

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING      4-21-09      #803**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE**

The Board of Education President, Ms. Jan Iceland, called the regular meeting to order at 5:05 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 5:06 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**

Debby West 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 Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education adopted the agenda except to postpone items C.3.d, C.4 a and b and move item A4 to beginning with item A3 to follow. Motion carried 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**STUDENT PRESENTATION**

Conejo/Las Virgenes Future Foundation Youth Congress Report – Calvin Fong, Francesca Corley and Alexandra Corley, Oak Park High School students, gave the Board a report on this year’s Conejo/Las Virgenes Future Foundation Youth Congress held on April 4 at Westlake High School. This year’s topic

was the Environment. The group organized speakers and sponsors for the event. Over 100 students and adults attended the event.

Edison Challenge – The Board presented Certificates of Recognition to Medea Creek Middle School and Oak Park High School students who participated in the Edison Challenge. The Edison Challenge comprised of creating a lesson to be taught to elementary students, a community service project and a research project on the topic selected by the three middle school and three high school groups. The topics were Global Climate Change, Solar Energy, Energy Conservation, Air Pollution and Recycling.

### **REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Member Marie Panec reported she attended the Curriculum Council meeting and Facilities Planning Committee meeting. She attended the play at the high school which was wonderful. Ms. Panec also attended the Math/Science Olympiad at Red Oak Elementary School and participated on an Education Panel. Board Member Mary Rees commented with the financial issues and the tough decisions we have been making we must continue to be vigilant in reducing spending. If the propositions don't pass in May the state budget is back to the drawing board and there may be more drastic cuts coming our way. Ms. Rees stated she is proud of the community that puts such value on education and also feels so comfortable using the schools as a resource for gathering together such as the upcoming clean up day and the high school play using preschool, elementary and middle school students in the Wizard of Oz production. She also commended the Technology Committee under the leadership of Jane Mintz in their vigilance and broad reaching approach in utilizing the funds to get the maximum value for the money for the C6 funds. Ms. Rees reminded everyone about the Clean Up day on Saturday and the important Slam N' Jam fundraiser on Sunday as well as the Silent Auction sponsored by Friends of Oak Park Schools. Board Member Cindy Vinson also attended the Math/Science Olympiad at Red Oak Elementary School. She was very impressed that there were so many talented students that two casts were used for the Spring musical at the high school. The Safe Kids Task Force is exploring a Teen Cert Team and also looking to get teachers involved somehow through a summer, evening or passport program. Ms. Vinson also visited the Reading/Writing Program at Oak Hills Elementary School where she observed a 4<sup>th</sup> grade class descriptive poetry lesson. Board Member Barbara Laifman reported she accompanied members of the EEAC and Dr. Knight on a visit to the Manhattan Beach school district to see their environmental/recycling programs. They saw their edible garden, sustainable garden, met with the science specialist (they have a specialist at each school) and observed their no waste lunch program. The EEAC is continuing to roll out their recycling program through the schools and looking into composting. Ms. Laifman attended the Kindergarten "Three Penny Opera" at Red Oak Elementary School and the Edison Challenge. She thanked Debby West for all her hard work with this program and Friends of Oak Park Schools for funding Ms. West's position. Ms. Laifman attended the ELL Meeting and the Math/Science Olympiad at Red Oak. Her son participated in the "Wizard of Oz" play at the high school and was amazed at the number of hours Alan Hunt put in and yet how he always had a smile for all the students. Ms. Laifman attended the lunch the Wellness Committee had for Laurel Goins at the Natural Café and reminded everyone that they are sponsoring "King Corn" this week on Thursday in G9. Board Member Jan Iceland reminded everyone that Friends of Oak Park Schools is having their Slam 'N Jam fundraiser this Sunday and their Silent Auction is now on their website. She attended the Finance Committee meeting and brought bagels to Medea Creek and Oak Park High to celebrate their Distinguished School designation. She attended the Youth Congress and the CTA dinner honoring Barry Myerson as an outstanding citizen and Russ Peters, OPHS teacher. Ms. Iceland offered congratulations to Jon Duim and Joann Fritzen for writing and receiving a grant from "We the People" for their library. She also congratulated the District and Kim Mogavero who wrote the grant for a Magna Award for Best Practices for 21<sup>st</sup> Century data bases.

## **REPORT FROM STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

Ben Pyle reported Oak Park High School held their annual Arts Assembly and had a successful spring musical “Wizard of Oz”. Spring sports are all underway. ASB elections are being held this week and next. The final Life Skills Retreat is this week and the school is having Earth Week activities all week. Comedy Sportz is this Friday.

## **REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Knight reported we just received word we can now apply to the State to receive the Federal funding. We still do not know how much it will be, but we are getting closer. He reported he started Earth Week off on Monday by attending an assembly at Medea Creek Middle School and tomorrow was Walk to School day. Saturday is Clean-Up Day sponsored by MAC and he is assigned to the District Office. Dr. Knight also reminded everyone of the Friends of Oak Park Schools fundraisers Slam ‘N Jam on Sunday and the on-going Silent Auction on the Friends website.

## **SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL REPORTS**

Red Oak Elementary School – Jon Dum reported the School Site Council talked about Discovery Kindergarten Program, recycling, garden, handbook and traffic.

Brookside Elementary School – Cindy Stephens reported the School Site Council talked about handbook, math intervention aides, locking gates in the evenings and weekends, writers blog on their website, Earth Week activities, Brown Bag Lunch activities, Discovery Kindergarten Program.

Medea Creek Middle School – Lori Byers reported the School Site Council received reports from student reps. Mr. Benioff reported on budgetary issues, 21<sup>st</sup> Century teachers, and minimum days for STAR testing in May.

Oak Park High School – Rick Wagner reported the School Site Council discussed attending the Distinguished School Event in May in Anaheim, traffic/parking issues, plans for graduation including funding issues.

Oak Park Independent School – Lou Tabone reported Oak Park Independent had their first STAR scholar and discussed Earth Week activities.

Facilities Planning Committee – Peter Kristensen reported the Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month and has created a list of potential summer projects. He wanted to acknowledge the hard work of Julie Suarez and Oscar Jimenez who installed the seismic gas valves over the spring break. Paint color schemes were sent out to the School Site Councils for input. Barnhardt is proceeding under a letter of intent and they are almost ready to go out for bids for roofing for Red Oak and Oak Hills. The sub-committee reviewed the architects and have selected two to recommend to the Board to meet the needs of the District projects. We have engaged a Civil Engineer to look at the parking lot at Oak Park High School and there could be some DSA issues with changing the footprint of the parking lot and trying to get it completed this summer.

### **C.1. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approve Regular Board Meeting of March 17, 2009 Minutes
- b. Public Employee/Employment Changes 01CL1996-01CL2010 & 01CE04217–01CE04230
- c. Approve Purchase Orders – March 1 – March 31, 2009
- d. Ratify Overnight Trip for Oak Park High School Dance Team-March 26-29, 2009

- e. Approve Overnight Trip for Oak Park High School Junior Statesmen of America – April 24-26, 2009
- f. Approve Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints – April 2009
- g. Approve Expulsion of Student in Disciplinary Case #04-08/09
- h. Approve Overnight Trip for Oak Park High School Boys Basketball Team – July 10-12, 2009
- i. Approve Overnight Trip for Oak Park High School Life Skills Retreat – April 22-25, 2009
- j. Approve Overnight Trip for Oak Park High School Boys Basketball Team – July 25-26, 2009
- k. Approve Donations

**ACTION**

**2. CURRICULUM**

**a. Approve Additional New Novels for Oak Park High School**

On motion of Cindy Vinson, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved additional new novels for Oak Park High School. Motion carried 5-0.

**b. Approve Revised 2009-2010 District Instructional Calendar for 2009-10 School Year**

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved the revised District Instructional Calendar for 2009-2010 School Year. Motion carried 5-0.

**c. Approve 2009-2010 School Handbooks/Discipline Plans**

On motion of Cindy Vinson, seconded by Marie Panec, the Board of Education approved the 2009-2010 School Handbooks/Discipline Plans with the suggested changes. Motion carried 5-0.

**3. BUSINESS SERVICES**

**a. Approve Agreement for Bond Program Management/Construction Management Services**

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved moving this item to the May Special Meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

**b. Approve Award of Bid for Resurfacing Oak Park High School Tennis Courts**

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved the Award of Bid for Resurfacing Oak Park High School Tennis Courts to T.D. Sports Inc. in the amount of \$46,600. Motion carried 5-0.

**c. Approve Award for Request for Proposal for Architectural Services for Measure R Projects**

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved the Award for Proposal for Architectural Services for Measure R Projects from RNT Associations and KPI. Motion carried 5-0.

**e. Approve Process for Appointment of Measure C Oversight Committee**

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Mary Rees, this item was tabled until Measure D4 Committee could give their input. Motion carried 5-0.

**f. Approve Process for Appointment of Measure C6 Oversight Committee**

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved the process for the appointment of the Measure C6 Oversight Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

**g. Approve Request to Revise Board Meeting Schedule for Budget Study Session and Budget Adoption**

The Board agreed to meet on June 19, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. for Board adoption and hopefully enough information would be available to have a Budget Study Session at the Regular Board Meeting on June 9, 2009.

**h. Approve Purchase of Instructional/Technology Equipment Using Measure C6 Funds**

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved the purchase of instructional/technology equipment using Measure C6 funds. Motion carried 5-0.

**4. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**c. Public Disclosure and Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement between Oak Park Unified School District and Oak Park Teachers Association**

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Marie Panec, the Board of Education approved the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Oak Park Unified School District and Oak Park Teachers Association. Motion carried 5-0.

**d. Approve Request for Variable Term Waiver – Driver’s Education Instruction During Summer School**

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved the Request for Variable Term Waiver - Driver’s Education Instruction During Summer School. Motion carried 5-0.

**5. BOARD**

**a. Discuss and Approve Board of Education Attendance at Workshops and Conference Costs**

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved the District paying for Board Members to attend the Ventura County School Boards Association Dinner meetings. Motion carried 3 Ayes: Iceland, Panec, Vinson 2 Noes: Laifman, Rees

**6. BOARD POLICIES**

**a. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 5145.12 – Search and Seizure – Second Reading**

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved the amendment of Board Policy 5145.12 – Search and Seizure. Motion carried 5-0.

**b. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 5141.6 – Student Health and Social Services – Second Reading**

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved the amendment of Board Policy 5141.6 – Student Health and Social Services. Motion carried 5-0.

**c. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 6115 – Ceremonies and Observances – Second Reading**

On motion of Cindy Vinson, seconded by Marie Panec, the Board of Education approved the amendment of Board Policy 6115 – Ceremonies and Observances. Motion carried 4 Ayes: Iceland, Laifman, Panec, Vinson 1 No: Rees.

**d. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 6162.51 – Standardized Testing and Reporting Program –Second Reading**

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved the amendment of Board Policy 6162.51 – Standardized Testing and Reporting Program. Motion carried 5-0.

**e. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 6164.4 – Identification of Individuals for Special Education –Second Reading**

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved the amendment of Board Policy 6164.4 – Identification of Individuals for Special Education. Motion carried 5-0.

**f. Approve Amendment of Board Bylaw 9223 – Filling Vacancies – Second Reading**

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved the amendment of Board Policy 9223 – Filling Vacancies. Motion carried 5-0.

**g. Approve Amendment of Board Bylaw 9320–Meetings and Notices–Second Reading**

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved the amendment of Board Policy 9320 – Meetings and Notices. Motion carried 5-0.

**h. Approve Adoption of Board Bylaw 9012 – Board Member Electronic Communications – First Reading**

On motion of Cindy Vinson, seconded by Marie Panec, the Board of Education approved the amendment of Board Policy 9012 – Board Member Electronic Communications. Motion carried 5-0.

**VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Monthly Budget Update

**VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before this Board, the meeting is declared adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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President of the Board

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Clerk or Secretary of the Board