

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING      5-19-2020      #992**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE**

The Board of Education President, Ms. Barbara Laifman, called the regular meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. On March 17, 2020, Gov. Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 that, in part, authorized governing boards to hold public meetings via teleconference. Governing boards must still provide advanced notice of each public meeting in accordance with the Brown Act and make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe the meeting and/or to address the governing board.

Based on these guidelines, the OPUSD Board of Education held a video conference/teleconference regular meeting on May 19th. Members of the public were able to observe the meeting auditorily using a published live stream link. Members of the public were able to submit comments via an online form which opened at 4:30 pm on the day of the meeting and remained open for submission of comments until the end of the meeting.

**BOARD PRESENT**

Ms. Barbara Laifman, President, Mr. Allen Rosen, Vice President, Mr. Drew Hazelton, Clerk, Mr. Derek Ross, Member, and Mrs. Denise Helfstein, Member

**BOARD ABSENT**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Board President, Barbara Laifman reported that in Closed Session the Board would be discussing:

- A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE** - (Government Code Section 54957
- B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT:** Elementary Special Ed Teacher, Secondary Special Ed Teacher, Secondary Physics Teacher
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL— PENDING LITIGATION:** Government Code Section 54956(a) & (d)(i)
- D. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS:** Government Code 54957.6  
Agency designated representatives: Adam Rauch and Leslie Heilbron  
Employee organizations: Oak Park Teachers Association & Oak Park Classified Association

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

**CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE**

The Board of Education President, Ms. Barbara Laifman, called the regular meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

**BOARD PRESENT**

Mrs. Barbara Laifman, President, Mr. Allen Rosen, Vice President, Mr. Drew Hazelton, Clerk, Mr. Derek

Ross, Member, Mrs. Denise Helfstein, Member, and Anna Stephens, Student Board Member

### **BOARD ABSENT**

None

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Dr. Tony Knight, Superintendent, Mr. Adam Rauch, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Dr. Leslie Heilbron, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, Dr. Jay Greenlinger, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Stew McGugan, Director of Student Support and School Safety, Mr. Brendan Callahan, Director of Bond Programs, Sustainability, Maintenance and Operations, and Mrs. Ragini Aggarwal, Executive Assistant.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

Barbara Laifman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

Board President, Barbara Laifman, reported that in closed session for Item III C, the Board voted unanimously to accept the settlement agreement for a special education student. The District will pay a total of \$65,000.00 to settle this case. The Board took no other action in closed session.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Student Board Member, Anna Stephens cast a preferential vote to approve.

On motion of Drew Hazelton, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education adopted the agenda as presented. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

### **PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

There was one public speaker on an item on the agenda. Due to the electronic nature of this meeting and to maintain the integrity of providing an opportunity for public comment, the Board President read the public comment at the time the agenda item was called.

### **OPEN COMMUNICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

#### **REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Member Allen Rosen reported that the MAC meetings were canceled due to COVID-19. Allen thanked the staff and students for all their hard work with Distance Learning during the COVID-19 school closures.

Board Member Drew Hazelton echoed what Allen said and thanked everyone for their work. Drew also acknowledged, Ragini Aggarwal, Enoch Kwok, and everyone who was involved with putting together the virtual Marie Panec Awards ceremony and retirement reception.

Board Member Derek Ross reported that he attended the Measure S committee meeting, and he was on the panel of the Medea Creek Assistant Principal Interview. Derek thanked the staff for the excellent work all around. Derek also gave a shout out to all the culminating and graduating class of 2020.

Board Member Denise Helfstein reported that she attended the Measure S committee meeting. Denise thanked staff, students, and parents for their hard work during these really tough times. Denise also congratulated the graduating class of 2020 and wished them all the best for the future.

Board Member Barbara Laifman reported that she attended the Marie Panec Scholarship committee meeting, the Middle School Principal interview, the virtual senior scholarship awards night, and the OPEF meeting and will also be attending a direction-setting meeting of OPEF on June 8<sup>th</sup> with Dr. Knight. Barbara congratulated the graduating class of 2020 and wished them all the very best. Barbara also thanked outgoing student Board member Anna Stephens for serving on the Board for the 2019-2020 school year. Barbara also thanked Ragini Aggarwal and Enoch Kwok on their effort to organize and make these meetings possible and open to the public.

Anna Stephens student Board member reported that students are finishing up finals and looking forward to summer break. Anna read aloud a letter she wrote to the Board members.

Superintendent Tony Knight thanked Anna on her service to the Board, the community and the student body. Also, he congratulated Anna for her future role as student body president. Dr. Knight congratulated all the culminating and graduating students of Oak Park. Dr. Knight attended the Oak Park Neighborhood School drive through which was fun to participate in, and he will be attending all the drive-through for each of the culminating and graduating classes at all our schools. Dr. Knight thanked Paula Friedman and Julie Prince for putting together a beautiful senior awards night. Dr. Knight also thanked the teachers and staff, and Dr. Jay Greenlinger on the distance learning that is happening across the district during school campus closures.

#### **B.1. CONSENT AGENDA**

Student Board Member, Anna Stephens cast a preferential vote to approve.

On motion of Drew Hazelton, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0

- a. [Approve Minutes of Regular Board Meeting April 21, 2020 and Special Board Meeting May 12, 2020](#)
- b. [Public Employee/Employment Changes 01CL24565-01CL24605 & 01CE10190-01CE10220](#)
- c. [Ratify Purchase Orders – April 1 – April 31, 2020](#)
- d. [Approve 2020-2021 Agreement for Legal Services with Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost](#)
- e. [Approve Notice of Completion for Measure S Project, 20-05S Basketball Courts Resurfacing at OPHS](#)

Student Board Member, Anna Stephens left the meeting at 6:35pm.

#### **B2. BUSINESS SERVICES**

- a. [Accept Oak Park Citizens' Oversight Committee 2019 Annual Reports for Measures C6, R, and S](#)

Soyon Hardy, a member of the Citizens Oversight Committee, presented the annual report for the 2018-2019 fiscal year to the Board.

On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education accepted the Oak Park Citizens' Oversight Committee 2019 Annual Reports for Measures C6, R, and S. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

- b. [Review and Discuss 2020-2021 Enrollment Projections](#)

Mr. Stew McGugan, Director of Student Support and School Safety, provided information in regard to current enrollment and enrollment projections for the 2020-21 School Year.

The Board held a discussion on the data presented.

- c. [Review and Discuss Governor's May Revision for the 2020-21 State Budget Proposal](#)

Mr. Adam Rauch, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, reviewed the Governor's

May Revision and its impact on the District's 2020-2021 proposed budget. The Board held a discussion on the information presented.

**d. [Authorize Measure S Project 20-12S Renovate Lobby at Medea Creek Middle School and Ratify Associated Contracts](#)**

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education authorized Measure S Project 20-12S Renovate Lobby at Medea Creek Middle School and ratified Associated Contracts. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

**e. [Authorize Measure S Project 20-13S Paint Interior of Red Oak Elementary School Administration Building and Award Associated Contract](#)**

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education authorized Measure S Project 20-13S Paint Interior of Red Oak Elementary School Administration Building and awarded Associated Contract. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

**f. [Authorize Measure S Project 20-14S Install Flooring at Red Oak Elementary School Administration Building and Seven Classrooms and Award Associated Contract](#)**

On motion of Drew Hazelton, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education authorized Measure S Project 20-14S Install Flooring at Red Oak Elementary School Administration Building and Seven Classrooms and awarded Associated Contract. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

**g. [Approve Acceptance of Donation](#)**

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved Acceptance of Donation. Motion carried Aye: Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. AeroVironment gave a grant of \$10,000 to the Oak Park High School Rocket Team for 2020-2021. The Board accepted the grant with much gratitude.

### **B3. CURRICULUM**

**a. [Review Parents/Students Distance Learning Survey Data and Discuss COVID-19 Operations Written Report](#)**

There was one public speaker on this agenda item who submitted comments via an online form. The speaker expressed her wish that the distance learning survey had solicited and allowed for more feedback from parents in regard to what they would like to see going forward should school resume in the fall with some form of distance learning, and for a more comprehensive needs survey done sooner than later, asking parents what their distance learning needs are for the upcoming year. Board President, Barbara Laifman, read the comment aloud.

The Board received survey data completed by parents and students in regard to Oak Park Unified School District's (OPUSD) Distance Learning structure. This feedback, along with the feedback of teachers and staff, will be used to complete the required COVID-19 Operations Written Report, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-56-20.

### **B4. BOARD**

**a. [Approve Resolution #2020-11 Ordering a Regular Governing Board Member Election, Ordering Consolidation with other Elections and Constituting "Specification of the Election Order" to be held on November 3, 2020](#)**

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved Resolution #2020-11 Ordering a Regular Governing Board Member Election, Ordering

Consolidation with other Elections and Constituting “Specification of the Election Order” to be held on November 3, 2020

**B5. BOARD POLICIES**

**a. Approve Adoption of Board Policy 4033 Lactation Accommodation – First Reading**

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education approved the Adoption of Board Policy 4033 Lactation Accommodation as First and Final Reading. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

**b. Approve Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 4116 Probationary/Permanent Status (Certificated Employees) – First Reading**

On motion of Drew Hazelton, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education approved the amendment to Board Policy and Administration Regulation 4116 Probationary/Permanent Status (Certificated Employees) as First and Final Reading. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

**c. Approve Deletion of Administrative Regulation 4117.6 – Decision Not to Rehire – First Reading**

On motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board of Education approved the deletion of Administration Regulation 4117.6 – Decision Not to Rehire as First and Final Reading. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

**d. Approve Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 4119.22/4219.22/4319.22 Dress and Grooming – First Reading**

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved the amendment to Board Policy and Administration Regulation 4119.22/4219.22/4319.22 Dress and Grooming as First and Final Reading. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

**e. Approve Amendment to Board Policy 4216 Probationary/Permanent Status (Classified Employees) – First Reading**

On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved the amendment to Board Policy 4216 Probationary/Permanent Status (Classified Employees) as First and Final Reading. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

The Board held a discussion on which Board members would be serving on the Re-entry Task Force and the Instructional Learning Task Force.

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Allen Rosen, there being no further business before this Board, the Regular meeting is declared adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

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