

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING      4-23-19      #974**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE**

The Board of Education President, Ms. Denise Helfstein, called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at Oak Park High School Presentation Room, G9, 899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park.

**BOARD PRESENT**

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

**BOARD ABSENT**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Board President, Denise Helfstein reported that in Closed Session the Board would be discussing:

- A. SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION**
- B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISSMISSAL/RELEASE**
- C. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT:** Food Service Subs, Campus Supervisor Subs, Extended Care Site Leader, Walk-On-Coach, Assistant Principal, OPHS

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:01 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE**

The Board of Education President, Ms. Denise Helfstein, called the regular meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. at Oak Park High School Presentation Room, G9, 899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park.

**BOARD PRESENT**

Ms. Denise Helfstein, President, Ms. Barbara Laifman, Vice President, Mr. Allen Rosen, Clerk, Mr. Drew Hazelton, Member, Mr. Derek Ross, Member, and Gavin Cornick, Student Board Member

**BOARD ABSENT**

None

**STAFF PRESENT**

Dr. Tony Knight, Superintendent, Mr. Martin Klauss, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Dr. Leslie Heilbron, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, Dr. Jay Greenlinger, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mrs. Ragini Aggarwal, Executive Assistant.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Jay Greenlinger led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

Board President, Denise Helfstein reported that in closed session the Board took no action.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Student Board Member, Gavin Cornick cast a preferential vote to approve the adoption of the Agenda. On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Derek Ross, the Board of Education adopted the agenda as presented except to table item VI.A.9 to the May meeting. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0.

## **PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

3 Public Speakers

## **PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

College of the Canyon presented a check of \$3,000 to the Oak Park High School Robotics Team.

## **REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Member Derek Ross reported that he had no remarks

Board Member Barbara Laifman reported that she attended the EEAC meeting, Curriculum Council Meeting, Community Engagement Committee Meeting, and the Marie Panec Scholarship selection Meeting. Barbara reminded everyone about Big Sunday.

Board Member Drew Hazelton reported that he attended the Safety and Security Task Force Meeting, and the MCMS and BES Open House.

Board Member Allen Rosen reported that he was unable to attend the MAC meeting last month and the MAC meeting is tonight.

Board Member Denise Helfstein reported that she attended the MCMS PFA meeting, two County Committee meetings on School District Organization to vote on CVUSD's and Moorpark's move from at large elections to trustee area jurisdictions, OPUSD's technology committee meeting, MCMS Open House, Measure S Committee meeting, Like Documentary screening at OPHS, and the High School Task Force on alternative/outside credit for graduation and summer school. Denise thanked the MCMS PFA for funding the LIKE documentary and Stew McGugan for arranging the screening and putting the panelists together.

Student Board Member Gavin Cornick introduced Anna Stephens the incoming student Board member for 2019-20. Gavin reported that next week is Spirit Week with a dunk tank, rally, and Powder Puff all girls football game, and the PROM at Sky Space LA is on May 17, 2019. Students are registering for AP tests.

Superintendent Tony Knight hoped everyone had a great Spring Break. Dr. Knight mentioned that this week is Earth Week and the Walk to School Wednesday and that he was looking forward to the concert week coming up next week. The OPHS Rocket team led by Dr. Knight has qualified again for the National Competition in Washington DC. Dr. Knight also thanked Stew McGugan for organizing an active shooter response drill at MCMS.

## **REPORT FROM SCHOOL SITE COUNCILS**

The Board received School Site Council reports from Brookside Elementary School and Oak Park High School.

**REPORT FROM OAK PARK EDUCATION FOUNDATION** There was no representative from the Oak Park Education Foundation.

## **PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Carole Ly, Director of Student Nutrition, provided an overview of the student nutrition program, showing the growth of sales and participation, and highlighting how the program continues to be a model of high quality, nutritious, sustainable, and delicious food service.

The Board presented Audrey Walzer with a Partners in Education Award

### **B.1. CONSENT AGENDA**

Student Board Member, Gavin Cornick cast a preferential vote to approve the Consent Agenda.

On motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Denise Helfstein, 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 March 19, 2019 and Special Board Meeting April 11, 2019](#)
- b. [Public Employee/Employment Changes 01CL24135-01CL24160 & 01CE09430-01CE09485](#)
- c. [Approve Purchase Orders – March 1 - March 31, 2019](#)
- d. [Approve Overnight Trip for Oak Park High School Debate Students to Attend the State Tournament - May 3-5, 2019, Long Beach, CA](#)
- e. [Approve Out of State Trip for Oak Park High School Rocket Team to Attend the TARC Nationals Finals - May 16-19, 2019, Washington, DC](#)
- f. [Approve Out of State Trip for Oak Park USD Students to Attend Odyssey of the Mind World Competition – May 22-25, 2019, Michigan](#)
- g. [Approve Student Teacher Agreement with Cal State University, Channel Island](#)
- h. [Approve Student Teacher Agreement with Pepperdine University](#)
- i. [Approve 2019-2020 Agreement for Legal Services with Fagen Friedman & Fulfrost](#)
- j. [Approval and Certification of 2018-19 School Bell Schedules and Minimum Instructional Minutes](#)
- k. [Approve Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints – April 2019](#)
- l. [Approve Notice of Completion, Measure S Project 18-39S, Addition and Improvements to Counseling Offices at Medea Creek Middle School](#)
- m. [Approve Notice of Completion, Measure S Project 18-48S, EV Charging Station at Medea Creek Middle School](#)

### **B2. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

- a. [Approve Implementation of Gender Identity Curriculum for Grades K-5 and the Related Instructional Material](#)

Elementary Counselor, Holly Baxter, and Director of Student Support and Safety, Stew McGugan, shared a presentation about the proposed K-5 gender identity curriculum. Three members of the public spoke on this topic.

Student Board Member, Gavin Cornick cast a preferential vote in favor.

On motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board of Education approved the Implementation of Gender Identity Curriculum for Grades K-5 and Related Instructional Material contingent on including a notice to parents prior to implementation and a parent education component. Parents will be invited to review materials and other relevant information and meet with the site counselor or principal if they have questions. Motion carried Aye – Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No – 0. Absent – 0.

**b. Review Report on the Recommendations of the OPHS Task Force**

OPHS Principal Kevin Buchanan provided a report to the Board about the Task Force recommendations. The Board asked for a report on the progress of these recommendations in or before April of the next school year.

**c. Approve Amendment to Board Policy 6146.1 – High School Graduation Requirements – First Reading**

Student Board Member, Gavin Cornick cast a preferential vote in favor.

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved Amendment to Board Policy 6146.1 – High School Graduation Requirements as First and Final Reading. Motion carried Aye – Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No – 0. Absent – 0.

**d. Approve Additional Textbook for Oak Park High School’s Journalism II Honors Curriculum**

Student Board Member, Gavin Cornick cast a preferential vote in favor.

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board of Education approved Additional Textbook for Oak Park High School’s Journalism II Honors Curriculum. Motion carried Aye – Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No – 0. Absent – 0.

**e. Approve Additional Textbook for Oak Park High School’s AP Psychology Curriculum**

Student Board Member, Gavin Cornick cast a preferential vote in favor.

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Derek Ross, the Board of Education approved Additional Textbook for Oak Park High School’s AP Psychology Curriculum. Motion carried Aye – Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No – 0. Absent – 0.

**f. Approve Additional Textbook for Oak View High School’s New Environmental Science Course**

Student Board Member, Gavin Cornick cast a preferential vote in favor.

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Derek Ross, the Board of Education approved Additional Textbook for Oak View High School’s New Environmental Science Course. Motion carried Aye – Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No – 0. Absent – 0.

Student Board Member, Gavin Cornick left the meeting at 9:01 pm.

**g. Review and Discuss the Math Placement Protocols, Pathways, and Information Provided to Parents and Students about Math Placement in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade at Oak Park USD**

The Board reviewed the information recently posted on the OPUSD website and charts and letters sent to parents regarding math placement and asked that both be clarified. The Board also requested that staff provide further information about the basis for the District’s math placement protocols and the percentages of students in each type of math class and the percentages that advance. In addition, the Board asked to have data presented annually that shows whether there are any patterns of placement based on student demographics including race, ethnicity, gender, or socio-economic background pursuant to BP 6152.1.

**B3. BUSINESS SERVICES**

**a. Approve Acceptance of Donation**

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved the acceptance of Donation. Motion carried Aye – Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No – 0. Absent – 0.

- b. Approve Measure S 2019 Master Plan Update and Related Funding Options**  
 On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Derek Ross, the Board of Education approved to table the Measure S 2019 Master Plan Update and Related Funding Options to an upcoming Special Board Meeting. Motion carried Aye – Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No – 0. Absent – 0.
- c. Approve and Authorize Project 19-07F, Chromebook 1:1 Take Home Program Implementation for Grades 5-12**  
 On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education approved and Authorized Project 19-07F, Chromebook 1:1 Take Home Program Implementation for Grades 5-12. Motion carried Aye – Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No – 0. Absent – 0.
- d. Approve and Ratify Measure S Project 19-05S, Emergency Trellis and Beam Removal at Medea Creek Middle School**  
 On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved and Ratify Measure S Project 19-05S, Emergency Trellis and Beam Removal at Medea Creek Middle School. Motion carried Aye – Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No – 0. Absent – 0.
- e. Authorize and Ratify Measure S Project 19-06S, Interactive Flat Panel Display Refresh/Replacement at Oak Hills Elementary School**  
 On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved the authorization and ratification of Measure S Project 19-06S, Interactive Flat Panel Display Refresh/Replacement at Oak Hills Elementary School. Motion carried Aye – Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No – 0. Absent – 0.
- f. Approve Award of Bid, Measure S Project 17-47S, DSA Certification of Administration Building at Brookside Elementary School**
- g. Approve Agreement for DSA Inspection Services, Measure S Project 17-47S, DSA Certification of Administration Building at Brookside Elementary School**
- h. Approve Agreement for DSA Test and Inspection Services, Measure S Project 17-47S, DSA Certification of Administration Building at Brookside Elementary School**  
 On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board as permitted by Education Code 17604, authorized the Superintendent to award or reject bids and professional services agreements in connection with Measure S Project 17-47S, DSA Certification of Administration Building at Brookside Elementary School; specifically, for construction bids received as itemized in Agenda Item B.3.f., for the DSA inspection services agreement as itemized in Agenda Item B.3.g., and for the DSA test and inspection services as itemized in Agenda Item B.3.h.

The Superintendent's award or rejection of contracts will be made in consultation with District's general legal counsel, and will be brought to the Board of Education for ratification at its May 14, 2019 meeting. Motion carried Aye – Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No – 0. Absent – 0.

- i. Approve Architectural Services Agreement for Measure S Project 19-08S, DSA Certification of Oak Park Neighborhood School Buildings**  
 On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved an architectural services agreement for Measure S Project 19-08S, DSA Certification of Oak Park Neighborhood School Buildings, with BCA Architects, in the amount of \$189,285, funded from the Measure S bond fund, contingent upon modification of the architectural services agreement, and including its three subconsultant agreements, to fully comply with insurance, liability, and indemnification requirements specified by the Ventura County

Schools Self-funding Authority. Motion carried Aye – Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No – 0. Absent – 0.

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Derek Ross, there being no further business before this Board, the Regular meeting is declared adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

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Date

President of the Board

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Date

Clerk or Secretary of the Board