

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

10-21-08

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CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Mrs. Cindy Vinson, called the regular meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. at Oak Park High School Presentation Room, G9, 899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park.

BOARD PRESENT

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:08 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Cindy Vinson, reconvened the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Oak Park High School, Presentation Room, G9, 899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park.

BOARD PRESENT

Mrs. Cindy Vinson, President, Mrs. Jan Iceland, Vice President, Mrs. Mary Rees, Clerk, Mrs. Barbara Laifman, Member, Mrs. Marie Panec, Member, Ben Pyle, Student Board Representative.

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Tony Knight, Superintendent, Mr. Cliff Moore, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, Mrs. Laurel Ford, Director, Teaching and Learning, Mrs. Jane Mintz, Director, Educational Technology, and Ms. Linda Sheridan, Executive Assistant

FLAG SALUTE

Doug Orens 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 Jan Iceland, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education adopted the agenda as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Barbara Laifman read a statement she had written about how people could see things differently and yet still be able to compromise and work toward the greater good. Board Member Jan Iceland reported the Conejo Las Virgenes Future Foundation would be holding a Forum on November 1 to discuss creating a home for visual arts. Mrs. Iceland also reported she attended the Technology Committee meeting. Board Member Marie Panec visited Oak View High School and Brookside Elementary School. At OVHS Susan Allen had just received a COW cart and had the computers pulled out for the students. This was a great way to engage these students. She visited Brookside on a Friday

afternoon and was very impressed to see students enthusiastic and engaged even though it was late on a Friday afternoon. Mrs. Panec reported she attended the SEAC meeting where Dr. Knight presented along with Cathy Skiba on the Special Education program in Oak Park and she also attended the Curriculum Council meeting. Laurel Ford did a wonderful job of creating a collaborative way to make teachers and administrators all feel that they are making a contribution to the process. Board Member Mary Rees reported she attended the town forum and offered a vote of thanks to the Community Foundation for sponsoring this event. She also thanked all the candidates and committees who were in attendance to offer their political agendas for people to help them make their choice when they vote. The Community Foundation also presented one of our Friends with the Golden Acorn award, the chair of Friends of Oak Park Schools. Mrs. Rees also wanted to make sure that the district continued to be aware of the impending crisis with the state budget and consider all purchases made help student and to spend money wisely as this is so important right now. Board Member Cindy Vinson reported she too attended the Community Foundation candidate forum. Barry Meyerson, chairperson of Friends of Oak Park Schools received the Golden Acorn award for his continued efforts to support the community and schools. Over the last three years Friends has raised over \$300,000 for Oak Park schools. Mrs. Vinson also reported she attended the Math textbook adoption committee meeting and was impressed with the depth of thought and complexity teachers put into making sure they were choosing textbooks that were best for our students.

REPORT FROM STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Ben Pyle reported he received a report from the Student Council rep from Medea Creek who reported they had their first dance, are having Friday Fun Days at lunch and are planning a movie night. At Oak Park High School they just had their Homecoming dance, game and rally. This weekend they will be performing "Much Ado About Nothing". ASB had their first video announcement this week. The football game against Oaks Christian will be on Halloween at Agoura High School. There were 180 people at Comedy Sportz night this month. Ben report he and Dr. Knight attended Student Board Representative Workshop in Sacramento and he found it very useful.

REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Knight introduced Barbara Dickerson, the new Director of Fiscal Services. Dr. Knight also reported he attended the Student Representative Workshop in Sacramento with Ben where he learned how to engage the student board rep to make it a better experience for the student. He thanked Jane Mintz for conducting a great Tech Committee meeting on Monday. There are 62 new Smartboard classrooms and we are near completion of the network. We will be revising the District Technology Plan this year. Dr. Knight also reported he presented at the SEAC meeting who will be having fewer meetings this year. He attended the Friends of Oak Park Schools meeting on Monday night. They are working on trying to create an endowment. Dr. Knight reported he attended the Wellness Committee meeting and the EEAC meeting. The EEAC has about 30 people comprised of students, teachers, parents and administrators. They had about 100 people at the Coastal Clean up Day and are helping to organize the Oak Park Clean Up Day in March.

Dr. Knight reported he attended two Santa Cruz Island 5th Grade Field Trips with Debby West. One trip was a little choppy and last Thursday was calm and beautiful. Debby West whose position is funded by Friends of Oak Park Schools does a terrific job of organizing these field trips.

Dr. Knight asked Cliff Moore to give an update on nurse/health services for the District. Mr. Moore explained what is required by Education Code and how the District is addressing those needs. The District has contracted with a Certificated Nurse to conduct the vision, scoliosis and hearing tests of students that is required. The Board would like Mr. Moore to contract with this same nurse to inspect the student's medication and special needs students care plan. One of the District Health Tech's is a registered nurse and she is mentoring and supporting the health clerks with any medical questions they may have.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL REPORTS

Oak Hills Elementary School – Allison Shapiro reported the SSC discussed the greenhouse and the ongoing paperless program and go green program.

Red Oak Elementary School – Kimberly Pennington reported the SSC discussed the teachers attending the Columbia Reading and Writing Project in New York over the summer, the API scores, the need for additional drinking fountains on the playground, whether ROES could apply for National Blue Ribbon status, the District Constellation Awards presented at the beginning of the school year and the new roofs installed over the summer.

Oak Park High School – Doug Orens reported the SSC discussed the graduation honors recognition program, the need for a new teacher representative, appointing the student representative as secretary and the homecoming events that were very successful. They discussed parking on Kanan and asking for assistance from the MAC to getting permanent permission from the County for parking on Kanan. OPHS also inquired about applying for National Blue Ribbon status and had seven National Merit Scholars this year including Ben Pyle.

Oak View High School – Lou Tabone, Principal, reported SSC discussed setting up an on-site library and asked for donations of books and shelving. One of the parents would like to offer a theater club/class. Debby West is working on arranging a Santa Cruz trip and they are working on their two fundraisers, the Turkey Walk and Holiday Gift Drive.

PRESENTATIONS

Report from C-6 Committee – Ryan Schnobrich, Chairperson, gave a brief interim report of the Citizen's Oversight Committee for Measure C6. They anticipate that their annual report will be presented following the Committee's March 10, 2009 meeting after they have been able to review the results of the financial and performance audits.

Safe & Healthy Kids 2008 Report – Lou Tabone presented the report. Board Members had some questions and asked Mr. Tabone to come back in a couple of months after additional meetings with the Safe Kids Task Force to give steps taken about addressing some of these questions.

Modern Languages Committee Report – Dr. Knight presented a report of the work the Modern Language Committee had done last year in researching bring modern languages to the District K-12. They found a good program to bring second language acquisition to the elementary school but it requires hiring teachers and also looked into a way to expand the program at the middle and high school which would also require additional staff. Since the budget situation did not support this effort this was put on hold at the present time.

C.1. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2008,
- b. Public Employee/Employment Changes 01CL1898-01CL1931 & 01CE04020–01CE04068
- c. Approve Purchase Orders – September 1 to September 30, 2008
- d. Approve Overnight Trip for Oak Park High School Senior Life Skills Retreat – November 5-9, 2008
- e. Approve Expulsion of Student in Disciplinary Case #01-08/09

- f. Ratify Overnight Trip for Oak Park High School Advanced Peer Counseling – October 5-6, 2008
- g. Approve Quarterly Williams Report – October 2008
- h. Approve Agreement for Bond Services with Dale Scott & Company
- i. Approve Student Teaching Agreement with California State University Northridge – 2008-2009
- j. Approve Annual Teacher Assignment Report
- k. Approve Acceptance of Donations

ACTION

2. CURRICULUM

a. Approve Amended By-Laws for C6 Oversight Committee

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved the Amended By-Laws for C6 Oversight Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Approve Oak Park High School Honors at Graduation Recognition Program

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved Oak Park High School Honors at Graduation Recognition Program except that students would not have to apply for the program. Motion carried 5-0.

3. BUSINESS SERVICES

a. Approve Revision to 2008-2009 Adopted Budget

On motion of Jan Iceland, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education agreed to table this item to November meeting in order to get more information. Motion carried 5-0.

4. BOARD POLICIES

a. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 6173.1 – Education for Foster Youth – Second Reading

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Jan Iceland, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 6173.1 – Education for Foster Youth. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 0200 – Goals for the School District – Second Reading

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Jan Iceland, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 0200 – Goals for the School District. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 1020 – Youth Services – Second Reading

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Jan Iceland, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 1020 – Youth Services. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 3311 – Bids – Second Reading

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Jan Iceland, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 3311 – Bids. Motion carried 5-0.

e. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 3514 – Environmental Safety – Second Reading

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Jan Iceland, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 3514 – Environmental Safety. Motion carried 5-0.

f. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 3517 – Facilities Inspection – Second Reading

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Jan Iceland, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 3517 – Facilities Inspection. Motion carried 5-0.

g. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 4112.24 – Teacher Qualifications Under the No Child Left Behind Act – Second Reading

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Jan Iceland, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 4112.24 – Teacher Qualifications Under the No Child Left Behind Act. Motion carried 5-0.

h. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 4132, 4232, 4332 – Publication or Creation of Materials – Second Reading

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Jan Iceland, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 4132, 4232, 4332 – Publication or Creation of Materials. Motion carried 5-0

i. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 4136, 4236, 4336 – Nonschool Employment – Second Reading

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Jan Iceland, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 4136, 4236, 4336 – Nonschool Employment. Motion carried 5-0.

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Jan Iceland, the Board of Education approved bringing back Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3511.2. Motion carried 5-0.

j. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 4151, 4251, 4351 – Employee Compensation – First Reading

On motion of Jan Iceland, seconded by Marie Panec, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 4141, 4251, 4351 – Employee Compensation. Motion carried 5-0.

k. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 4161, 4261 – Leaves – First Reading

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 4161, 4261 – Leaves. Motion carried 5-0.

l. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 5112.1 – Exemptions from Attendance – First Reading

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Marie Panec, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 5112.1 – Exemptions from Attendance. Motion carried 5-0.

m. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 6141 – Curriculum Development and Evaluation – First Reading

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 6141 – Curriculum Development and Evaluation. Motion carried 4 Yes: Vinson, Iceland, Laifman, Panec; 1 No: Rees.

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

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education tabled this item. Motion carried 5-0.

o. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 6142.8 – Comprehensive Health Education – First Reading

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Jan Iceland, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 6142.8 – Comprehensive Health Education. Motion carried 5-0.

p. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 6146.11 – Alternative Credits Toward Graduation – First Reading

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Jan Iceland, the Board of Education tabled this item. Motion carried 5-0.

q. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 6162.6 – Use of Copyrighted Materials – First Reading

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Marie Panec, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 6162.6 – Use of Copyrighted Materials. Motion carried 5-0.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Monthly Budget

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION

Mrs. Panec would like the Guidelines for Organic School Gardens placed on the November Board of Education Agenda.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before this Board, the meeting is declared adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Date _____ President of the Board

Date _____ Clerk or Secretary of the Board