

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING 9-15-09 #809
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 6:02 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 Ms. Dani Gold, Student Board Rep.

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Tony Knight, Superintendent, Mr. Martin Klauss, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Ms. Cathy Skiba, Director, Pupil Services, Ms. Jane Mintz, Director, Educational Technology, 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 Mary Rees, the Board of Education adopted the agenda except moving Consent Agenda Item 1.a. to first Action item. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Marie Panec reported she attended the welcome for new teachers and is excited Oak Park was lucky to be able to hire new teachers where other districts were laying off teachers. She attended the Facilities Committee meeting and Tom and Peter were here to report further on that. Board Member Mary Rees reported she attended the Medea Creek Middle School Back to School Night which was well attended. Students are excited about the new school year which is off to a great start. Ms. Rees is concerned this year's budget will be a nightmare and we will have to pull together. We probably won't have the federal money to bail us out again next year and we will have to work together as a single unit with a single goal, both in-district and interdistrict families. Board Member Cindy Vinson offered kudos

to the District for being awarded the Chinese language FLAP grant for K-12 Chinese Language program and thanked Kim Mogavero and other for their work on the grant. Also kudos for the outstanding API scores to administrators, students, staff and parents. Ms. Vinson also welcomed back Lynn McCormack as interim High School Principal. Board Member Barbara Laifman attended the Wellness Council meeting where they heard about the partnership with the California Longevity Institute. There was a good discussion about the partnership and the budget. Ms. Laifman also attended the welcome for new teachers where she felt everyone did a good job in making the new employees feel very welcome into the Oak Park community. She also attended the Medea Creek Middle School Back to School Night which was great. Ms. Laifman also attended the EEAC meeting which the Board received the minutes in their Friday notes. Board Member Jan Iceland reported she also attended the welcome for new teachers which was great. She toured the schools on the first day and it was very calm. A special thanks to Jerry and Stew for making things run so smoothly at the high school. Thanks to Tony Knight and Kim Mogavero for writing the grant for the Chinese Foreign Language Acquisition Program. Ms. Iceland attended the Technology Committee meeting where Jane Mintz reported on all the training in the summer was well attended. She also discussed the magic box at each school which contains cameras and other equipment to be signed out for use within the school. They also discussed teachers signing on as educational mentors at each school site to assist their colleagues with computer issues.

REPORT FROM STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

None

REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Knight reported he was pleased with the District API score of 904 which moved up 17 points from last year. All district school experience growth which means more students are at the advanced or proficient level. No one thing raises scores, it's a combination of a lot of different things such as motivating students and teachers, hiring quality teachers and superior principals, and technology certainly motivates students. There are certainly areas to improve and room to grow. Dr. Knight reported he visited the Oak Park Neighborhood School which hired a new Special Education teacher this year with a wealth of experience who already is making a big difference at the school. He also visited the Kindergarten class. He reported he and Debby West are already teaching lessons for Santa Cruz Island trips for 5th grade students at all three elementary schools prior to the trips which will occur in October.

PRESENTATION FROM FRIENDS OF OAK PARK SCHOOLS

Barry Myerson, Chairperson of Friends of Oak Park Schools, reported that through the financial support of both in-district and interdistrict parents, Friends is pleased to be able to supplement programs and commit to fund the science specialist and the program she provides for the 2009-10 school year.

Jan Iceland and Mary Rees thanked the Friends for all they do to support the schools in the district.

Facilities Planning Committee and Measure R Construction Update

Peter Kristensen and Tom Wulf reviewed for the Board the final costs of the quick-start projects completed over the summer. Peter thanked Julie Suarez for getting the deferred maintenance projects completed like the painting of Oak View High School. He reported that Barnhardt is now helping the district with the DSA open items to help push them through. They are continuing to work on the Master Plan to ensure that they have it set up to spend the money wisely. They are hoping to be able to bring something to the Board in October.

School Site Council Reports

Medea Creek Middle School – Principal Brad Benioff reported the School Site Council discussed the election of new members, the opening of school, H1N1 flu, budget and traffic issues. Medea will be writing their School-to-Watch 3-year re-designation report this year.

C.1. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- b. Public Employee/Employment Changes 01CL2084-01CL2106 & 01CE04561-01CE04581
- c. Approve Purchase Orders – August 1 – August 31, 2009
- d. Approve Overnight Trip for Oak Park High School Advanced Peer Counselors – October 5-6, 2009
- e. Approve Acceptance of Donations
- f. Approve Facility Use by Religious Organization
- g. Approve Notice of Completion, Emergency Resolution #09-19, Mold Remediation at Oak Hills Elementary School
- h. Approve Contract Renewal for Crossing Guard Services
- i. Approve Student Teaching National University
- j. Approve Variable Term Credential Waiver for Stephanie McCluskey – High School American Sign Language

ACTION

C.1.a. Approve Minutes of Regular Board Meeting August 18, 2009

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of August 18, 2009 amended to remove Ben Pyle's name from minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

2. CURRICULUM

a. Public Hearing and Approve Resolution #09-20 Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials for 2009-2010

Public Hearing Opened at 6:28 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Public Hearing Closed at 6:29 p.m

On motion of Cindy Vinson, seconded by Marie Panec, the Board of Education approved Resolution #09-20 Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials for 2009-2010. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Approve Textbooks/Literature for Grades 9-12

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved Textbooks/Literature for Grades 9-12. Motion carried 5-0.

3. PUPIL SERVICES

a. Approve Contract for Non-Public School Agency Services #01-09/10 - \$119,855.80

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved the Contract for Non-Public School Agency Services #01-09/10 - \$119,855.80. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Approve Contract for Non-Public School Agency Services #02-09/10 - \$177,143.75

On motion of Cindy Vinson, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved the Contract for Non-Public School Agency Services #02-09/10 - \$177,143.75. Motion carried 5-0.

4. BUSINESS SERVICES

a. Approve Unaudited Actual Revenues and Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved the unaudited Actual Revenues and Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Motion carried 5-0.

5. BOARD POLICIES

a. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction – First Reading

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved amendment of Board Policy 6142.1- Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction – First Reading. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Adopt Board Policy 5141.27 – Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs – First Reading

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved the adoption of Board Policy 5141.27 – Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs – First Reading. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Adopt Board Policy 3510 – Green School Operations – First Reading

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved the adoption of Board Policy 3510 – Green School Operations – First Reading. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 3515.4 – Recovery for Property Loss or Damage – First Reading

On motion of Cindy Vinson, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved the amendment of Board Policy 3515.4 – Recovery of Property Loss or Damage – First Reading with one amendment. Motion carried 5-0.

e. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 4119.21, 4219.21, 4319.21 – Professional Standards – First Reading

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved the amendment of Board Policy 4119.21, 4219.21, 4319.21 – Professional Standards – First Reading. Motion carried 5-0.

f. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 4154, 4254, 4354 – Health and Welfare Benefits – First Reading

On motion of Jan Iceland, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education tabled the amendment of Board Policy 4154, 4254, 4354 – Health and Welfare Benefits – First Reading until the October meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Pavilion Update

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before this Board, the meeting is declared adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Date

President of the Board

Date

Clerk or Secretary of the Board