

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD STUDY SESSION MEETING 9-8-2020 #1002
BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Mrs. Barbara Laifman, called the special meeting to order at 6:07 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.

Based on these guidelines, the OPUSD Board of Education held a video conference/teleconference special meeting on September 8th. Members of the public were able to observe the meeting auditorily using a published live stream link. Members of the public were able to participate in the public hearing and submit public 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

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

BOARD ABSENT

Charlotte Robertson, Student Board Member

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, Mr. Enoch Kwok, Director of Information Technology, Mrs. Susan Roberts, Director of Pupil Services, Mrs. Sara Ahl, Director of Extended Care Programs, Mrs. Holly Baxter, Diversity and Equity Coordinator, and Mrs. Ragini Aggarwal, Executive Assistant.

FLAG SALUTE

Barbara Laifman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were 3 public speakers on items 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 President read the public comments at the time the agenda items were called.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

OPEN SESSION

A. BUSINESS SESSION

1. Public Hearing – Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan

Barbara Laifman opened the public hearing at 6:13 pm. There were no public comments at this time. Public hearing closed at 6:13 pm. The board reviewed the draft Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan and held a discussion. There were 2 public speakers on this agenda item which were submitted via the online form, but they came in after the Public Hearing had been closed.

Due to the electronic nature of this meeting and to maintain the integrity of providing an opportunity for public comment, the Board President read the public comments before the next item on the Agenda was called.

2. Discussion on OPUSD Diversity and Equity Efforts, Including Update from Diversity and Equity Task Force

The Board heard presentations from Holly Baxter, the chair of the Diversity and Equity Task Force, Oak Park High School students who had requested to address the board to share student perspectives as it relates to Diversity and Equity in our schools, and parents on the Diversity and Equity Task Force who requested to address the board to share parent perspectives. The Board held a discussion on OPUSD's diversity and equity efforts. There was 1 public speaker on this agenda item who submitted a comment via an online form. Due to the electronic nature of this meeting and to maintain the integrity of providing an opportunity for public comment, the Board President read the public comment and encouraged the public to provide comments if they so wished.

On motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Drew Hazelton, there being no further business before this Board, the special meeting is declared adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Date

President of the Board

Date

Clerk or Secretary of the Board