

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING 3-17-09 #802
BOARD OF EDUCATION

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Ms. Jan Iceland, called the regular meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. at Oak Park High School Presentation Room, G9, 899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park.

BOARD PRESENT

Ms. Jan Iceland, President, Ms. Mary Rees, Vice President, Ms. Barbara Laifman, Clerk, Ms. Marie Panec, Member, and Ms. Cindy Vinson, Member.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:11 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Jan Iceland, reconvened the regular meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Oak Park High School, Presentation Room, G9, 899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park.

BOARD PRESENT

Ms. Jan Iceland, President, Ms. Mary Rees, Vice President, Ms. Barbara Laifman, Clerk, Ms. Marie Panec, Member, Ms. Cindy Vinson, Member, 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, Ms. Laurel Ford, Director, Teaching and Learning, Ms. Jane Mintz, Director, Educational Technology, Ms. Cathy Skiba, Director, Pupil Services, and Ms. Linda Sheridan, Executive Assistant.

FLAG SALUTE

Jane Mintz 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 Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education adopted the agenda except to pull item C.2.j. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Marie Panec congratulated Medea Creek Middle School Assistant Principal Amanda Bagheri and Teacher Kathy Schultheis for being named Tri-County GATE award winners this year. Ms. Panec attended the SEAC meeting last week. She applauds this committee and especially the President for having a time in their meeting to allow parents to express their concerns and help to moderate those concerns. Ms. Panec reported the Facilities Planning Committee continues their work which you will be

hearing more about later. Parents Tom Wulf and Peter Kristensen have been doing a yeoman job for the district in spearheading this committee. Board Member Mary Rees commented on an editorial in the newspaper which stated California is 47th in the nation in state spending on education. But the sky is not falling here in Oak Park because of the dedicated teachers, administrators, students, parents and tremendous support of the community. Ms. Rees reported she attended the High School Open House where students were excited about receiving college acceptances. The District is saving money wherever we can, by not buying books, limiting staff development, and field trips paid by parents. We are finding out how lean the district can run if we are fiscally responsible. Board Member Cindy Vinson had a list of questions and answers pertaining to the Bond Resolutions that are to be voted on this evening. She and Barbara Laifman attended a meeting with the underwriter yesterday to ask these questions and gather additional information for the Board. The underwriter could not be at the Board meeting this evening due to prior commitments. Ms. Vinson commented on the thank you e-mails from teachers who attended the CUE conference and how thrilled and excited they were with the knowledge they brought back from this conference and how they couldn't wait to incorporate it into the classrooms. Board Member Barbara Laifman reported she attended the EEAC meeting where they are coordinating their efforts on Earth Week activities and recycling. She attended the Brookside Brown Bag lunch who had a parent speak about Opera and Ms. Laifman was impressed with how actively engaged the students were. Ms. Laifman attended the Brown Act Workshop at the Ventura County Office of Education with Board Member Marie Panec, Superintendent Knight, Assistant Superintendent Klauss, Linda and Oversight Committee Members and found it very worthwhile. She attended the high school Open House which was well attended. Ms. Laifman also attended the middle school Distinguished School visit which was a good visit, a typical day at the middle school and the remarkable staff make every day a great day. Board Member Jan Iceland also congratulated Amanda and Kathy, also Medea Creek and Oak Park High School for their Distinguished School visits, and also the seven National Merit Finalists at Oak Park High School. Ms. Iceland reported she attended the Chinese New Year Program where several Oak Park students performed. She attended the Friends meeting where they are working on their Slam 'n Jam Fundraiser. Ms. Iceland reported she attended the Technology Committee meeting which has sent out the acceptance letter to next year's new 21st Century Classroom teachers and to the teachers who are being asked to resubmit their application. She also received the thank you e-mails from the teachers who attended the CUE Conference. Congratulations to the CERT Committee for the Disaster Preparedness program they presented here at the high school. They will be attending the Safe Kids Task Force hoping to create a teen CERT group.

REPORT FROM STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Ben Pyle reported the school is working on a recycling program and awareness. Spring sports are all underway. Future Freshman are visiting this week. Comedy Sportz is this week. The Fine Arts Assembly is coming up and the PFC is sponsoring a video on the dangers of drinking and driving. AP testing is no longer a requirement for students taking AP classes.

REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Knight thanked Oak Park High School and Medea Creek Middle School for all their hard work on their Distinguished School visits especially the teachers. He talked to the teams who were both very positive about the schools so both schools should be receiving good news.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL REPORTS

Oak Park High School –School Site Council got an update on graduation. Ticket sales should cover the cost. They received a facilities update and budget update. They felt a priority list of cuts should be posted on the district website. The high school felt they were taking a big hit with the number of pink slips teachers received. The Site Council continued to discuss traffic safety. They also discussed the AP exam issue. It will be on the agenda again next month and they have discussed getting teachers and students more engaged in the process of making a decision about AP exams.

Oak View High School – Randi Leipman reported School Site Council reviewed the 2009-10 Handbook. They discussed the Fall 2010 WASC review. The students took a field trip to Moorpark College with Counselor Dianne Large on March 11. The site is 100% 21st Century Classrooms. They discussed upcoming assessments, Earth Week activities, and Senior events.

Oak Park Independent School – School Site Council reviewed the 2009-10 Handbook. They held their 2nd annual Staff appreciation lunch. They reviewed the March newsletter. For the first time one of their high school seniors has been named STAR scholar and will attend the Ventura County STAR dinner at the Reagan Library in April. This year they will publish their first yearbook. Enrollment is holding steady and they are creating a wait list for the fall. They will have their Open House on May 7 at Red Oak from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Medea Creek Middle School – School Site Council Student Reports – 7th Grade students presented their Medieval Museums today and in science they are studying endangered species and readying their science faire projects. 8th Grade students are doing factoring and quadratic expressions in math and in science they are studying their second unit of physics, Newton’s Law and momentum. ASB reported they are having a dance, movie night, film contest, bottle cap posters and gold grabber. Brad Benioff reported on the Distinguished School Visit and the extreme careers program for 7th graders to have an opportunity to participate in a 2 year program with Moorpark College to take career aptitude survey. The OPHS counselors will be coming the MCMS next week to meet with 8th graders and Future Freshman night is next week and Fifth Grade Orientation planning is underway. Seventy one students are participating in the Ventura County Science Faire. Site Council discussed the new policy on cyber-bulling and electronic devices and will be incorporating this into the handbook. The Principal asked the Site Council to review the handbook on-line and make recommendations for revisions. The Principal created his first Blog and has encouraged students comments. They have asked that parents stop bringing in outside food to students during lunch as it is causing several problems and they discussed culmination costs and charges, summer school, and electives registration.

Red Oak Elementary School – School Site Council looking at purchasing new Kindergarten playground equipment. They discussed traffic safety issues and Measure R improvements.

Facilities Planning Committee – Tom Wulf reported on the Committees activities. The Project Management has attended the Facilities Planning Committee meeting and will have weekly update meetings with Julie, Tom and Peter.

C.1. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Regular Board Meeting of February 17, 2009 Minutes and Special Closed Session and Board Meeting of March 3, 2009 Minutes
- b. Public Employee/Employment Changes 01CL1985-01CL1995 & 01CE04196–01CE04216
- c. Approve Purchase Orders – February 1 – February 28, 2009
- d. Approve Renewal Request of Summer School Meal Waiver
- e. Approve Disposal of Obsolete or Surplus Equipment
- f. Approve Overnight Trip for Oak Park High School Golf Team – April 15-17, 2009
- g. Approve Overnight Trip for Oak Park High School Varsity Baseball Team – April 11-15, 2009

ACTION

2. BUSINESS SERVICES

a. Approve SBX3-4 Flexibility of 2007-08 Categorical Ending Balances

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved SBX3-4 Flexibility of Categorical Ending Balances. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Public Hearing on SBX3-4 Flexibility Transfer of 2008-09 Categorical Funds

Public Hearing opened at 7:08. No Public Speakers. Public Hearing closed at 7:12 p.m.

c. Approve Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Second Interim Financial Report, Certification and Budget Revisions

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Second Interim Financial Report, Certification and Budget Revisions. Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Panec left the meeting at this time.

d. Approve Traffic Safety Plans

On motion of Cindy Vinson, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved bringing forward the recommendations from Brookside and Red Oak to the MAC and asking a consultant to look at the traffic light/parking lot issues at the high school as it relates to the Measure R project. Motion carried 4-0-1 Absent.

e. Approve Safe School Plans

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved the Safe School Plans with the additions of including OPNS into the OHES plan and OPIS into the ROES plan. Motion carried 4-0-1 Absent.

f. Approve Resolution #09-10 Authorizing Issuance of Measure C6 General Obligation Bonds

On motion of Cindy Vinson, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved Resolution #09-10 Authorizing Issuance of Measure C6 General Obligation Bonds. Motion carried 4-0-1 Absent.

g. Approve Resolution #09-11 Authorizing Issuance of Measure R General Obligation Bonds

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved Resolution #09-11 Authorizing Issuance of Measure R General Obligation Bonds. Motion carried 4-0-1 Absent.

h. Approve School Site Seismic Safety Gas Valve Repairs Using Measure R Funds

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved School Site Seismic Safety Gas Valve Repairs Using Measure R Funds. Motion carried 4-0-1 Absent.

i. Approve Decrease to Child Nutrition Lunch Prices

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved decreasing Child Nutrition Lunch Prices by fifty cents. Motion carried 4-0-1 Absent.

j. Approve Reorganization District Office Staff

Item pulled.

k. Approve Consulting Services Contract for Certificated Nurse

On motion of Cindy Vinson, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved the Consulting Services Contract for Certificated Nurse. Motion carried 4-0-1 Absent.

l. Approve the Establishment of a New Discovery Kindergarten Program

On motion of Cindy Vinson, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved the establishment of a new Discovery Kindergarten Program. Motion carried 4-0-1 Absent.

3. CURRICULUM

a. Approve 2009 Summer School Program

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved the 2009 Summer School Program. Motion carried 4-0-1 Absent.

4. BOARD POLICIES

a. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 3100 – Budget – Second Reading

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 3100 - Budget. Motion carried 4-0-1 Absent.

b. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 3460 – Financial Report and Accountability – Second Reading

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 3460 - Financial Report and Accountability. Motion carried 4-0-1 Absent.

c. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 4112.2 – Certification – Second Reading

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 4112.2 - Certification. Motion carried 4-0-1 Absent.

d. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 4112.21 – Interns – Second Reading

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 4112.21 - Interns. Motion carried 4-0-1 Absent.

e. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 4118 – Suspension/Disciplinary Action – Second Reading

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action. Motion carried 4-0-1 Absent.

f. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 4131 – Staff Development – Second Reading

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 4131 - Staff Development. Motion carried 4-0-1 Absent.

g. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 5131 – Conduct – Second Reading

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 5131 - Conduct. Motion carried 4-0-1 Absent.

h. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 5145.12 – Search and Seizure – First Reading

On motion of Cindy Vinson, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 5145.12 - Search and Seizure. Motion carried 3-Yes (Iceland, Laifman, Vinson), 0-No, 1-Abstain (Rees), 1-Absent (Panec).

i. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 5141.6 – Student Health and Social Services – First Reading

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 5141.6 - Student Health and Social Services. Motion carried 4-0-1 Absent.

j. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 6115 – Ceremonies and Observances – First Reading
On motion of Cindy Vinson, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 6115 - Ceremonies and Observances. Motion carried 4-0-1 Absent.

k. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 6162.51 – Standardized Testing and Reporting Program – First Reading
On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program. Motion carried 4-0-1 Absent.

l. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 6164.4 – Identification of Individuals for Special Education – First Reading
On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 6164.4 - Identification of Individuals for Special Education. Motion carried 4-0-1 Absent.

m. Approve Adoption of Board Bylaw 9012 – Board Member Electronic Communications – First Reading
On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education tabled this policy. Motion carried 4-0-1 Absent.

n. Approve Amendment of Board Bylaw 9223 – Filling Vacancies – First Reading
On motion of Cindy Vinson, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 9223 - Filling Vacancies. Motion carried 4-0-1 Absent.

o. Approve Amendment of Board Bylaw 9320 – Meetings and Notices – First Reading
On motion of Cindy Vinson, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 9320 - Meetings and Notices. Motion carried 4-0-1 Absent.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Response to 2008 Audit Findings
2. Pavilion Seating Update

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before this Board, the meeting is declared adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Date _____ President of the Board

Date _____ Clerk or Secretary of the Board