

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING 4-25-2023 #1081
BOARD OF EDUCATION

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Mrs. Denise Helfstein, called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 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 of Business Services, Mr. Stew McGugan, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Mrs. Ragini Aggarwal, Communications Coordinator and Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/Board, and District's Legal Counsel Mr. Jay Fernow.

BOARD ABSENT

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

2. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

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

2.1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT / DISCUSSION: Government Code Section 54957
Position: Principal

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

2.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT: Food Services Assistants, Walk-on-Coaches.

2.4. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Title: Superintendent

2.5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2):
1 case

2.6. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency designated representative: Denise Helfstein, Board President
Unrepresented employee: Dr. Jeff Davis, Superintendent

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:04 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Mrs. Denise Helfstein, called the regular meeting to order at 6:12 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.

BOARD ABSENT

Ms. Tess Leong, Student Board Member

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Jeff Davis, Superintendent, Mr. Adam Rauch, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Mr. Stew McGugan, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Mrs. Tammy Herzog Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Ms. Sara Ahl, Director of Extended Care Programs, Mr. Brad Benioff, Director of Student Support and School Safety, Mrs. Jennifer Golden, Director of Early Childhood Education 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 in closed session for Item 3.1. the Board voted unanimously to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Mrs. Heather Sloan as the Principal of Oak Hills Elementary School, effective July 1, 2023.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

There were two public speakers, Bette Empol and Donna Finkelstein, on a non-agenda item related to Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVROs) or "red flag" orders which exist in CA and 19 states and the District of Columbia. The laws allow law enforcement, family and household members, some co-workers, employers, and teachers to work with a judge to temporarily remove access to firearms and ammunition from people at significant risk of self-harm or harming others. Board President Denise Helfstein requested Dr. Davis to ensure that the District was reviewing requirement related to compliance with the law and notifications.

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

The Board and Dr. Davis recognized the members of the Oak Park High School Girls Basketball Team and their Coaches for winning the CIF Division 5A Championship.

REPORT FROM OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Jane Nye, Oak Park MAC Chair shared that Supervisor Gorell's website is updated regularly and has a lot of information. The Supervisor's District Office is moving from Hillcrest to Thousand Oaks Civic Center. This will make reaching Supervisor Gorell more accessible by public transportation, will cut costs, and the new office is co-located with other government official's offices. Ventura County Public Works has a great portal to submit traffic and infrastructure issues and the staff is very responsive to all requests. This also helps with tracking issues and provides a great feedback loop.

REPORT FROM OAK PARK EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Scott Star gave an update on the WASC accreditation for summer school programs. OPEF is moving forward with the accreditation and if all goes well this will go through in June. OPEF is also working on the 5K run that is being planned for October 2023.

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Megan Lantsman reported she attended the Safety and Security Task Force meeting, Safe Kids Task Force meeting, Brookside Open House, the TK/K Parent information night and a CSBA webinar. Megan also attend a Writing Workshop lesson in a fourth-grade class at Oak Hills Elementary Schools and she thought the interactions between students and between students and the teacher were very impressive.

Board Member Jim Moynihan reported that he attended the Oak Park MAC meeting, Rancho Simi Park and Rec and Oak Park Committee meeting where there were discussions about repainting the lines on the pickleball courts, reopening the pond and plans to create a test facility for a natural gas line with fracking tanks which caused some pushback from the committee members.

Board Member Tina Wang reported she attended a presentation by Holocaust survivor Mr. Ben Lesser at Medea Creek Middle School. Tina reported she also attended the DETF meeting, CSBA webinar, and Brookside Open House. Tina acknowledged the librarians in our district in celebration of National Librarian Day. Lastly Tina thanked the District for providing the culmination lawn signs and expressed how nice it is to see the proud parents celebrating their students.

Board Member Soyon Hardy welcomed everyone back from spring break. Soyon reported she attended the Measure S Sub-Committee and regular meetings, Ben Lesser Holocaust talk at Medea Creek Middle School, and the David Labkovski exhibit at Oak Park High School.

Board Member Denise Helfstein reported that she attended the Red Oak Open House, Safe Kids Task Force, TK/K Parent Information Night, OPEF meeting, Wellness Council, Measure S Sub Committee, met with the Oak View High School WASC visiting team. Denise attended the David Labkovski exhibit at Oak Park High School, the Ben Lesser Holocaust talk at Medea, Brookside's fourth grade classrooms to watch the students interview Elliot from the HBO documentary *The Number on My Great-Grandfather's Arm*. Denise congratulated the OPHS Rocket Team for qualifying for the 2023 American Rocket Challenge and thanked the EEAC for sharing Earth Day resources.

REMARKS FROM STUDENT BOARD MEMBER

Student Board Member Tess Leong send in this written report, which Board President Denise Helfstein read—*Good evening, all, My apologies for being unable to make it tonight. I will be sure to report how the Agoura High School "Career and College Night" went at the subsequent meeting. As the month of April approaches its end, a few notable events have occurred at OPHS. Last week, OPHS held its final Blood Drive of the year with the American Red Cross. Specific details regarding the number of donors and pints of blood collected have yet to be communicated to us. However, I do anticipate successful numbers, as the Peanuts cartoon collaboration was a hit. One thing I want to happily report is that the lunch lines have been moving much faster. The newly opened lunch line greatly reduces the wait, and lunch distribution is quite efficient now. There are also many upcoming events as the school year comes to a near conclusion: The final/Senior Rally will be this Friday—this is typically highly anticipated by everyone. Additionally on that day, ASB is holding a Crumbl Cookie Fundraiser from 7-9 PM at the Westlake Village location. Come support us by adding "OPHS ASB" in your name when ordering. Next week will be the beginning of AP Exams and continue for another week afterwards. Teachers and students have been working very hard to prepare for this cumulative assessment. This concludes my report for the month of April. I hope to see you all very soon! Please have a great night.*

REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Dr. Jeff Davis acknowledged the Classified Staff for Administrative Professionals Day. Dr. Davis reported he attended the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony at Oak Park Independent School, Los Angeles Rams Play 60 event at Brookside, Ben Lesser Holocaust talk at Medea, and Oak View High School's WASC visit. Dr. Davis acknowledged the schools PFA's and noted that the OPHS Athletic Booster Club is starting the Eagles Sports Summer Camp at Medea Creek Middle School this summer for children TK-8th grade.

REPORT ON EXTENDED CARE PROGRAM

Sara Ahl, Director of Extended Care programs provided an update on the Club Oak Park program.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Tina Wang, seconded by Megan Lantsman, the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda. Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Wang. No - 0.

- 5.1. Minutes of the March 21, 2023 Regular Meeting and Special Meeting held on April 10, 2023
- 5.2. Approve Public Employee Employment/Changes Classified Personnel
- 5.3. Approve Public Employee Employment/Changes Certificated Personnel
- 5.4. Ratify Purchase Orders March 1- March 31, 2023
- 5.5. Approve Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints – April 2023
- 5.6. Approve a Out of State trip for Oak Park High School Rocket Team to Participate in the Team American Rocketry Challenge National Competition, May 19-23, 2023, in Manassas, VA.
- 5.7. Approve Out-of-State Travel for Medea Creek Middle School Staff to Attend the Southeast Conference on School Climate - June 5-7, 2023 in Savannah, GA.
- 5.8. Approve Out of State Travel for Oak Park High School Staff to Attend the AP Conference July 19-21, 2023 Seattle, WA

6. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

6.1. Review and Approve OPUSD Counseling Services Plan

On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Tina Wang the Board approved the OPUSD Counseling Services Plan. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Wang. No - 0.

6.2. Review and Discuss LCAP Education Partners Survey Results

Mrs. Tammy Herzog presented the results from the LCAP Education Partners survey. The Board recommended that beyond posting the survey results online there should be proactive communication to our Educational Partners to thank them for their survey participation and solicit input on some of the point of clarification that were discussed at the meeting. The Board recommends giving updates on the action items that have come from the survey results and to let the Partners know what the District is doing to address the major concerns.

6.3. Approve Instructional Materials for Contemporary Issues in Education English Course at Oak View High School

On motion of Megan Lantsman, seconded by Jim Moynihan the Board approved the Instructional Materials for Contemporary Issues in Education English Course at Oak View High School. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Wang. No - 0.

7. BUSINESS SERVICES

7.1. Discuss Name Change Request of Oak Park Neighborhood School

Jennifer Golden, Director of Early Childhood Education presented the background on Oak Park Neighborhood School. Mrs. Golden would like the Neighborhood School to be recognized as a

preschool and requested direction from the Board to seek input from our Educational Partners and to consider changing the name. The Board discussed and gave direction to Mrs. Golden to survey the Educational Partners including preschool families and the community at large.

7.2. Accept 2021-22 Annual Audit Reports for Bond Measure S

Natalie Palma from Christy White Audit firm shared the report with the Board. On motion of Tina Wang, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board accepted the 2021-22 Annual Audit Reports for Bond Measure S. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Wang. No - 0.

7.3. Approve 1-year renewal Agreement with Christy White Associates for Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2022-23

On motion of Jim Moynihan, seconded by Tina Wang, the Board approved the 1-year renewal Agreement with Christy White Associates for Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2022-23. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Wang. No - 0.

7.4. Approve Resolution #2023-07, Participation in CSBA California School Cash Reserve Program

On motion of Jim Moynihan, seconded by Tina Wang, the Board approved Resolution #2023-07, Participation in CSBA California School Cash Reserve Program. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Wang. Abstain- Moynihan. Jim Moynihan recused himself due to a remote interest on account of being an employee of US Bank.

7.5. Authorize Measure S Project 22-21S TK Classrooms at Oak Hills Elementary School and Ratify Agreement for Architectural Services

On motion of Tina Wang, seconded by Megan Lantsman, the Board approved Measure S Project 22-21S TK Classrooms at Oak Hills Elementary School and ratified Agreement for Architectural Services. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Wang. No - 0.

7.6. Ratify Architectural Services Contract for the Relocation of Four Portable Classrooms at Medea Creek Middle School

On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Megan Lantsman, the Board approved ratification of Architectural Services Contract for the Relocation of Four Portable Classrooms at Medea Creek Middle School. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Wang. No - 0.

7.7. Ratify Agreement with AllConnected for Project 22-20S Network Infrastructure Refresh

On motion of Tina Wang, seconded by Soyon Hardy, the Board ratified the Agreement with AllConnected for Project 22-20S Network Infrastructure Refresh. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Wang. No - 0.

8. HUMAN RESOURCES

8.1. Public Disclosure and Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the District and Oak Park Teachers Association

8.2. Public Disclosure and Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the District and Oak Park Classified Association

8.3. Public Disclosure and Approval of Compensation Adjustment for Administrative, Confidential, and Specified Unrepresented Employees

On motion of Tina Wang, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board approved items 8.1. through 8.3. together as one vote. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Wang. No - 0.

9. BOARD POLICIES

9.1. Approve Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 0430 Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education

On motion of Megan Lantsman, seconded by Jim Moynihan, the Board approved the amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education as First and Final Reading. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Wang. No - 0.

9.2. Approve Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 0450 – Comprehensive Safety Plan

On motion of Jim Moynihan, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board approved the amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan as First and Final Reading. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Wang. No - 0.

9.3. Approve Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 0460 – Local Control and Accountability Plan

On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Jim Moynihan, the Board approved the amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan as First and Final Reading with amended language of 4 students to serve on the Parent Advisory Committee. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Wang. No - 0.

9.4. Approve Amendment to Board Policy 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance

On motion of Jim Moynihan, seconded by Megan Lantsman, the Board approved the amendment to Board Policy 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance as First and Final Reading. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Wang. No - 0.

9.5. Approve Amendment to Board Policy 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment

On motion of Tina Wang, seconded by Megan Lantsman, the Board approved the amendment to Board Policy 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment as First and Final Reading. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Wang. No - 0.

8. OPEN DISCUSSION/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board scheduled the following meetings:

- Special Meeting to be held on May 8th to the Superintendent's Evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Jim Moynihan, seconded by Soyon Hardy, there being no further business before this Board, the regular meeting held on April 25, 2023, is declared adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Date

President of the Board

Date

Clerk or Secretary of the Board