safety Plan. Staff has been trained in search and rescue and are presently taking CPR and first aid classes. School Site Council reviewed and approved the school single plan which includes an anti-bullying component. The school made a field trip to Ventura Mission before the holidays and is planning a trip to the Museum of Tolerance and Santa Barbara Zoo.

Oak Park Independent School – Jackie Fienberg reported several classes have opened up at OPIS because of early graduates. They are looking at developing some kind of scholarship and are working on incorporating the physical education standards into their program.

Medea Creek Middle School - Lori Byer reported School Site Council meetings now begin with student reports each month. They reported they are beginning their work on Science fair programs for the Ventura County Science Fair. The School Site Council discussed the new web site, the spelling bee, the Chinese New Year celebration, the Distinguished School visit, and traffic safety. They are going to work with ASB on student safety issues.

Oak Hills Elementary School – Susie Rossiter reported they have had many schools visiting their literacy programs. Oak Hills has been asked to join a consortium of high performing schools. They held their school spelling bee. They held several fundraisers, are participating in the Great Race, held a book fair and will be conducting an ability awareness fair and had board members from the Columbia Reading and Writing Project on campus this week.

Brookside Elementary School – Loretta Brown reported School Site Council discussed Measure R priorities, the Single Plan, the Brown Bag Lunches, received an update from the EEAC on recycling, discussed traffic safety and their continuing problem with dogs on the playground.

Facilities Planning Committee – Peter Kristensen reported they reviewed the RFP which was sent to 18 firms, discussed the timeline and then he, Martin and Julie met with six to eight firms last week to go over the details of the RFP and answer any questions they may have had so they could submit appropriate proposals. This Friday is the deadline for proposals.

DISCUSSION

DecisionInsite Initial 2009-2010 Enrollment Projections – The Board received another report from DecisionInsite.

Budget Update-Governor’s 2008-09 and 2009-10 Budget Proposal for State and K-12 Education – Mr. Klaus gave the Board an update on the latest news on the Governor’s proposal and information received at a School Services Workshop he attended last Tuesday.

C.1. CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

- a. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2008
- b. Public Employee/Employment Changes 01CL1963-01CL1968 & 01CE04120–01CE04155
- c. Approve Donations
- d. Approve Overnight Trip for Oak Park High School Senior Life Skills Retreat – February 4-7, 2009
- e. Approve Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints - January 2009
- f. Approve First Period Attendance Report
- g. Approve Purchase Orders – November 1 – December 31, 2008
- h. Approve Disposal of Obsolete or Surplus Equipment

ACTION

2. BOARD

a. Deliberation and Selection of Measure R Oversight Committee

The Board each gave their ranking of the 12 people interviewed on January 13, 2009. The rankings were tallied and the Board discussed the results.

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Marie Panec, the Board of Education appointed the following to the Measure R Citizens' Oversight Committee: Mike Green, Barbara Schwartz, Ann Waldman, Mike McReynolds, Wayne Blasman, Karen Washburn, and Alan Toomayan. Motion carried 5-0.

3. BUSINESS SERVICES

a. Approve and Receive 2007-2008 Audit

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved the 2007-2008 Audit. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Approve Resolution #09-01 – Declaring Results of School Bond Election Held November 4, 2008

On motion of Cindy Vinson, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved Resolution #09-01-Declaring Results of School Bond Election Held November 4, 2008. Motion carried 5-0.

4. CURRICULUM

a. Approve Consolidated Application Part II – 2008-2009

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Marie Panec, the Board of Education approved the Consolidated Application Part II-2008-2009. Motion carried 5-0.

5. BOARD POLICIES

a. Approve Amendment of Board Bylaw 9124 – Attorney – Second Reading

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved the amendment of Board Bylaw 9124 – Attorney. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Approve Amendment of Board Bylaw 9230 – Board Candidate Orientation – Second Reading

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved the amendment of Board Bylaw 9230 – Board Candidate Orientation. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Approve Amendment of Board Bylaw 9324 – Board Minutes and Recordings – Second Reading

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved the amendment of Board Bylaw 9324 – Board Minutes and Recordings. Motion carried 5-0.

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education agreed to table the remaining policies to the February meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Monthly Budget Report

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before this Board, the meeting is declared adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Date _____ President of the Board

Date _____ Clerk or Secretary of the Board