

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING 9-16-08 #793
BOARD OF EDUCATION

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Mrs. Cindy Vinson, called the regular meeting to order at 5:50 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 5:51 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Cindy Vinson, reconvened the regular meeting to order at 6:08 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. Martin Klauss, Assistant Superintendent, Business and Administrative Services, Mrs. Laurel Ford, Director, Teaching and Learning, and Ms. Linda Sheridan, Executive Assistant

FLAG SALUTE

Harvey Kern 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 Jan Iceland, the Board of Education adopted the agenda as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan Pan, representing the Oak Park Chinese Language Boosters, presented a \$12,000 check to support the Chinese Language program at Oak Park High School.

Harvey Kern, Secretary of the Community Foundation of Oak Park, advised the Board the Foundation will sponsor a Candidate's Forum on October 14 at 7:30 p.m. Candidates running for the MAC, Triunfo Sanitation Board, Board of Education and Pro and Con on Measure R have been invited to participate. The Foundation is also accepting nominations for the Golden Acorn Award for outstanding volunteer service. The deadline to submit nominations is September 25 and the Award will be presented at the Candidate Forum.

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Barbara Laifman commented she attended Back to School Nights at Oak Hills and Medea Creek and wanted to express her appreciation to the administration, parents and students for making those evenings special. Mrs. Laifman stated it was a great pleasure to attend the Oak Park Neighborhood School Open House and see the room set aside for art. The budget rally in Westlake Village gave her an opportunity to meet people from neighboring districts and hopefully it will help to get the message out about school funding. Board Member Jan Iceland welcomed everyone back and stated she enjoyed the first day back event for staff and teachers. Board Member Mary Rees welcomed everyone back and was pleased with the wonderful test scores. The article in the newspaper regarding the API scores talked about also building strong, constructive citizens which she agreed with, but did not agree that just because of the financial status of the community was not the only contributing factor to high test scores. The hard work of parents, staff, students and administrators is what creates the quality education in Oak Park not the amount of money people make. Board Member Marie Panec agreed with other Board Member comments. Board Member Cindy Vinson commented on an article she found regarding interactive white boards and their success with student learning and achievement in the U.K.

REPORT FROM STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Ben Pyle reported students were starting to settle into their classes with all the schedule changes being completed. Oak Park won their first football game Friday night. He reported he drafted a letter to the principals asking for a student volunteer to give him a school report that he will present to the Board each month.

REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Knight reported it was a wonderful opening of the school year. There was a small problem balancing classes at Oak Park High School but two sections were added in global science and math which has helped. The average class size is 27 which is the lowest in the State for a high school. Dr. Knight reported he attended the OPHS School Site Council meeting to address this issue with parents and answer any question they might have. He reported the State Legislature may have passed a budget but the Governor was not happy with it and may veto it. Dr. Knight reported the technology network installation is almost complete and the teachers all have new laptop computers. The District is grateful to the community for passing Measure C6 which is making all this new technology possible. This improves the whole learning experience for students.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL REPORTS

Medea Creek Middle School – Laurie Meyer reported the SSC met on September 9 and added three new parent members. They discussed the various activities happening at Medea Creek this year and their SIP funds but since the State had not passed a budget they did not have a complete budget picture yet.

Oak Hills Elementary School – Leslie Heilbron, Principal, reported the SSC discussed the opening of school, the great API scores, the new computer lab, and the additional smart boards at the school. Mrs. Heilbron reported they had their literacy grade level meeting and are beginning their intervention program.

Oak View High School – Connie Camorlinga reported SSC met and discussed the trip to Reagan Library, having a local person come to the school on October 27 to teach the girls auto mechanics, discussed the school budget, reviewed the one year WASC study report, the Star and CAHSEE test results, disaster preparedness, and the credit and attendance report.

Oak Park Independent School – Lou Tabone, Principal, reported the SSC met and welcomed two new parent members and student rep. They reviewed their one year WASC study report and planned a school family picnic for October 1.

PRESENTATIONS

Friends of Oak Park Schools Chairperson Barry Myerson and members of the Board presented a donation in the amount of \$103,000 to the Board toward music and science. Mr. Myerson stated Friends was a partnership between the schools and the community to help enhance the quality education the Board offers in music and education. Friends is made up of community businesses, and both district and interdistrict parents.

Graduation and Culmination Debriefing – Board discussed some ideas regarding the Medea Creek Culmination and OPHS Graduation ceremonies.

Laurel Ford presented a summary of the 2007-2008 Star, Physical Fitness, SAT, and DIBELs test results for the District. The Board had some questions regarding specific grade level results that will be researched and results brought to the October Board Meeting.

C.1. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Special Closed Session Meeting August 13, 2008 and Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2008,
- b. Public Employee/Employment Changes 01CL1871-01CL1897 & 01CE03981–01CE04019
- c. Approve Purchase Orders – August 1 to August 31, 2008
- d. Approve Overnight Trip for Medea Creek School 7th Grade to Catalina Island – October 27-29, 2008
- e. Approve Acceptance of Donations
- f. Approve Facility Use by Religious Organizations – Chabad of the Conejo Valley
- g. Approve Disposal of Obsolete or Surplus Instructional Materials, Books, and or Library Books
- h. Approve Change Order #4, Contract for LAN Network Cabling, Advanced Cable Solutions
- i. Approve Parking License Agreement with Corporation of the Presiding Bishop
- j. Approve Notice of Completion – Oak Park High School and Red Oak Elementary School Roof Replacement and Restoration Project

ACTION

2. CURRICULUM

a. Approve Textbooks/Literature for Grades 9-12

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

b. Public Hearing and Approve Resolution #08-20 Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials for 2008-09

Public Hearing opened at 7:25 p.m. No Public Comments Public Hearing Closed at 7:26 p.m. On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved Resolution #08-20 Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials for 2008-2009

3. BOARD

a. Approve 2008-2009 Moral Imperatives, Goals and Action Plans

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved the 2008-2009 Moral Imperatives, Goals and Action Plans. Motion carried 5-0.

4. BOARD POLICIES

a. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 1100 – Communication with the Public – Second Reading

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 1100 – Communication with the Public. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 5137 – Positive School Climate – Second Reading

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 5137 – Positive School Climate. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 6145.5 – Student Organizations and Equal Access – Second Reading

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 6145.5 – Student Organizations and Equal Access. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 6178.1 – Work Experience Education – Second Reading

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 6178.1 – Work Experience Education. Motion carried 5-0.

e. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 9320 – Meetings and Notices – Second Reading

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

f. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 9322–Agenda/Meeting Materials– Second Reading

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 9322 – Agenda/Meeting Materials. Motion carried 5-0.

g. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 3511.2 – Waste Management and Environmental Purchasing Procedures – Second Reading

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Jan Iceland, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 3511.2 - Waste Management and Environmental Purchasing Procedures. Motion carried 3 Yes: Rees, Iceland, Laifman, 2 No: Vinson, Panec.

h. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 6173.1 – Education for Foster Youth – First Reading

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

i. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 0200 – Goals for the School District – First 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.

j. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 1020 – Youth Services – First Reading

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 1020 – Youth Services. Motion carried 5-0.

k. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 3311 – Bids – First Reading

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

l. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 3514 – Environmental Safety – First Reading

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 3514 – Environmental Safety. Motion carried 5-0.

m. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 3517 – Facilities Inspection – First Reading

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 3517 – Facilities Inspection. Motion carried 5-0.

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

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

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

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 4132, 4232, 4332 – Publication or Creation of Materials. Motion carried 5-0

p. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 4136, 4236, 4336 – Nonschool Employment – First Reading

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

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. District Student Health Coverage – Report will be sent home to Board
2. District Committees Board Representation
3. Monthly Budget

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before this Board, the meeting is declared adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Date

President of the Board

Date

Clerk or Secretary of the Board