

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION –**

1-7-2021 #1015

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Mr. Allen Rosen, called the Special meeting to order at 6:09 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 advance 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 January 7th. Members of the public were able to observe the open session of the meeting using a published live stream link. Members of the public were able to submit public comments via an online form which opened at 5:30 pm on the day of the meeting and remained open for submission of comments until the end of the Board meeting.

BOARD PRESENT

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

BOARD ABSENT

Charlotte Robertson, Student Board Member

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Tony Knight, Superintendent, Mrs. Ragini Aggarwal, Executive Assistant, Dr. Terry Walker, Collective Equity Consultant

FLAG SALUTE

Allen Rosen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

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, Rosen, Ross, Wang. No - 0. Absent – 0.

OPEN SESSION

A. BUSINESS SESSION

1. [Approval of Agreement with Leadership Associates to Provide Recruitment Services for a Superintendent](#)

On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Tina Wang, the Board of Education voted to select Leadership Associates to assist the Oak Park Unified School District in the search for a new Superintendent. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Rosen, Ross, Wang. No - 0.

Board President, Allen Rosen informed the Board and the members of the Public that a Special Board meeting is planned with the Consultants from Leadership Associates for January 12, 2021.

2. Collective Equity Training with Dr. Walker

Dr. Walker reviewed and discussed the following with the Board of Education as part of the planned Collective Equity Board of Education training:

- Oak Park USD’s mission and indicators of fruition
- Status of current state of Collective Equity work
- Role of the Board of Education in advancing Collective Equity
- Created Next Steps for the Board of Education with the desired future state of Collective Equity

On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Allen Rosen, there being no further business before this Board, the special meeting is declared adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Date President of the Board

Date Clerk or Secretary of the Board