

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD STUDY SESSION MEETING 7-14-2020 #999
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Mrs. Barbara Laifman, called the special meeting to order at 5:02 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 July 14th. 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

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, and Mrs. Ragini Aggarwal, Executive Assistant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

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

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL— PENDING LITIGATION:** Government Code Section 54956(a) & (d)(i)

- 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

- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) or (3): one case

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:03 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board of Education President, Mrs. Barbara Laifman, called the special meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

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

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, Mr. Enoch Kwok, Director of Information Technology, Mrs. Sara Ahl, Director of Extended Care Program, and Mrs. Ragini Aggarwal, Executive Assistant.

FLAG SALUTE

Barbara Laifman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Board President, Barbara Laifman reported that in closed session under Item A. the Board voted unanimously to accept the settlement agreement for a special education student. The District will pay a total of \$19,000 to settle this case. The Board took no other reportable action in closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were 9 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 Denise Helfstein, 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. [Approve Plans for Reopening of Schools and Return to Instruction in Distance Learning](#)

There were 8 public speakers on this agenda item who submitted comments via an online form. Board President, Barbara Laifman, read the comments aloud.

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education approved the Plans for Reopening of Schools and Return to Instruction in Distance Learning. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen. No – Ross. Absent – 0.

2. [Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Oak Park Classified Association as it Relates to Taking Temperature and Health Screening of Staff, Students, and Visitors](#)

On motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Oak Park Classified Association as it Relates to Taking Temperature and Health Screening of Staff, Students, and Visitors. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No – 0. Absent – 0.

3. Approve Resolution #2020-17 to Reestablish Particular Kinds of Service to Laid Off Classified Employees

On motion of Drew Hazelton, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education approved the Resolution #2020-17 to Reestablish Particular Kinds of Service to Laid Off Classified Employees. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Ross. No – 0. Abstain – Rosen. Absent – 0.

4. Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Oak Park Unified School District and the Oak Park Teachers Association Regarding the Return to Work Following School Closures Related to Covid-19

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board of Education approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Oak Park Unified School District and the Oak Park Teachers Association Regarding the Return to Work Following School Closures Related to Covid-19. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No – 0. Absent – 0.

5. Approve Price Increase to Student Nutrition Services Meal Prices for 2020-2021

On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved Price Increase to Student Nutrition Services Meal Prices for 2020-2021. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No – 0. Absent – 0.

6. Authorize Measure S Project 20-22S, Economizers and CO2 Sensors for F-Building at Oak Park High School and Approve Associated Contracts

There was 1 public speaker on this agenda item who submitted a comment via an online form. Board President, Barbara Laifman, read the comment aloud.

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education authorized the Measure S Project 20-22S, Economizers and CO2 Sensors for F-Building at Oak Park High School and approved Associated Contracts. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No – 0. Absent – 0.

7. Authorize Measure S Project 20-23S, Enhanced Air Purification Systems Districtwide and Approve Associated Contracts

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board of Education tabled the authorization of Measure S Project 20-23S, Enhanced Air Purification Systems Districtwide in order for the Measure S committee to deliberate on this as well as give the Board a recommendation on other types of COVID-19 devices which might be suitable and also for the staff to let the Board know when would be a good time for another board meeting in order to not lose time efficiency to make a decision. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No – 0. Absent – 0.

8. Authorize Measure S Project 20-24S Oak Park High School Engineering Workstation Laptop Refresh and Approve Associated Purchases

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education authorized Measure S Project 20-24S Oak Park High School Engineering Workstation Laptop Refresh and approved Associated Purchases. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No – 0. Absent – 0.

9. Authorize Measure S Project 20-25S Apple iPad Air Refresh Wave 3 and Approve Associated Purchases

On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board of Education authorized Measure S Project 20-25S Apple iPad Air Refresh Wave 3 and approve Associated Purchases. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No – 0. Absent – 0.

10. Approve Membership and Partnership Agreement for Catalyst Network with Green School National Network for 2020-21

On motion of Drew Hazelton, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education

approved Membership and Partnership Agreement for Catalyst Network with Green School National Network for 2020-21. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No – 0. Absent – 0.

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Denise Helfstein, there being no further business before this Board, the special meeting is declared adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Date President of the Board

Date Clerk or Secretary of the Board