

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD STUDY SESSION MEETING 7-9-2020 #998
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Mrs. Barbara Laifman, called the special Board Study Session 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 9th. Members of the public were able to observe the meeting using a published live stream link. Members of the public were able to submit comments via an online form which was opened to the members of the public when the Board President announced a break to submit public comments 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, 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 LABOR NEGOTIATORS:** Government Code 54957.6
Agency designated representatives: Adam Rauch and Stewart McGugan
Employee organizations: Oak Park Teachers Association & Oak Park Classified Association
- B. 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 6:12 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, Mrs. Sara Ahl, Director of Extended Care Programs, Mrs. Holly Baxter, Coordinator, Equity and Safety, 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 the Board took no action.

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. BOARD STUDY SESSION

1. Review and Discuss Plans for Reopening of School Campuses and Return to Instruction

Staff Presented the plans for reopening of schools and the Board held a discussion on the information presented.

On Motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education approved to extend the meeting time to 11:00 pm. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

The Board took a break at 10:25 pm until 10:35 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were 61 public speakers on Agenda Item A.1. Some of these comments were combined since they were similar in nature and shared the same content in order to allow more comments to be read. Due to the electronic nature of this meeting and to maintain the integrity of providing an opportunity for public comment, the Board President read all the submitted public comments.

On Motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved to extend the time of the meeting in order to finish reading the remaining 7 comments. 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 11:10 p.m.

Date President of the Board

Date Clerk or Secretary of the Board