



NOTES FROM SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

January 16, 2018

Educating Compassionate and Creative Global Citizens

At the regular meeting of the Oak Park USD Board of Education held on January 16th, the Board adopted a resolution to accept new District of Choice students for the 2018-19 school year and approved the lottery process for the District of Choice program for 2018-2019 school year. A lottery of applicants was conducted, based on the number of applications received for each grade level this year OPUSD has notified every student who applied for grades DK-12 that they have been provisionally accepted to the District. There are no waiting lists as in prior years and this early acceptance will allow parents to more effectively plan for the 2018-19 school year. The results are posted on the District website.

The Board also heard a report from Red Oak Elementary School, Medea Creek Middle School, and Oak Park High School Site Councils. **Maryam Salour** provided an update on the Oak Park Education Foundation. **Mr. Enoch Kwok**, Director Information Technology provided an [update](#) of the many technological advancements in the District.

The Board took action and/or approved the following:

CONSENT ITEMS

- Approved Purchase Orders – November 15 - December 31, 2017
- Approved Overnight Trip for Oak Park High School Winter Sports Team to CIF Playoffs
- Approved Out of State Travel for Certificated Employees to Attend National Science Teacher Association Conference – Atlanta, GA, March 15, 2018 – March 18, 2018
- Approved Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints – January 2018
- Approved Notice of Completion, Project 17-33S, Districtwide Security Cameras, Electrical Wiring
- Accepted 2017-2018 First Period Attendance Report

ACTION ITEMS

BUSINESS

- **Authorized Establishment of District-operated Extended Care Program**
At its meeting on October 17, 2017, the Board of Education provided direction to the administration to explore the feasibility of a district-operated extended care program for Grades DK-8 at Oak Park Unified School District schools beginning with the 2018-19 school year. Based on the detailed report of the exploration and research, including financial analysis, which was developed based on multiple successful programs and the very enthusiastic response to a District survey of parent interest provided to the board the Board of Education unanimously authorized the establishment of the District operated Extended Care Program to begin in August 2018.
- **Approved Resolution #18-02, Calling for Full and Fair Funding of California's Public Schools**
California has the world's sixth-largest economy and the highest gross domestic product of any state. Yet, we rank near the bottom nationally in funding for public schools, a status that threatens the prosperity of our state and the strength of our communities. While California lags behind most of the country in public school funding, school districts and county offices of education are facing increased financial pressure from rapidly rising costs. It's time that California end decades of underinvestment in public schools and provide the resources needed to offer all students a high-quality education. To that end, the Board of Education passed a resolution to urge the State Legislature to fund California's public schools at the national average or higher by the year 2020, and at a level equal to or above the average of the top 10 states by 2025.

- **Accepted Annual Audit Reports for Fiscal Year 2016-17**
Along with the District Financial Audit, the reports also included Bond Measures C6, R, and S and two of the Auxiliary Organizations(Brookside and Oak Hills PTA) - The accounting firm of Christy White Accountancy Corp., reported no findings.
- **Approved SB 1029 Bond Debt Transparency Report**
Senate Bill 1029 passed by the California State Legislature in 2016, requires public agencies that have issued debt to electronically file an Annual Debt Transparency Report. These reports are to include information such as changes to amount of debt authorized, any lapsed authorization, debt issued and repaid, and spending of proceeds. A report must be filed with the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission (“CDIAC”) no later than January 31 for each bond or note issuance sold in the preceding fiscal year.
- **Ratified Architectural Services Agreements for Project 17-35S, Kitchen Improvements at Medea Creek Middle School**
The Ventura County Health Department notified OPUSD that improvements to the kitchen at Medea Creek Middle School were necessary to comply with Department requirements. HED Architects was awarded the contract to provide a proposal for services to complete this project.
- **Ratified Measure S Purchase Agreements for Measure S Construction Management Equipment**
The Measure S facility subcommittee, in consultation with administration and construction management staff, has identified the need to purchase a construction job trailer to serve as CM offices and to hold meetings with contractors and architects, etc.
- **Authorized and Awarded Construction Contracts for Measure S Project 18-01S, Football Field Fencing at Oak Park High School**
- **Authorized and Awarded Construction Contracts for Measure S Project 18-03S, Parking Lot Fencing at Medea Creek Middle School**
- **Authorized Measure C6 Project 18-04C, Purchase of Replacement Photocopiers at Multiple School Sites**
Five copiers originally purchased in 2007, two at Brookside Elementary School, and one each at Oak Hills Elementary School, Oak Park Independent School, and Oak View High School, have experienced extensive failure and the equipment can no longer be maintained.
- **Authorized Measure C6 Project 18-05C, SMART Board Interactive Flat Panel Display Pilot at Oak View High School and Education Services Center**
- **Authorized Measure C6 Project 18-06C, Purchase of Student Transportation Vehicles**
Due to the age of the SUV vehicles currently used in transporting students to extra-curricular activities, as well as the increase in the District’s student enrollment and athletic and academic teams, it is necessary to purchase four new vehicles. The Board approved the purchase of four 2018 Chevrolet Suburban SUVs that seat 9, including the driver, and will have multiple new technology safety features. Passenger vans, although more practical are not permitted under state and federal law if they have the potential to seat more than 9 as school bus requirements take effect and drivers must possess a school bus driver’s license. The Chevrolet Suburban is the only 9-passenger vehicle on the market today.
- **Authorized and Ratified Construction Contracts for Measure S Project 18-07S, Sidewalk and Handrail Installation, Building C, at Medea Creek Middle School**
The Measure S facility subcommittee, in consultation with administration and construction management staff, has identified the need to install sidewalks and handrails on the south side of Building C at Medea Creek Middle School as essential to ensure safe entrance and

exit from the building, particularly in the event of an emergency evacuation.

- **Authorized and Ratified Construction Contracts for Measure S Project 18-08S, Emergency Water Line Repairs, Building 300, at Brookside Elementary School**
- **Authorized and Ratified Construction Contracts for Measure S Project 18-09S, Emergency Fire Line Repairs at Red Oak Elementary School**
- **Approved Acceptance of Donations**
The Boeing Company generously donated \$6000 to the Oak Park High School Rocket Team. Aerojet and Rocketdyne sent matching contributions for a \$600 donation made to the Oak Park High School Rocket Team and a \$175 matching contribution to Oak Park High School.

CURRICULUM

- **Approved the Revised District Instructional Calendars for 2018-2019**
A special minimum day was added to the Board approved 2018-2019 instructional calendar. The District Calendar committee approved the revision and Oak Park Teachers Association and Oak Park Classified Association conducted an advisory vote and both recommended approving this revised calendar with the inclusion of a special district wide minimum day for Diwali on November 7 in 2018.
- **Approved District Instructional Calendars for 2019-2020**
- **Approved Additional Textbooks for Oak Park High School's 12th grade English Program**
*The books **The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde** by Robert Louis Stevenson and **Murder on the Orient Express** by Agatha Christie were approved for the 12th grade English Honors and Survey programs.*

HUMAN RESOURCES

- **Approved Department Secretary - Bond Facilities Program Position**
This position will report to the Assistant Superintendent, Business and Administrative Service and be funded from the Measure S bond fund
- **Approve the Establishment of the Director of Extended Care Position**
With the Board's approval of the Extended Care program, there is a need for an administrator to create a program that reflects the approved design. The Director of Extended Care will create and lead program implementation, finances, hiring, staff development, student care, curriculum, and parent concerns. Requirements include holding a valid California Administrative Services credential and have experience serving as a school administrator. The position will begin on March 1, 2018.
- **Approved 2019-2020 Classified Employees Holiday Calendar**

BOARD POLICIES

- Approved Amendment to Board Policy [BP 4140, 4240, 4340](#) **Bargaining Units** and Board Policy and Administrative Regulation [BP 5117/AR 5117](#) **Interdistrict Attendance**