

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING 1-24-2023 #1075
BOARD OF EDUCATION

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Mrs. Denise Helfstein, called the regular meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. at Oak Park High School Presentation Room, G9, 899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park.

Members of the public were able to attend in person.

BOARD PRESENT

Mrs. Denise Helfstein, President, Mrs. Tina Wang, Vice President, Mrs. Soyon Hardy, Clerk, Mrs. Megan Lantsman, Member, and Mr. Jim Moynihan, Member.

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Jeff Davis, Superintendent, Mr. Adam Rauch, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Mr. Stew McGugan, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Mrs. Ragini Aggarwal, Communications Coordinator and Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/Board, and Mr. James Traber, Legal Counsel.

BOARD ABSENT

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

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

3.1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9
Case No: 56-2022-00566683-CU-WM-VTA

3.2. SUPERINTENDENT’S GOALS

3.3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2): one case

3.4. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE: Government Code Section 54957

3.5. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT: Campus Supervisor, Sub-Custodians, Walk-on-Coaches, Secondary Teacher

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

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Mrs. Denise Helfstein, called the regular meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

BOARD PRESENT

Mrs. Denise Helfstein, President, Mrs. Tina Wang, Vice President, Mrs. Soyon Hardy, Clerk, Mrs. Megan Lantsman, Member, and Mr. Jim Moynihan, Member, Ms. Tess Leong, Student Board Member.

BOARD ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Jeff Davis, Superintendent, Mr. Adam Rauch, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Mrs. Tammy Herzog, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, and Mrs. Ragini Aggarwal, Communications Coordinator and Executive Assistant.

FLAG SALUTE

Denise Helfstein led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Board President Mrs. Denise Helfstein reported that the Board took no action at tonight's meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On motion of Jim Moynihan, seconded by Megan Lantsman, the Board of Education adopted the agenda as presented. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Wang. No - 0. Tess Leong, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

There were no public speakers.

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Tina Wang wished everyone who celebrates a happy Lunar New Year and thanked the district for acknowledging and sending out a message for Lunar New Year. Tina reported that she attended DETF. One of the things that touched her during this meeting was that teachers were planning on wearing red to celebrate Lunar New Year and she thought it was such a lovely thing for the teachers to do. Tina also attended the GATE DAC and VCSBA Governance training.

Board Member Jim Moynihan reported that he attended his first technology meeting and saw a presentation on Promethean Boards, all of the boards have been installed and it was nice to see all the steps taken by our IT staff. Jim also attended Rancho Simi Park and Rec meeting and said there were a lot of interesting discussions around the sand volleyball court project and the project was unanimously moved forward.

Board Member Megan Lantsman reported that she attended the Safety and Security Task Force meeting, and she feels very lucky that we have such great parents and staff members looking after the kids in OPUSD. Megan said one of the things that came up during this meeting was that the district needs more parents and staff to join the CERT team and become certified and encouraged people to sign up for the upcoming training that have been promoted by through the school newsletters. Megan also congratulated Red Oak and Oak Hills Elementary on being named 2023 California Distinguished Schools.

Board Member Soyon Hardy also wished everyone who celebrates a happy Lunar New Year and welcomed everyone back from winter break. Soyon reported that she attended the DETF meeting and wanted to highlight Vanessa Heller who brought a template for better coordination in our District to highlight diversity calendar events. Soyon attended a couple Measure S sub-committee meetings to discuss and prepare for the state requirements for TK.

Board Member Denise Helfstein thanked the district for commemorating the Holocaust with the social media posts on the International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Denise reported that she attended the LCAP PAC and one of the most important things she said they did was go over the survey that will go to parents, students and staff. Denise said the survey is going to be very helpful and different from what was done in the past and she is thankful to Tammy and the Committee for their time on this. Denise also attended the Measure S sub-committee meeting. Denise, Dr. Davis and Ragini met with Dale Thomas who is the assistant County Supervisor Jeff Gorell. Denise mentioned that Supervisor Gorell will be introduced at the next MAC meeting on January 26th. Dr. Davis, Soyon and Jim will attend the MAC meeting.

Student Board Member Tess Leong also wished everyone who celebrates a happy Lunar New Year. OPHS students and parents had a celebration for the Lunar New Year during lunch time that included a festive line dancing, food and activities. Tess reported that ASB is currently planning a blood drive, spring dance, spirit week and a valentine's day fundraiser. Tess says there was an arson incident in the boys bathroom, the bathroom is in the process of being repaired. Tess states that sports are in full swing with basketball and soccer.

Superintendent Dr. Jeff Davis welcomed everyone back from winter break and wished a happy Lunar New Year to all that celebrated. Dr. Davis talked about the kindness challenge that is taking place across the state in all public schools. Dr. Davis shared that all of our schools are taking part in this challenge and this is something OPUSD tries to address in our climate of care. Dr. Davis says resident enrollment is underway January 23-27. Dr. Davis attended the PTO council meetings and wanted to thank the PTA presidents and booster club presidents for all that they do for our schools throughout the year. Dr. Davis thanked Commander Pentis and site administrators for pushing out the safety training Commander Pentis has been doing and thanked Mr. Benioff for his work on this as well. Dr. Davis congratulated Red Oak and Oak Hills Elementary on their California Distinguished School awards. Dr. Davis congratulated OPHS sports teams, all four varsity teams boys and girls soccer and basketball are doing really well. Dr. Davis also thanked the coaches, parents and athletic trainer Brenda Pasqua for their work with our athletes. Dr. Davis also acknowledged Holocaust Remembrance day on January 27th.

PRESENTATION OF PARTNER IN EDUCATION AWARD TO FORMER VENTURA COUNTY SUPERVISOR LINDA PARKS

Dr. Davis, Board President Denise Helfstein recognized Ventura County Supervisor Linda Park with the Partner in Education Award for her service and commitment to the Oak Park community and our schools. Supervisor Parks' served as a county supervisor from 2003 until her term ended in January 2023.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Tina Wang, seconded by Jim Moynihan, the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda. Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Wang. No - 0. Tess Leong, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

- 5.1. Minutes of the December 13, 2022 Organizational Meeting and Special Meetings held on December 20, 2022 and January 11, 2023**
- 5.2. Approve Public Employee Employment/Changes Classified Personnel**
- 5.3. Approve Public Employee Employment/Changes Certificated Personnel**
- 5.4. Ratify Purchase Orders December 1 - December 31, 2022**
- 5.5. Approve Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints – January 2023**
- 5.6. Accept 2022-2023 First Period Attendance Report**
- 5.7. Approve Student Teaching Agreement with Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles - January 2023-June 2024**
- 5.8. Approve Out of State Travel for staff to Attend the Glazier Clinic for Football Coaches February 9 - 12, 2023 Las Vegas, NV**

5.9. Approve Out of State Travel for Staff to Attend the Green Schools Conference (GSC) February 27 - March 1, 2023 New Orleans, LA

6. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

6.1. Approve Resolution #23-01 Pupil Attendance Alternatives AB 99 – District of Choice (DOC) Space Availability for 2023-24

On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Tina Wang, the Board approved Resolution #23-01 Pupil Attendance Alternatives AB 99 – District of Choice (DOC) Space Availability for 2023-24. Motion carried Aye: Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Wang. No - 0. Tess Leong, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

6.2. California School Dashboard 2023 Presentation

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Tammy Herzog presented an overview of the 2022 CA School Dashboard. Board asked if we would be sending a communication to the families on the dashboard, Tammy said yes that was discussed in cabinet and we would be working on sending this out.

6.3. Presentation on the Ethnic Studies Requirement for High Schools in California

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Tammy Herzog presented an overview and timeline of the Ethnic Studies Requirement at OPUSD. Board discussed the timeline for approval and if staff could bring it in fall of 2024 so that it makes it on course advisement for the 2025-26 school year. Board also asked that Amanda Fitts the College and Career counselor be consulted about this course prior and during course creation. Tammy stated she will include the counselor on the Committee for this course.

6.4 Approval and Certification of 2022-23 Minimum Instructional Minutes for K-12 OPUSD Schools

On motion of Tina Wang, seconded by Jim Moynihan, the Board approved and certified the 2022-23 Minimum Instructional Minutes for K-12 OPUSD Schools. Motion carried Aye: Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Wang. No - 0. Tess Leong, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

7. BUSINESS SERVICES

7.1. Discussion on the Governor’s January Budget Proposal for 2023-2024

Adam Rauch, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services provided an overview of the Governor's Budget proposal for 2023-2024 and its likely impact on OPUSD.

Tess Leong, student Board member left the meeting at 8:20 pm.

The Board took a break at 8:20 pm and the meeting resumed at 8:27 pm.

7.2. Accept Annual Audit Reports for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Valerie Shaw from the audit firm Christy White and Associates presented the Audit Report and findings. On motion of Tina Wang, seconded by Jim Moynihan, the Board of Education accepted the Annual Audit Reports for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Motion carried Aye: Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Wang.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Soyon Hardy, seconded by Jim Moynihan, there being no further business before this Board, the regular meeting held on January 24, 2023, is declared adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Date _____ President of the Board

Date _____ Clerk or Secretary of the Board