

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

3-14-2023 #1078

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Mrs. Denise Helfstein, called the special meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. at Oak View School, Room 104, 5701 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, Mr. Brendan Callahan, Director of Bond Programs, Sustainability, Maintenance & Operations, Mrs. Gia Jantz, MCMS Principal, Mrs. Samantha Gottlieb, MCMS Assistant Principal, Mr. Miguel Tabares, Maintenance Engineer, and Mrs. Ragini Aggarwal, Communications Coordinator and Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/Board.

FLAG SALUTE

Denise Helfstein led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OPEN SESSION

A. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

1. [Discussion on HVAC Systems and Air Quality Monitoring](#)

Brendan Callahan, Director of Bond Programs, Sustainability, Maintenance & Operations and Miguel Tabares, Maintenance Engineer presented information related to HVAC systems, MERV filters being recommended, the CO2 monitoring systems installed in every classroom at OPUSD, the comparison to the ASHRAE standards and Cal OSHA requirements. Board requested staff to provide an update on the HVAC systems and air quality monitoring next year and that this follow-up item should be added to the Governance calendar.

2. [Discussion on the Recommendation to Add a Health Course for 7th Grade](#)

Gia Jantz, Principal of Medea Creek Middle School, and Samantha Gottlieb, Assistant Principal of Medea Creek Middle School, and Tammy Herzog, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services present the rationale for the course, the timeline of discussions held with various educational partners at the school and district level that were held and how this course would be rolled out. The recommendation is to pilot this as a separate elective course for the 2023-2024

school year. The Board requested that staff update the course request form to include applicable BP/ARs.

3. Discussion and Mid-Year Review of 2022-2023 District Goals

Dr. Davis shared the progress made towards achieving the District Goals which were approved at the October 13, 2022 Board meeting. Board asked that staff add the measurable outcomes to the Goals update when end of the year review of the progress on goals is done.

4. Discussion on Establishing a New Student Awards Criteria to Replace the Marie Panec Awards

Dr. Davis shared the proposal for revising the Marie Panec Awards and the nomination and eligibility criteria and calling them the Superintendent's Compassionate and Creative Citizens Award to be given out beginning this year to students in 5th, 8th, and 12th grades.

B. 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. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE:** Government Code Section 54957
- 3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:**
Title: Principals, Directors

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:35 p.m.

There being no further business before this Board, the special meeting held on March 14, 2023 is declared adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Date _____ President of the Board

Date _____ Clerk or Secretary of the Board