

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD STUDY SESSION MEETING 8-5-2020 #1000
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education Vice President, Mr. Allen Rosen, called the special meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. On March 17, 2020, Gov. Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 that, in part, authorized governing boards to hold public meetings via teleconference. Governing boards must still provide advanced notice of each public meeting in accordance with the Brown Act and make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe the meeting and/or to address the governing board.

Based on these guidelines, the OPUSD Board of Education held a video conference/teleconference special meeting on August 5th. Members of the public were able to observe the meeting auditorily using a published live stream link. Members of the public were able to submit comments via an online form which opened at 6:00 pm on the day of the meeting and remained open for submission of comments until the end of the meeting.

BOARD PRESENT

Mr. Allen Rosen, Vice President, Mr. Drew Hazelton, Clerk, Mr. Derek Ross, Member, and Mrs. Denise Helfstein, Member

BOARD ABSENT

Mrs. Barbara Laifman, President

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Tony Knight, Superintendent, Mr. Adam Rauch, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Mr. Stew McGugan, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Dr. Jay Greenlinger, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mrs. Ragini Aggarwal, Executive Assistant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Board Vice President, Allen Rosen reported that in Closed Session the Board would be discussing:

- A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE:** Government Code Section 54957
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS:** Government Code 54957.6
Agency designated representatives: Adam Rauch and Stewart McGugan
Employee organizations: Oak Park Teachers Association & Oak Park Classified Association

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:34 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board of Education Vice President, Mr. Allen Rosen, called the special meeting to order at 7:43 p.m.

BOARD PRESENT

Mr. Allen Rosen, Vice President, Mr. Drew Hazelton, Clerk, Mr. Derek Ross, Member, and Mrs. Denise Helfstein, Member

BOARD ABSENT

Mrs. Barbara Laifman, President

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Tony Knight, Superintendent, Mr. Adam Rauch, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Mr. Stew McGugan, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Dr. Jay Greenlinger, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Mrs. Susan Roberts, Director of Pupil Services, Mrs. Kim Gregorchuk, Director of Neighborhood School, and Mrs. Ragini Aggarwal, Executive Assistant.

FLAG SALUTE

Allen Rosen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Board Vice President, Allen Rosen reported that in closed session under Item A the Board took action to support the Superintendent's findings into a complaint filed against an employee. The Board took no other action in closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were 3 public speakers on an item on the agenda. Due to the electronic nature of this meeting and to maintain the integrity of providing an opportunity for public comment, the Board Vice President read the public comments at the time the agenda item was called.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board of Education adopted the agenda as presented. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – Laifman.

OPEN SESSION

A. BUSINESS SESSION

1. [Review Plans for the Distance Learning Model for the 2020-2021 School Year](#)

There were 3 public speakers on this agenda item who submitted comments via an online form. Board Vice President, Allen Rosen, read the comments aloud.

Dr. Jay Greenlinger, Director of Curriculum and Instruction presented details about the plans for Distance Learning and shared sample schedules.

2. [Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Oak Park Unified School District and the Oak Park Teachers Association Regarding Instruction in the Distance Learning Model](#)

On motion of Drew Hazelton, seconded by Derek Ross, the Board of Education approved Memorandum of Understanding between Oak Park Unified School District and the Oak Park Teachers Association Regarding Instruction in the Distance Learning Model. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Rosen, Ross. No – 0. Absent – Laifman.

3. [Review the Oak Park Neighborhood School Plan for the 2020-2021 School Year and Delegate Authority to the Superintendent to Authorize Reopening of the Program](#)

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board of Education delegated the Authority to the Superintendent to authorize reopening of the Oak Park Neighborhood School

for the 2020-2021 School Year. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Rosen, Ross. No – 0. Absent – Laifman.

4. **Discussion of Budget and Approval of Coronavirus Relief Expenditures**

On Motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board of Education approved to extend the meeting time for 30 minutes until 10:57 pm. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Rosen, Ross. No – 0. Absent – Laifman.

On Motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Derek Ross, the Board of Education approved to extend the meeting time for another 30 minutes. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Rosen, Ross. No – 0. Absent – Laifman.

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board of Education approved the Coronavirus Relief Expenditures. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Rosen, Ross. No – Helfstein. Absent – Laifman.

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Drew Hazelton, there being no further business before this Board, the special meeting is declared adjourned at 11:31 p.m.

Date

President of the Board

Date

Clerk or Secretary of the Board