

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING 11-16-2021 #1047
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Mr. Allen Rosen, called the regular meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. at Oak Park High School Presentation Room, G9, 899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park.

Members of the public were able to observe the meeting using a published live stream link or attend in person. Members of the public were able to submit public comments via an online form before the board meeting as well as submit them at the Board meeting as outlined in the agenda.

BOARD PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Jeff Davis, Superintendent, Mr. Adam Rauch, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Mr. Stewart McGugan, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, and Mrs. Ragini Aggarwal, Executive Assistant and Communications Coordinator.

BOARD ABSENT

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Board President, Allen Rosen reported that in Closed Session the Board would be discussing:

- A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE:** Government Code Section 54957
- B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT:** Campus Supervisor, Walk-on-Coaches, Custodian Sub, Food Service Assistant 1, Instructional Assistants I Literacy & Numeracy, Instructional Assistant I Computer Lab, College and Career Center Technician, Instructional Assistant II Special Ed, Instructional Assistants III Behavior, Literacy and Numeracy Intervention Teacher, Temp Teacher, Guest Teachers
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS:** Government Code 54957.6
Agency designated representatives: Adam Rauch and Stewart McGugan
Employee organization: Oak Park Teachers Association and Oak Park Classified Association

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:02 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Mr. Allen Rosen, called the regular meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.

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

None

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Jeff Davis, Superintendent, Mr. Adam Rauch, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Dr. Jay Greenlinger, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Brad Benioff, Director of Student Support and School Safety, Mr. Brendan Callahan, Director of Bond Programs, Sustainability, Maintenance and Operation, Mrs. Sara Ahl, Director of Extended Care Programs, and Mrs. Ragini Aggarwal, Executive Assistant and Communications Coordinator.

FLAG SALUTE

Allen Rosen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Board President Mr. Allen Rosen reported that the Board took no action in closed session at the October 26, 2021, Special Meeting and also no action was taken in the closed session at tonight's meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On motion of Drew Hazelton, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education adopted the agenda as presented except to move item B.2.a before Items VI.A.7 and VI.A.8. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Rosen, Ross, Wang. No - 0. Absent – 0. Student Board Member, Nikita Manyak cast a preferential to approve the motion.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

There were 8 public speakers at this meeting. Two comments were submitted via the online comment form on agenda items, and President Rosen read the comment at the time the item was called. 6 public speakers submitted comment cards in person and addressed the Board when the agenda items were called.

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

BOARD REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

The Board recognized Brad Anderson, Crossing Guard who works at the cross section of Hollytree Drive and Doubletree Road for his positive outlook, friendly demeanor and ensuring the safety and security of our students. Medea Creek Principal, Mrs. Jenny DaCosta shared quotes and comments about Brad from students and families.

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS/SUPERINTENDENT

Board Member Drew Hazelton reported that he attended the Safety and Security Task Force Meeting, Measure S meeting, and office hours with staff at Medea and Oak Park High School. Drew thanked the Medea staff for organizing a wonderful school dance.

Denise Helfstein thanked veterans for their sacrifices, bravery, and service. She attended the Safe Kids Task Force meeting, Community Engagement Committee meeting, GATE DAC, Wellness Council, EEAC meeting, and Board office hours at Oak Park High School. Denise thanked staff members who shared their thoughts and concerns. We plan on holding these sessions regularly. Denise wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Board Member Tina Wang wished a Happy Diwali and Feliz Dia De Los Muertos to those families who celebrate. Tina reported that she attended Curriculum Council and Diversity and Equity Task Force, Oak Park Cross Country Team Banquet, National Honor Society Induction Ceremony. Tina expressed her

deepest sympathy to Manny Fischman's family on his passing.

Board Member Derek Ross reported that he attended the Safety and Security Task Force, the Safe Kids Task Force, the Diversity and Equity Task Force, and the Measure S Committee meeting. Derek expressed his gratitude to all the students, staff, and families.

Board Member Allen Rosen reported that he attended office hours at Medea Creek Middle School. Allen announced that he and his wife are moving out of the state next year, and after 11 years, he will be resigning from the Board on January 19, 2022.

Nikita Manyak reported that the Oak Park High School Winter Rally will be on December 3rd. Video announcements will be promoting upcoming programs. Awareness week at OPHS will be coming up, and the theme is "We are Stronger Together."

Superintendent Dr. Jeff Davis thanked Allen Rosen for his service to the district and the community. Dr. Davis wished everyone Veterans Day, Diwali, and Di De Los Muertos. Dr. Davis is holding office hours at all schools in November and December. Dr. Davis gave a shout-out to Ragini Aggarwal, District's Communication Coordinator on the Oak Park Weekly, and her focus on improving communications coming from the District. Dr. Davis reported that he attended the National Signing Day and Ms. Melville's 5th-grade class, Pre-Algebra, at Medea Creek Middle School. Dr. Davis reported on various committee meetings he attended this month, the District of Choice Night, Green Schools Summit.

REPORT FROM OAK PARK EDUCATION FOUNDATION

There was no report from the Oak Park Education Foundation

REPORT ON CLUB OAK PARK AND RECOGNITION OF ASHLEY PALMIERI, RED OAK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLUB OAK PARK SITE LEADER

Sara Ahl, Director of Extended Care programs provided an update on the Club Oak Park program. Sara introduced Red Oak Elementary School Club Oak Park Site Leader, Ashley Palmieri. The Board recognized Ashley who recently helped a student who was choking. Ashley was quick with providing help and assisting the student. The mother of the student who was helped by Ashley spoke and shared her sincere appreciation and gratitude towards Ashley.

B.1. CONSENT AGENDA

Student Board Member, Nikita Manyak cast a preferential to approve the Consent Agenda.

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Rosen, Ross, Wang. No - 0. Absent - 0.

- a. [Approve Minutes of Regular Board Meeting October 19, 2021 and Special Closed Session Meeting held October 26, 2021](#)
- b. [Approve Public Employee/Employment Changes 01CL25335-01CL25378 & 01CE11297-01CE11330](#)
- c. [Ratify Purchase Orders - October 1 – October 31, 2021](#)
- d. [Approve Overnight Trip for Oak Park High School Girls Soccer Team to Bay Back Invitation – Newport Beach CA – December 3-5, 2021](#)
- e. [Approve Student Teaching Agreement with California State University Northridge for 2021 – 2022](#)

B2. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- a. [Review and Discuss Student Data Related to Placement in Mathematics Courses](#)
According to Board Policy 6152.1, Dr. Jay Greenlinger, OPUSD Director of Curriculum and

Instruction, presented math placement data and some recommendations to address student groups impacted disproportionately in math. Four OPHS teachers made public comments on this item. One of the comments was submitted online and read by Board President Rosen. The other teachers spoke in person at the meeting (some before and some after the presentation by Dr. Greenlinger). All comments focused on the recommendation to eliminate OPUSD's two-year Algebra 1A/1B program at middle and high schools. Teachers were concerned, among other things, about doing this without sufficient additional academic support and during a challenging time (i.e., post-pandemic and back to full time, in-person learning). MCMS Principal Jenny DaCosta and OPHS Principal Mat McClenahan also commented in-person on this topic. They shared their perspectives about students impacted by the two-year algebra and how it is vital to address those students' needs to provide equitable access to all courses.

According to Board Policy 6152.1, the Board reviewed student data related to placement in mathematics courses offered at OPUSD's middle and high schools to ensure that students who are qualified to progress in mathematics courses based on their performance on objective academic measures are not being held back disproportionately on any subjective or discriminatory basis.

The Board then asked the following questions:

- If staff had shared this information with the Math Task Force and the MCMS and OPHS math teachers.
- What interventions staff have planned for the secondary schools.
- If interventions were being designed in collaboration with the math departments at MCMS and OPHS.
- If staff had included placement data for Oak Park Independent School.
- What impact does using different textbooks for Algebra 1 at MCMS and OPHS have on student achievement/pathways.
- The number of appeals by grade level/course.
- The number of students who dropped down a math class if their placement was based on an appeal.
- If the staff can obtain more feedback from the Curtis Center on our math placement data and recommendations.

The Board also asked Dr. Davis for his direction and views on this item.

The Board asked to bring the item back for further discussion in January 2022 so that administrators can further collaborate with the math departments at MCMS and OPHS regarding the recommendations and the implementation schedule.

All agreed that, in the future, annual math placement data and presentations pursuant to BP 6152.1, should be reviewed in more detail with the math departments of MCMS and OPHS before being presented at a Board meeting.

Student Board Member, Nikita Manyak left the meeting at 8:30 pm.

On motion of Drew Hazelton, seconded by Tina Wang, the Board of Education voted item B.3.a. ahead of B.2.b. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Rosen, Ross, Wang. No - 0. Absent - 0.

B3. BUSINESS SERVICES

a. Approve Joint Use Agreement of Facilities with Proactive Sports

Emily Capretta from Proactive Sports along with Tim Chevalier, Jason Meskis, and Kathryn Klamecki shared the details of the services which will be provided by Proactive under the joint use agreement.

On motion of Tina Wang, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board of Education approved the Joint use agreement of facilities with Proactive Sports. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Rosen, Ross, Wang. No - 0. Absent – 0.

VI. OPEN COMMUNICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

REPORT ON MEASURE S BOND PROGRAM

Director of Bond Programs, Sustainability, Maintenance and Operations, Brendan Callahan shared this presentation with the Board regarding Measure S Bond Program completed projects, needs assessment for future projects, and a spending update on the bond funds.

UPDATE ON COVID-19 IMPACT ON OAK PARK USD SCHOOLS

There was one public comment submitted online on this item. Board President Allen Rosen read the comment at this time. Mr. Brad Benioff, Director of Student Support and School Safety provided an update on the COVID-19 Dashboard, surveillance testing, request for vaccination records for MCMS and OPHS students. Mr. Benioff also shared information about the upcoming COVID Vaccine clinic and the district's collaboration with Agoura Hills AFC urgent care for COVID-19 vaccination for 5-11-year-olds.

B2. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

b. Review and Discuss Educator Effectiveness Grant

Dr. Jay Greenlinger shared information about the \$1,142,624 in funds received for the Educator Effectiveness Grant by Oak Park USD. Assembly Bill (AB) 130 includes one-time funding provided to county offices of education, school districts, charter schools, and state special schools to provide professional learning for teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, and classified staff in order to promote educator equity, quality, and effectiveness. Board reviewed the draft plan at this meeting and will be approving the plan at the December 14, 2021 meeting.

B3. BUSINESS SERVICES

b. Ratify Agreement for Grass Mowing Services with Enhanced Landscape

On motion of Drew Hazelton, seconded by Tina Wang, the Board of Education ratified the Agreement for Grass Mowing Services with Enhanced Landscape. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Rosen, Ross, Wang. No - 0. Absent – 0.

At 10:26 pm on motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board of Education extended the meeting until midnight. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Rosen, Ross, Wang. No - 0. Absent – 0.

c. Approve Consultant Agreement for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Programs with The Howard Group

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education approved the Consultant Agreement for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Programs with The Howard Group. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Rosen, Ross, Wang. No - 0. Absent – 0.

B.4. HUMAN RESOURCES

a. Approve Classified Holiday Calendars for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024

On motion of Drew Hazelton, seconded by Tina Wang, the Board of Education approved the

Classified Holiday Calendars for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Rosen, Ross, Wang. No - 0. Absent – 0.

b. [Ratify Memorandum of Understanding Between Oak Park Unified School District and the Oak Park Teachers Association Regarding Instructional and Non-instructional Pay](#)

On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board of Education ratified the Memorandum of Understanding Between Oak Park Unified School District and the Oak Park Teachers Association Regarding Instructional and Non-instructional Pay. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Rosen, Ross, Wang. No - 0. Absent – 0.

c. [Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between Oak Park Unified School District and the Oak Park Teachers Association Regarding Elementary Report Card Days](#)

On motion of Tina Wang, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education approved Memorandum of Understanding Between Oak Park Unified School District and the Oak Park Teachers Association Regarding Elementary Report Card Days. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Rosen, Ross, Wang. No - 0. Absent – 0.

B5. BOARD

a. [Approve Selection of Annual Organizational Board Meeting – December 14, 2021](#)

On motion of Tina Wang, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education approved Selection of Annual Organizational Board Meeting as December 14, 2021. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Rosen, Ross, Wang. No - 0. Absent – 0.

B6. BOARD POLICIES

a. [Approve Amendment to Board Policy 0470 COVID-19 Mitigation Plan](#)

On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board of Education approved the amendment to Board Policy 0470 COVID-19 Mitigation Plan as First and Final Reading. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Rosen, Ross, Wang. No - 0. Absent – 0.

b. [Approve Amendment to Board Policy 4141/4241 Collective Bargaining Agreement](#)

c. [Approve Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 4158/4258/4358 Employee Security](#)

d. [Approve Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5141.4 Child Abuse and Prevention Reporting](#)

e. [Approve Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5141.52 Suicide Prevention](#)

f. [Approve Amendment to Board Policy 5145.12 Search and Seizure](#)

g. [Approve Amendment to Board Policy 5145.9 Hate Motivated Behavior](#)

On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Derek Ross, the Board of Education approved the amendment to Board Policy B.6.b. through B.6.g. in one vote as First and Final Reading. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Rosen, Ross, Wang. No - 0. Absent – 0.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board requested information about Awareness Week, Board Vacancy and also to schedule a special closed session meeting in December.

X. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Tina Wang, seconded by Allen Rosen, there being no further business before this Board, the Regular meeting held on November 16, 2021 is declared adjourned at 11:20 p.m. in honor of Manny

Fischman. Manny was a Holocaust survivor who told his heroic story to Medea Creek's seventh graders and their families for eleven years (up until COVID). Manny's dedication and commitment to the students and families of Medea Creek Middle School will leave a lasting impact on countless lives in our community.

Date

President of the Board

Date

Clerk or Secretary of the Board