



NOTES FROM SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

March 19, 2019

Educating Compassionate and Creative Global Citizens

At the March 19th regular meeting of the OPUSD Board of Education, the Board recognized the OPHS Girls Basketball Team and Coaches on their outstanding performance at CIF and State competitions. The Board heard reports from School Board Members, the Superintendent, the MAC liaison to OPUSD, OPEF, and Site Council representatives from Red Oak, Oak Hills, MCMS, and OPHS School Site Councils.

- Mr. Stewart McGugan reported on the Safe Kids Task Force Data and Social Emotional Wellness
- Mrs. Ellen Chevalier reported on Bright Bytes Survey Data and Technology Update

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved the following:

- **Purchase Orders - February 1 - February 28, 2019**
- **Overnight Trips for Oak Park High School:**
 - *Health Occupational Students of America Club (HOSA) - Sacramento CA - March 28-31, 2019*
 - *Journalism/Yearbook Students - Anaheim CA - April 25-27, 2019*
 - *Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) - Sacramento CA - April 25-28, 2019*
 - *Athletic Teams who Qualify for Spring Playoffs*
- **Renewal Agreement for Mandated Cost Program Advisory and Compliance Services**

A mandated cost is a requirement by state government directing school districts to provide a service or a higher level of an existing service. For school districts to be paid by the state for complying with a mandate, it must be found to be a reimbursable mandate. SI&A assists and prepares claims for timely submission to the state controller by working with each school in our District.
- **Notice of Completion, Measure S Project 19-01S, Multipurpose Room Structural Repairs at Red Oak Elementary School**

ACTION ITEMS

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- **Approved 2018-19 School Plans for Student Achievement**

The School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for each school is developed annually by the School Site Council and is meant to consolidate all school-level planning efforts into one plan for programs funded through the consolidated application (ConApp)
- **Approved the [District Instructional Calendar for 2020-2021](#)**

Public Speaker Cathy Lory, a math teacher from Oak Park High School requested the Board to consider the effect of the Calendar with uneven semester and its impact on semester classes at the high school in the future. The board held a discussion and asked Staff to explore different options to see how best to align the calendar to fit the needs of the elementary schools and secondary schools. The Board approved the Calendar as presented since it had received the greatest number of votes from the Oak Park Teachers Association and Oak Park Classified Association.
- **Approved Updated Board Policy and New Administrative Regulation 6152.1 – Placement in Mathematics Courses, and Review Math Pathways**

Board approved the updates to the math placement policy contingent upon seeing at the April Board meeting all documents provided to parents/students from 6th to 12th that notify parents and students of

the District's math placement protocols/pathways, including a link to the where this information is contained on the District's website. The Board also requested staff present data pursuant to Board policy 6152.1(c) including information about (but not limited to): the data on which the math articulation team bases the District's math placement protocols and the percentages of students in each type of math class and the percentages that move on.

- **Approve Updated Board Policy 6142.92 – Mathematics Instruction**

Board approved the revisions to this policy to be consistent with the revisions made to Board Policy 6152.1 Placement in Mathematics Courses.

BUSINESS

- **Approved Acceptance of Donation**

The Aerojet Rocketdyne Foundation has donated \$1000 to OPHS's Rocket Team. The Board accepted the donations with gratitude.

- **Adopted Resolution #19-08, Calling for Full and Fair Funding of California's Public Schools**

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 ends 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.

- **Adopted Resolution #19-09, Calling for Special Education Funding for California's Public Schools**

California provides educational services to more than 700,000 children with identified disabilities. While the current amount of funding for students with significant disabilities, such as autism, blindness, deafness or severe orthopedic impairments is far below amounts necessary to support their education the cost of materials, equipment, technology, and/or specialized services necessary for these students far exceed the per-ADA amount provided, with the average costs estimated at \$17,600 and can be as high as \$40,000.

- **Discussed 2019 Measure S Bond Priority Projects Plan and Related Funding Issues**

The Board held a discussion based on the information provided by the staff pertaining to the rapid increase in construction costs, coupled with a 4-5 year delay in state School Building Program modernization matching funds, which have significantly and adversely impacted the District's 5-year Measure S Master Plan. The Board recommended holding a study session before the April 23, 2019 meeting to discuss this in more detail, allowing the Measure S Committee to discuss the issue first.

- **Tabled the following until a future meeting:**

- Award of Bid, Measure S Project 17-47S, DSA Certification of Administration Building at Brookside Elementary School
- Agreement for DSA Inspection Services, Measure S Project 17-47S, DSA Certification of Administration Building at Brookside Elementary School
- Agreement for DSA Test and Inspection Services, Measure S Project 17-47S, DSA Certification of Administration Building at Brookside Elementary School

- **Adopted Resolution #19-10, Redeposit Payroll for Tax Deferral on Employee**

Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 414(h)(2) permits employer "pickup" of the employee portion of contributions to a retirement plan, thereby resulting in tax deferral of employee contributions; and under the (California) State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) plan conditions, members may be allowed to redeposit contributions previously withdrawn plus interest and/or purchase permissive service credit.

- **Approved Change Order 1, Measure R Project 18-41R, Relocatable Classroom Repairs at Multiple Sites**
- **Approved Notice of Completion, Measure R Project 18-41R, Relocatable Classroom Repairs at Multiple Sites**
- **Approved Certification of 2018-19 Second Interim Financial Report and Budget Revisions**
The Board approved a positive certification as the District staff has presented a balanced budget, a 3% reserve for economic uncertainties, and a multiyear projection demonstrating the ability to meet its financial obligations in the current and two subsequent years.
- **Adopted Resolution #19-11, Participation in CSBA California School Cash Reserve Program**
TRANS are short-term debt instruments issued by school districts throughout the State to create an additional reserve to the general fund. In our District, this reserve will act as a cushion to the general fund if we experience temporary cash flow needs due to the withholding of state funds to later in the school year.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Approved [2020-2021 Classified Employees Holiday Calendar](#)

BOARD POLICIES

BOARD BYLAW/POLICIES/ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

- Approved **Deletion of Board Policy 1020 - Youth Services**
- Approved Amendment to the following Board Policies, and/or Administrative Regulations as first and final reading:
 - [Board Policy 1400](#) - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools
 - [New Board Policy 3513.4](#) - Drug and Alcohol Free Schools
 - [Board Policy 5146](#) - Married/Pregnant Parenting Students
 - [Board Policy 6152.1](#) and [New Administrative Regulation 6152.1](#) – **Placement in Mathematics Courses**
 - [Board Policy 6142.92](#) – **Mathematics Instruction**
- **Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6178 - Career Technical Education** was approved as first reading to be brought back for a Second Reading