

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING      5-20-14      #891**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE**

The Board of Education President, Ms. Mary Pallant, called the regular meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. at Oak Park High School Presentation Room, G9, 899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park.

**BOARD PRESENT**

Ms. Mary Pallant, President, Ms. Sepideh Yeoh, Vice President, Ms. Barbara Laifman, Member and Mr. Allen Rosen, Member.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:09 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE**

The Board of Education President, Mary Pallant, reconvened the regular meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. at Oak Park High School Presentation Room, G9, 899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park.

**BOARD PRESENT**

Ms. Mary Pallant, President, Ms. Sepideh Yeoh, Vice President, Ms. Barbara Laifman, Member, Mr. Allen Rosen, Member, and Ms. Brooke Pestano, Student Board Rep

**STAFF PRESENT**

Dr. Tony Knight, Superintendent, Mr. Martin Klauss, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Dr. Leslie Heilbron, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, Mr. Enoch Kwok, Director, Educational Technology and Information Systems, and Ms. Linda Sheridan, Executive Assistant.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Kevin Buchanan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

**REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

No action was taken in Closed Session held this evening.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education adopted the agenda except to pull Item C1b and C1h from the Consent Calendar to Action. Motion carried Aye: Laifman, Pallant, Rosen, Yeoh, No – 0.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

No public speakers on non-agenda items.

**PRESENTATIONS**

The Board recognized employees who will be retiring at the end of the school year: Debbie Burgher, Cindy Hicks, Amy Friedlander, John McManus, Patty Pedretti and Liz Salim .

**REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Member Allen Rosen congratulated the Boys LaCrosse Team for competing in the Southern Section competition and the Girls LaCrosse Team also competed in their Division too. Congratulations to

the Big Sunday organizers for a great day and thank you to everyone who attended. Mr. Rosen attended the LCAP meetings and will be teaching a Junior Achievement class at BES. He thanked Mr. Buchanan, Mr. McGugan, Dr. Knight and Dr. Heilbron for their handling of a difficult situation over the last couple of weeks and he was happy with the way it was handled. Board Member Barbara Laifman attended the Denise Pope parent meeting, the LCAP meetings, a CSBA LCAP webinar, and OVHS and OPIS Open Houses. Board Member Sepideh Yeoh stated that in all the statements about the retirees the theme was someone who cared and that is what our students need. She thanked everyone who works with our students. She reported she attended the calendar committee who distributed calendars to take back to their school community to share and bring back comments to our next meeting, and attended Big Sunday which was amazing. Ms. Yeoh thanked Barbara and the entire Committee for their hard work. She is now looking forward to the graduations and culminations. Board Member Mary Pallant reported she attended the Ranch Simi Recreation and Parks Meeting for Sepideh, delivered cookies to the schools for Teacher Appreciation week, and thanked the committee for their work on the Big Sunday event.

### **REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Knight thanked the committee organizers for the Big Sunday event. Over 500 people volunteered, including many students, to take on the many tasks out there to spruce up the schools and community. A big thank you to Toni Caruso, Barbara and the entire Committee for their hard work. Earth week went very well and we earned over \$2,000 to donate to Sustainable Harvest International. Dr. Knight reported he attended the Open Houses at BES, OVHS and OPIS and next week there will be concerts and choir performances and the following week graduations and culminations.

### **REPORT FROM STUDENT BOARD REP**

Brook Pestano reported that they are interviewing beginning Peer Counselors for Advanced Peer Counselors this week. There is a rally this Friday. The Prom was held last weekend and this year was the largest prom with 405 tickets sold. The girls powderpuff game is Friday.

### **Report from School Site Councils**

The Board received School Site Council reports from Red Oak Elementary School, Medea Creek Middle School, Oak Park High School, and Oak Park Independent School.

### **Report from Facilities Planning Committee**

Dennis Kuykendall reported on the continuing work of the Facilities Planning Committee.

### **Report from Technology**

Enoch Kwok reported on the continuing work of the Technology Department.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Update on School Safety – Dr. Knight gave an update on School Safety projects throughout the District.

#### **C.1. CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda. Motion carried Aye – Laifman, Pallant, Rosen, Yeoh, No – 0.

- a. [Approve Minutes of Regular Board Meeting April 5, 2014](#)
- c. [Approve Purchase Orders –April 1 – April 30, 2014](#)
- d. [Ratify Overnight Trip for Oak Park High School Solar Cup Club – May 15 – 18, 2014](#)
- e. [Approve Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints – April 2014](#)
- f. [Approve Out of State Travel for Employees to Attend Columbia Summer Reading/Writing Institute in New York City](#)
- g. [Accept and Approve 2013-2014 Second Period Attendance Report](#)
- i. [Approve Notice of Completion, Amphitheater Project at Medea Creek Middle School](#)

- j. Approve Student Teacher Agreement with Pepperdine University – January, 2014 through July, 2019**

## **ACTION**

- b. Public Employee/Employment Changes 01CL224001-01CL22417 & 01CE06589-01CE06639**

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Sepideh Yeoh, the Board of Education approved Public Employee/Employment Changes 01CL2244001-01CL2241 & 01CE06589-01CE06639. Motion carried Aye – Laifman, Pallant, Yeoh, No – 0, Recuse – Rosen.

- h. Approve Facility Use by Religious Organization – Chabad of Oak Park**

One public speaker addressed the Board about this item.

On motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Sepideh Yeoh, the Board of Education approved Facility Use by Religious Organization – Chabad of Oak Park. Motion carried Aye – Laifman, Pallant, Rosen, Yeoh, No – 0.

## **2. BUSINESS**

- a. Accept and Approve Annual Report of the Oak Park Citizens' Oversight Committee for Bond Measure C6 and Parcel Tax Measure C**

This was just an acceptance of the Report.

- b. Ratify Award of Bid 13-12R, Building 100 Modernization at Brookside Elementary School (Rebid)**

On motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved the Award of Bid 13-12R, Building 100 Modernization at Brookside Elementary School (rebid). Motion carried Aye – Laifman, Pallant, Rosen, Yeoh, No – 0.

- c. Approve Agreement for In-Plant Inspection Services, Project 14-25R Classroom Replacement at Oak Park High School**

On motion of Sepideh Yeoh, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved the Agreement for In-Plant Inspection Services, Project 14-25R Classroom Replacement at Oak Park High School. Motion carried Aye – Laifman, Pallant, Rosen, Yeoh, No – 0.

- d. Approve Safe School Plans**

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Sepideh Yeoh, the Board of Education approved the Safe School Plans. Motion carried Aye – Laifman, Pallant, Rosen, Yeoh, No – 0.

- e. Approve 2014-2015 \$50,000 Contribution to the Kanan Shuttle**

Two public speakers addressed the Board about this Item

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved to maximum \$50,000 contribution as long as shuttle is free to the Kanan Shuttle. Motion carried Aye – Laifman, Pallant, Rosen, Yeoh, No – 0.

- f. Approve Track Resurfacing Project at Oak Park High School**

On motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education tabled this item. Motion carried Aye – Laifman, Pallant, Rosen, Yeoh, No – 0.

**g. Approve Oak Park Independent School Facility Project on Oak View High School Site**

Eight public speakers addressed the Board about this item.

On motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Sepideh Yeoh, the Board of Education approved the Oak Park Independent School Facility Project on Oak View High School Site. Motion carried Aye – Laifman, Pallant, Rosen, Yeoh, No – 0. Board requires staff to work with the local neighbors to mitigate concerns expressed by them at the meeting. These include potential traffic, noise, etc. A mitigation plan is to be brought to the Board at the regular June meeting.

**h. Approve Solar Power Project and Shade Structure at Oak Park High School**

On motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Sepideh Yeoh, the Board of Education approved the Solar Power Project and Shade Structure at Oak Park High School. Motion carried Aye – Laifman, Pallant, Rosen, Yeoh, No – 0.

**i. Discuss Governor’s 2014-15 Budget Proposal – May Revise and Approve Tentative Spending Plan**

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved the proposed spending plan. Motion carried Aye – Laifman, Pallant, Rosen, Yeoh, No – 0. This includes 1 counselor at MCMS, 2 counseling clerical support (1 each at MCMS & OPHS), 3 P.E. Teachers at Elementary, 3 I.A.’s at Elementary, 1 Special Ed Teacher at OPHS, .5 Psychologist, .5 Behaviorist, potential settlement.

**3. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**a. Approve Job Description for Bilingual Translator/Interpreter**

On motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved the job description of Bilingual Translator/Interpreter. Motion carried Aye – Laifman, Pallant, Rosen, Yeoh, No – 0.

**b. Approve 2014-2015 School Handbooks/Discipline Plans**

On motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved the 2014 – 2015 School Handbooks/Discipline Plans. Motion carried Aye – Laifman, Pallant, Rosen, Yeoh, No – 0.

**c. Approve Authorization to Restore Director of Child Nutrition Services Position**

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Sepideh Yeoh, the Board of Education approved the authorization to restore the Director of Child Nutrition Services position. Motion carried Aye – Laifman, Pallant, Rosen, Yeoh, No – 0.

**4. BOARD**

**a. Approve Resolution #14-08 – Ordering a Regular Governing Board Member Election, Ordering Consolidation with Other Elections, and Constituting “Specification of the Election Order” to be held on November 4, 2014**

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Sepideh Yeoh, the Board of Education approved Resolution #14-08 – Ordering a Regular Governing Board Member Election, Ordering Consolidation with Other Elections, and Constituting “Specification of the Election Order” to be held on November 4, 2014. Motion carried Aye – Laifman, Pallant, Rosen, Yeoh, No – 0.

**b. Discuss and Approve Process for Provisional Appointment of School Board Member**

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved the process for Provisional Appointment of a School Board Member. Motion carried Aye – Laifman, Pallant, Rosen, Yeoh, No – 0.

**c. Approve California School Board Association Membership Dues (\$7,043) and Education Alliance Membership Due (\$1,761) for 2014-2015**

On motion of Sepideh Yeoh, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved CSBA Membership Dues and Education Alliance Member Dues for 2014-2015. Motion carried Aye: Laifman, Pallant, Rosen, Yeoh, No – 0.

**d. Approve Appointment of Clerk of the Board**

On motion of Sepideh Yeoh, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved the appointment of Barbara Laifman as Clerk of the Board. Motion carried Aye: Laifman, Pallant, Rosen, Yeoh, No – 0.

**5. BOARD POLICIES**

On motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Sepideh Yeoh, the Board of Education approved tabling C5a through C5c and C5e. Motion carried Aye: Laifman, Pallant, Rosen, Yeoh. No- 0.

**d.Approve Amendment of Board Policy 5145.3 – Nondiscrimination/Harassment – First Reading**

Mr. Rosen had a question that staff will research and bring to the June meeting.

**VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. **Monthly Cash Flow Report**
2. **Monthly Enrollment and Attendance Report**
3. **Monthly Measure R Bond Fund Financial Status Report**

**V. OPEN DISCUSSION**

There being no further business before this Board, the Regular meeting is declared adjourned at 11:38 p.m.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ President of the Board

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