



## **NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - April 8, 2014**

At the regular meeting of the Oak Park USD Board of Education held on April 8, the Board heard reports from members, the superintendent, and school site councils. Students from Medea Creek Middle School, who participated in the Ventura County Science Fair and their teacher, Cindy. Ligeti, were recognized with certificates from the Board. Students on the Oak Park High School varsity boys' basketball team and their coaches Aaron Shaw and Tim Chevalier were recognized for winning the CIF championship and for their exemplary performance and sportsmanship. Coach Shaw was also recognized for his selection as the L.A. Times Coach of the Year.

The new principal of Brookside Elementary School, Sara Ahl, was introduced to the Board and the community.

The School safety update by Dr. Knight, Superintendent, included information about the new ID badge kiosks that should be deployed at all of the schools after spring break. The devices will be operated by the user and will scan a copy of the visitor's drivers license and then issue a temporary visitor badge that expires at the end of the day. A new school security camera plan was also discussed.

The Board took action and/or approved the following:

- Notice of Completion for the modernization of Building 200 at Brookside Elementary School.
- Overnight trip for Oak Park High School Future Business Leaders of America.
- A report from the Measure R Citizen's Oversight Committee. The committee recommended that consideration be given to keeping some remaining funds available at the end of the building and modernization program for unforeseen repairs.
- A resolution related to the cleanup of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site, which is located within the boundaries of the Oak Park USD. A report from a group of OPHS students known as Teens Against Toxins preceded the passage of the resolution.
- Heard a presentation about a solar power project at Oak Park High School that includes the construction of a new shade structure/patio and panels on new modular classrooms slated for installation this summer. The project involves purchasing the shade structure and the panels with a down payment (from both OPHS PFC and OPUSD Measure R - \$45K and \$20K respectively) and then the use of a low interest loan (3.5% or less) with a 10-year term to finance the project with a total cost of \$466,000. The project is expected to generate more than 15% of the school's electricity and over a 25-year period is anticipated to save the District nearly \$500,000 in electrical costs in addition to paying for the project. The Board gave direction to staff to

continue the process with formal contracts to be brought at the May 20 regular meeting.

- Authorized the superintendent to award the bid for the contract for the Building 100 modernization at Brookside Elementary School as bids are due later in the week and the Board does not want to delay the project. The Education Code allows for this provision at the discretion of the Board.
- Award of bid for the gymnasium modernization at Oak Park High School
- Award of bid for campus ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) modernization at Oak Park High School.
- Budget for Common Core State Standards Implementation fund was presented and approved.
- A donation of \$5000 worth of fitness equipment from Mark De Jesse was gratefully accepted.
- Two public hearings were held on the proposals from the Oak Park Teachers Association and the Oak Park Classified Association for collective bargaining negotiations.

Policies related to the following were approved:

- Promotion/Acceleration/Retention of students.
- High school graduation requirements related to foster youth.
- New state academic achievement tests.
- Guidance and counseling services related to a new law (AB 97).
- Supplemental instruction.
- General obligation bonds – requires greater transparency for the use of capital appreciation bonds.

