

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

2-8-2023 #1076

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Mrs. Denise Helfstein, called the special meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. at Oak Park Unified School District, Conference Room, 5801 Conifer Street, 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.

BOARD ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Jeff Davis, Superintendent, Mr. Adam Rauch, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Mrs. Tammy Herzog, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Mr. Stew McGugan, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, and Jay Fernow, Legal Counsel.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

A. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- 1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS:** Government Code 54957.6
Agency Designated Representatives: Adam Rauch and Stewart McGugan
Employee Organizations: Oak Park Teachers Association and Oak Park Classified Association
- 2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2): one case

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:34 p.m.

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FLAG SALUTE

Denise Helfstein led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS TAKEN

Board President, Denise Helfstein reported that there was no action in closed session tonight.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Jim Moynihan, the Board of Education moved items B.2. and B.3 ahead of B.1 and adopted the rest of the agenda as presented. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Wang. No - 0. Absent – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OPEN SESSION

B. ACTION

2. [Ratify Facility Use Agreement with California Lutheran University for Use of Pool for OPHS Aquatics Program](#)

On motion of Tina Wang, seconded by Jim Moynihan, the Board of Education ratified the Facility Use Agreement with California Lutheran University for Use of Pool for OPHS Aquatics Program. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Wang. No - 0. Absent – 0.

3. [Delegate Authority To The Superintendent To Award Architectural Services Contract](#)

On motion of Tina Wang, seconded by Jim Moynihan, the Board of Education delegated Authority to the Superintendent to Award Architectural Services Contract. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Wang. No - 0. Absent – 0.

1. [Discuss Universal Transitional Kindergarten/Discovery Kindergarten](#)

The Board received information on current and projected TK enrollment for 2023-2024 school year. The board also discussed the short-term and long-term facility needs for TK with the lowered cutoff dates, the funding sources and impacts on Club Oak Park, Measure S and General fund. Staff also shared curricular changes and challenges.

The Board requested the following information/action steps:

- Updates to the Measure S Framework should be communicated with the Measure S Committee and the sites regarding the projects that have been put on hold.
- Staff should look into the environmental impacts of the portables that are going to be added for the additional TK classrooms.
- An FAQ should be developed for TK families especially with younger kids.
- Regular updates regarding TK should be provided to the Board in Friday Notes and another update at the March or April meeting.
- Update the District website to include information on TK.
- Board asked if information can be provided regarding purchasing vs leasing benefits of technology equipment/devices

- Financial assistance should be provided to teachers who need to move classrooms to accommodate additional TK classes so that the teachers are not spending money out of their pocket to set up their classrooms.
- Stagg should look at the Arts Grant to see if the OPHS Pavilion upgrades can be funded through it so that the project does not need to be put on hold.

There being no further business before this Board, the special meeting held on February 8, 2023 is declared adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Date

President of the Board

Date

Clerk or Secretary of the Board