

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING 12-7-10 #831
BOARD OF EDUCATION

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Ms. Mary Rees, called the regular meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. at Oak Park High School Presentation Room, G9, 899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park.

BOARD PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Tony Knight, Superintendent, Mr. Martin Klauss, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Dr. Leslie Heilbron, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, Ms. Jane Mintz, Director, Education Technology, Ms. Barbara Dickerson, Director, Fiscal Services, and Ms. Linda Sheridan, Executive Assistant.

FLAG SALUTE

Benjamin Rosen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On motion of Cindy Vinson, seconded by Jan Iceland, the Board of Education adopted the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None

PRESENTATION

Mike McReynolds, representing Supervisor Linda Parks, presented Mary Rees and Cindy Vinson, with Certificates of Recognition from the Ventura County Board of Supervisors.

Cheri Orgall, representing Assembly Member Julia Brownley, presented Mary Rees and Cindy Vinson, with Certificates of Recognition.

Dr. Knight presented Mary Rees and Cindy Vinson with plaques from the Oak Park Unified School District recognizing their years of service to the District and also the Partner in Education (PIE) volunteer awards. This is the fifth and sixth PIE awards presented by the Board to a dedicated volunteer to the District.

Mary Rees expressed her thanks to everyone and the importance of the partnership with the many entities throughout the communities like those represented here tonight. She hopes there will be continued partnership throughout the District among staff, administration, parents and the community for the education of all students. Cindy Vinson thanked everyone for their kindness and best wishes and expects to continue to hear good things about Oak Park.

Presentation of the CSBA Golden Bell Award for Environmental Awareness. Howard Friedman of Fagen, Friedman, Fulfroost presented a \$5,000 scholarship to the District as part of the CSBA Golden Bell Award received at the CSBA Convention held over the past weekend.

Healthy Kids Survey Update – Lou Tabone presented additional data received regarding Health Kids Survey.

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Cindy Vinson no report. Board Member Barbara Laifman thanked Cindy Vinson and Mary Rees for the many hours of time they have given to the students of Oak Park. Ms. Laifman reported she attended the District of Choice presentation which was great. The Principals all spoke well about their schools. It's not surprising that parents want their children to come to Oak Park. Ms. Laifman attended the MAC meeting and the only item that was of interest to the District was their interest to bring the program "Every 15 Minutes" to the high school. She attended the assembly today for the Acceptance week where Brian Bushway gave such an inspiring speech about overcoming disability. Board Member Marie Panec attended the Facilities Planning Committee last week and they will give their report later in the meeting. She reported she attended the CSBA conference this weekend where she went to a session on CIF where they talked about fees being donations only, a session about California expanding K-12 environmental literacy, learned about new software that could help track bond funding that could help with our Measure R finances, met a student who was a Student Board Rep who was interested in putting forth legislation allowing students to give input on teacher evaluation, and read some EdSource research regarding Middle School practices from high performing and low performing school and realized that we were practicing many of the high performing. Board Member Jan Iceland complimented Susan Roberts and the Special Ed staff for taking students out into the community and teaching them life skills. She also thanked very much Mary Rees and Cindy Vinson for all their work on the Board. Ms. Iceland also attended the CSBA conference

REPORT FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

None.

REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Knight reminded everyone that the High School will be having their Band and Choir performances this week. The Band is Thursday, December 9 and the Choir is December 10. Also Medea Creek is holding their Band and Choral performance on Wednesday, December 8.

School Site Council Reports

Brookside Elementary School – Statia Foresti reported the School Site Council discussed the Librarian hours being restored and the school garden.

Oak Hills Elementary School – Erik Warren, Principal, reported the School Site Council discussed the school plan. Oak Hills just held their Book Fair and raised \$4,000. They held their parent conferences, continue work on their school garden, and will hold a Father/Daughter dance this year.

Red Oak Elementary School – Jane Shi reported for the School Site Council.

Oak Park High School – Kevin Buchanan, Principal reported the School Site Council reviewed their school plan and picked their site for the school garden. They are also going to the look at the DVD for "Every 15 Minutes". They are very busy this week with Acceptance Week activities.

Report from Facilities Planning Committee

Peter Kristensen and Tom Wulf updated the Board on completed and ongoing projects throughout the District as well as an update on efforts to get DSA Certified Project Closeouts.

C.1. CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Jan Iceland, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda except for Items C.1.a and C.1.d. Motion carried 5-0.

- a. Approve Minutes of Regular Board Meeting November 16, 2010

- b. Public Employee/Employment Changes 01CL1494-01CL1524 & 01CE05023–01CE05044
- c. Approve Purchase Orders – November 1 – November 19, 2010
- d. Approve Student Teacher Agreement with California State University, Northridge
- e. Approve Expulsion of Student in Disciplinary Case #01-10/12

ACTION

2. BOARD

a. Administration of Oath of Office to Mary Pallant, Marie Panec and Allen Rosen

Linda Sheridan administered the Oath of Office to Mary Pallant, Marie Panec and Allen Rosen

b. Election of Officers of the Board of Education

On motion of Jan Iceland, seconded by Mary Pallant, the Board of Education approved the nomination of Barbara Laifman as President of the Board of Education. Motion carried 5-0.

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Mary Pallant, the Board of Education approved the nomination of Jan Iceland as Vice President of the Board of Education. Motion carried 5-0.

On motion of Jan Iceland, seconded by Mary Pallant, the Board of Education approved the nomination of Marie Panec as the Clerk of the Board of Education. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Select and Approve School Board Representative to the County Committee on School District Organization

On motion of Jan Iceland, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved the nomination of Mary Pallant as School Board Representative to the County Committee on School District Organization if this Committee remains in existence. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Approve Certification of Signatures

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

e. Approve Designation of Secretary/Authorized Agent of the Board of Education

On motion of Jan Iceland, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved the Designation of the Superintendent as Secretary/Authorized Agent of the Board of Education. Motion carried 5-0.

f. Approve Proposed Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2011

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Jan Iceland, the Board of Education approved the proposed Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2011. Motion carried 5-0.

g. Confirmation and Designation of Board Representatives to District Committees

The Board chose District Committees to serve on during the remainder of the school year. The Board will revisit these committee assignments in August for the 2011-12 school year.

h. Discuss Transfer of the Duties and Powers of the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization to the Ventura County Board of Education

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Jan Iceland, the Board of Education agreed to make a recommendation to the State Board of Education. Motion carried 5-0.

On motion of Jan Iceland, seconded by Marie Panec, the Board of Education did not approve recommending to the State Board of Education to allow the Duties and Powers of the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization to remain as is. Motion failed 4 Noes: Laifman, Pallant, Panec, Rosen 1 Yes: Iceland

On motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Marie Panec, the Board of Education agreed to recommend to the State Board of Education that the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization be made of one representative appointed from each of the five supervisorial districts, one at-large appointment and the Ventura County Board of Education to allow for more accountability to the community. Motion carried 4 Yes: Laifman, Pallant, Panec, Rosen 1 No: Iceland.

3. BUSINESS SERVICES

a. Approve Change Order #1, Bid 10-06R, Installation of HVAC System at Medea Creek Middle School Gymnasium

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Jan Iceland, the Board of Education approved Change Order #1, Bid 10-06R, Installation of HVAC System at Medea Creek Middle School Gymnasium. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Approve Notice of Completion, Bid 10-07R, District-Wide Installation of Digital Thermostats

On motion of Jan Iceland, seconded by Marie Panec, the Board of Education approved Notice of Completion, Bid 10-07R, District-Wide Installation of Digital Thermostats. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Approve Notice of Completion, Bid 10-08R, Site Work for Portable Classroom Replacement at Oak Park High School

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved Notice of Completion, Bid 10-08R, Site Work for Portable Classroom Replacement at Oak Park High School. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Approve Resolution #10-30, Authorizing Emergency Repairs at Oak Park High School, Bid 10-08R

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Jan Iceland, the Board of Education approved Resolution #10-30, Authorizing Emergency Repairs at Oak Park High School, Bid 10-08R. Motion carried 5-0.

e. Approve Fiscal Year 2010-2011 First Interim Financial Report, Certification and Budget Revisions

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Jan Iceland, the Board of Education approved Fiscal Year 2010-2011 First Interim Financial Report Certification and Budget Revisions. Motion carried 4 Yes: Iceland, Laifman, Pallant, Rosen 1 Abstain: Panec.

f. Approve Resolution #10-31, Authorizing District Participation in K-3 Class Size Reduction Program

On motion of Jan Iceland, seconded by Marie Panec, the Board of Education approved Resolution #10-31, Authorizing District Participation in K-3 Class Size Reduction Program. Motion carried 5-0.

g. Approve Acceptance of Donations

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved Acceptance of Donations. Motion carried 5-0.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES

a. Approve Authorization to Establish New Classified Position – Technology Department Assistant

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Jan Iceland, the Board of Education approved authorization to establish new Classified position – Technology Department Assistant. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Public Disclosure and Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the District and Oak Park Teachers Association

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Jan Iceland, the Board of Education approved Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the District and the Oak Park Teachers Association. Motion carried 5-0.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Ms. Iceland suggested the Board consider having a mini-retreat in January or February to help orient the new Board Members and to get used to working together.

Ms. Laifman suggested the Board give apples or bagels to each school staff for the holidays. It was arranged among the Board which day they would take bagels to each school.

Ms. Laifman asked the Board for their opinion on a letter to the Editor regarding clarifying information that had been written in a letter to the Editor previously. The Board agreed that better communication with the community would be a good idea. Mr. Rosen suggested getting a summary of the Board meetings on the Oak Park Now and Oak Park Update could be helpful. Dr. Knight said his office would take care of that.

There being no further business before this Board, the meeting is declared adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Date

President of the Board

Date

Clerk or Secretary of the Board