

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING 9-15-2020 #1003
BOARD OF EDUCATION

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Mrs. Barbara Laifman, called the regular meeting to order at 5:07 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 on agenda and non-agenda items and participate in the public hearing on Sufficiency of Instructional Materials.

Based on these guidelines, the OPUSD Board of Education held a video conference/teleconference regular meeting on September 15th. 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 4:30 pm on the day of the meeting and remained open for submission of comments until the end of the meeting.

BOARD PRESENT

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

BOARD ABSENT

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Board President, Barbara Laifman reported that in Closed Session the Board would be discussing:

- A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE:** Government Code Section 54957
- B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT:** Clerical Sub, Health Services Technician, Instructional Assistants I Grade Level, Instructional Assistants I – Literacy & Numeracy, Instructional Assistant I Math, Instructional Assistant I Reading, Instructional Assistant II Special Education, Instruction Assistant III Behavior, Full time District Nurse, Long Term Maternity Leave Substitute Teachers, Long Term Maternity Leave Substitute Assistant Principal MCMS
- E. 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 5:08 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Mrs. Barbara Laifman, called the regular meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

BOARD PRESENT

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

BOARD ABSENT

Charlotte Robertson, Student Board Member

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Tony Knight, Superintendent, Mr. Adam Rauch, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Mr. Stew McGugan, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, Dr. Jay Greenlinger, Mrs. Sara Ahl, Director of Extended Care Programs, Mr. Brendan Callahan, Director of Bond Program, Sustainability, Maintenance and Operations, Mr. Enoch Kwok, Director of Information Technology, Mr. Byron Jones, Director of Fiscal Services, and Mrs. Ragini Aggarwal, Executive Assistant.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Board President, Barbara Laifman, reported that the Board took no action in closed session.

FLAG SALUTE

Barbara Laifman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

There was 1 public speaker on agenda item B.3.a. Due to this meeting's electronic nature and to maintain the integrity of providing an opportunity for public comment, the Board President read the one public comment when the agenda item was called.

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Allen Rosen reported that he was excited about all the new things going in the district.

Board Member Drew Hazelton thanked the teachers, staff, and families for everything they were doing to work through Distance Learning challenges. Drew also stated that the board was very appreciative and supportive of the teachers' hard work and assured them that the board was there to support them in whatever they need during these challenging times. Drew also reported that he attended Ms. Novak's class at Oak Hills with Dr. Knight and Dr. Greenlinger, and it was great to watch a virtual class in action.

Board Member Derek Ross thanked the teachers, staff, and administrators for their great job with the students. Derek reported that he attended the Oak Park Recreation and Park District community meeting.

Board Member Denise Helfstein reported that she attended the Curriculum Council meeting and the Wellness Council meeting. Denise thanked the partnership we have between our students, teachers, staff, and parents. Denise thanked the governance team and fellow board members for doing an exceptional job with selflessness and was grateful for her fellow board members' integrity and commitment.

Board Member Barbara Laifman reported that she attended the EEAC meeting, GATE DAC meeting, the English Language Advisory Committee meeting, and the OPEF meeting.

Superintendent Tony Knight reported that the virtual back to school nights went very well. The schoolwide enrichment model just started and is being funded by the OPEF. Dr. Knight reported that he visited the virtual classroom with Drew in Ms. Novak's class. Dr. Knight shared that EEAC is putting together events related to Coastal Cleanup month. Dr. Knight also shared the US News ranking of Oak Park High School as number 66 in California and number 1 in Ventura County, and thanked all the teachers, staff, students, parents, and administrators for the wonderful job.

REPORT FROM OAK PARK EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Scott Star, the Chair of Oak Park Education Foundation, thanked Sara Ahl for her help with the Friday Enrichment program. There are 30 classes with over 800 students participating in the virtual Friday Enrichment program for grades DK-8. This is being offered free of charge for all students. Scott also thanked Paula Friedman, the part-time College and Career Counselor at Oak Park High school, funded by OPEF, for the wonderful opportunities she provides for the students of Oak Park High School. OPEF is planning a virtual wine tasting event to be held on October 9th. Commemorative bricks have been installed at Oak Park High School.

REPORT FROM OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Jane Nye, Oak Park MAC member, reported that Sheriff Chiaramonte has reported a few Oak Park issues for Aug-Sep, a couple of vehicle break-ins, and catalytic converter thefts. Jane worked with Lisa McCullough, Environmental Resource Analyst III in Water & Sanitation department of Public Works to complete a Trash Audit in response to resident student William's Liu's request to add 4 trash cans on Kanan Road. Jane also requested that OPUSD consider Ventura County's Transportation's Adopt-a-Road Program for student service credits. Jane followed up with Jasmine's (sophomore at OPHS) and William Liu's request to add Water Lilies to Medea Creek. It was agreed to plant the Water Lilies in the Oak Park Lagoon pond. Verizon appeal by David Lelie upheld on Aug 27 by Planning Commission – no Verizon tower off of Churchwood/Hawthorne in Monte Carlo neighborhood, \$1K appeal fee refunded to the residents.

UPDATE ON COVID-19 IMPACT ON OAK PARK USD SCHOOLS

The Board received an update in regard to COVID-19 and the impact on OPUSD schools.

B.1. CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0

- a. [Approve Minutes of Regular Board Meeting August 18, 2020 and Special Board Meeting September 8, 2020](#)
- b. [Approve Public Employee/Employment Changes 01CL24697-01CL24750 & 01CE10312-01CE10425](#)
- c. [Ratify Purchase Orders - August 1 – August 31, 2020](#)
- d. [Approve Virtual Student Teaching Agreement with California State University Northridge from September 2020 Thru June 2021](#)
- e. [Approve Resolution #2020-18, Establishing the GANN Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021](#)
- f. [Approve Notice of Completion for Measure S Project 20-04S Collaborative Furniture Districtwide for 2019-20 School Year](#)

B2. BUSINESS SERVICES

- a. [Approve Consultant Agreement for Collective Equity with Dr. Terry Walker](#)
The Board spoke with, and asked questions of, Dr. Walker at the meeting, and approved the

agreement for Dr. Walker to serve as the District's Collective Equity consultant.

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved the Consultant Agreement for Collective Equity with Dr. Terry Walker. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0

b. Approve District of Choice Reporting Requirement

On motion of Drew Hazelton, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved the District of Choice Reporting Requirement. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0

c. Approve Unaudited Actual Revenues and Expenditures Report for Fiscal Year 2019-20

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board of Education approved the Unaudited Actual Revenues and Expenditures Report for Fiscal Year 2019-20. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0

d. Approve Spending Plan for 2020-21 Education Protection Account Funds

On motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Derek Ross, the Board of Education approved Spending Plan for 2019-20 Education Protection Account Funds. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

e. Approve Acceptance of Donations

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved the Acceptance of Donations with thanks. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

f. Authorize Measure S Project 20-18S, Renovate Exteriors of Buildings B and C at Red Oak Elementary School and Award Associated Contract for Services

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board of Education authorized Measure S Project 20-18S, Renovate Exteriors of Buildings B and C at Red Oak Elementary School and awarded Associated Contract for Services. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

g. Approve Renewal of Agreement with Developing Outdoors for General Staffing Services for the Extended Care Program for 2020-2021

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education tabled the Renewal of Agreement with Developing Outdoors for General Staffing Services for the Extended Care Program for 2020-2021. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

h. Approve Renewal of Consultant Agreement for Legislative Advisory and Advocacy Services for 2020-2021

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved The Renewal of Consultant Agreement for Legislative Advisory and Advocacy Services for 2020-2021. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

B3. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

a. Public Hearing and Approval of Resolution #2020-19, Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials for 2020-2021

Board President, Barbara Laifman opened the Public Hearing at 9:03 pm. Due to the electronic nature of this meeting and to maintain the integrity of providing an opportunity for public comment during the public hearing, the Board President read the one public comment from Melissa Paul which was submitted on this item. Dr. Jay Greenlinger thanked the parent for the comment and provided a response to the comment. There being no other comments Public hearing was closed 9:13 pm. On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board of Education approved the Resolution #2020-19, Regarding Sufficiency

of Textbooks and Instructional Materials for 2020-2021. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent –0.

b. [Approve the Adoption of the 2020-21 Oak Park Unified School District’s Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan](#)

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education adopted of the 2020-21 Oak Park Unified School District’s Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan.

Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent –0.

B4. HUMAN RESOURCES

a. [Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between Oak Park Unified School District and the Oak Park Classified Association Regarding Work During the COVID-19 Environment](#)

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved Memorandum of Understanding Between Oak Park Unified School District and the Oak Park Classified Association Regarding Work During the COVID-19 Environment. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent –0.

b. [Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between Oak Park Unified School District and the Oak Park Teachers Association Regarding Instruction in the Hybrid Learning Model for Elementary Schools](#)

On motion of Barbara Laifman, 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 Hybrid Learning Model for Elementary Schools. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent –0.

B5. BOARD POLICIES

a. [Approve Amendment to Board Policy and Exhibit 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 Employee Notifications – First Reading](#)

On motion of Drew Hazelton, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved Amendment to Board Policy and Exhibit 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 Employee Notifications as first and final reading. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

b. [Approve Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 4113 Assignment – First Reading](#)

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 4113 Assignment as first and final reading. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

c. [Approve Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5141.22 Infectious Diseases – First Reading](#)

On motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education approved Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5141.22 Infectious Diseases as first and final reading. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

d. [Approve Adoption of New Board Policy 5141.5 Mental Health – First Reading](#)

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education adopted New Board Policy 5141.5 Mental Health as first and final reading. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

e. Approve Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5144.1 Suspension and Expulsion Due Process – First Reading

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education tabled Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5144.1 Suspension and Expulsion Due Process until October. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

f. Approve Amendment to Board Bylaw 9270 – Conflict of Interest - First Reading

On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board of Education approved Amendment to Board Bylaw 9270 – Conflict of Interest as first and final reading. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

On motion of Drew Hazelton, seconded by Derek Ross, there being no further business before this Board, the Regular meeting is declared adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Date

President of the Board

Date

Clerk or Secretary of the Board