



## **NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – December 9, 2014**

At the organizational meeting of the Oak Park USD Board of Education held on December 9, the Board recognized outgoing Board member, Mary Pallant. She was given a plaque from the District and presented with a beautiful resolution from the Ventura County Board of Supervisors. Board members and the superintendent made reports about events and other happenings at the schools.

The Board formally rejected three legal claims made against the District.

The Board took action and/or approved the following:

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

- Overnight trips for the OPHS girls' soccer team.
- Notice of completion for classroom building replacement at Oak Park High School and track resurfacing project.
- Change order for track resurfacing project.
- Out of state travel for an employee to attend a technology conference for the Q program in Detroit, MI in April.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- The oath of office was administered to re-elected Board members Drew Hazelton and Allen Rosen, newly elected member, Derek Ross, and newly appointed member, Denise Helfstein. A reception was held in celebration of the new members.
- The organization of the Board for the year was agreed upon as follows: President – Barbara Laifman, Vice President – Allen Rosen, Clerk – Drew Hazelton, Member – Derek Ross, Member- Denise Helfstein.
- Board member committee assignments were agreed upon.
- The schedule of meetings for the 2015 school year was set.
- Signature certifications were approved.
- A member was selected to serve on the County Committee on School District Organization as requested by the County Office of Education.
- The Secretary of the Board will be the Superintendent.
- Appointed Keith Caruso to serve on the Citizens' Oversight Committee.
- An amendment to the contract with Balfour Beatty Construction was approved.
- A contract for a new architect, Mainstreet Architects, Inc. was approved

- Joint use agreement with the Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks District was approved.
- Fiscal Year 2014-15 First Interim Financial Report, Certification, and budget revisions were approved.
- Contract to add a crossing guard at the corner of Oakleaf Drive and Conifer Street with All City Crossing Guards at OPUSD expense was approved.
- Two books, *How We Got to Now* and *Wonder* were approved for use at the Oak Park Independent School.
- A new motto, *Educating Compassionate and Caring Global Citizens* was approved.
- Acceptance of Donation of \$3,500 to Oak Park High School Rocket Team was approved.

### **POLICIES**

Policies related to the following were approved: Placement of cell towers within approximately 1500 feet of Oak Park Schools will be opposed by the District and no towers may be placed on OPUSD property. Four policies were tabled pending the need for further information. These were related to Uniform Complaint Procedures, Bullying, Nondiscrimination/Harassment, and Sexual Harassment.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

The Board received the annual assessment report given by Dr. Leslie Heilbron, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Educational Services.

