

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING      10-15-19      #984  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE**

The Board of Education President, Ms. Denise Helfstein, called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at Oak Park High School Presentation Room, G9, 899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park.

**BOARD PRESENT**

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

**BOARD ABSENT**

None

**STAFF PRESENT**

Dr. Tony Knight, Superintendent, Mr. Adam Rauch, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Dr. Leslie Heilbron, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, and Mrs. Ragini Aggarwal, Executive Assistant.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Board President, Denise Helfstein reported that in Closed Session the Board would be discussing:

- A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE**
- B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT:** Campus Supervisor Sub, Instructional Assistant II – Extended Care, Instructional Assistant II Sp Ed Sub, Instructional Assistants II Sp. Ed, Walk-on-Coaches, Instruction Assistant II and Guest Teacher, Psychology Intern
- D. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**  
Agency designated representatives: Leslie Heilbron and Adam Rauch  
Employee organizations: Oak Park Teachers Association & Oak Park Classified Association

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:31 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE**

The Board of Education President, Ms. Denise Helfstein, called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. at Oak Park High School Presentation Room, G9, 899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park.

**BOARD PRESENT**

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

### **FLAG SALUTE**

Kevin Buchanan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

Board President, Denise Helfstein reported that in closed session the Board took no action.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Derek Ross, the Board of Education adopted the agenda as presented except to remove item B.1.o. from the Consent Agenda. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Student Board Member, Anna Stephens, cast a preferential vote to approve the adoption of the Agenda as stated in the motion.

### **PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

Nine members of the public spoke in favor and against a non-agenda item related to elementary gender diversity lessons

### **REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Member Derek Ross reported that he attended the Safety Kids Task Force Meeting and the Community Engagement Meeting.

Board Member Barbara Laifman reported that she attended the Full Cicada Community Book Talk, the EEAC meeting and two Community Engagement Committee meetings.

Board Member Drew Hazelton congratulated the high school football team on a great season

Board Member Allen Rosen reported that he attended the MAC meeting, where the placement of the Verizon cell towers was a big topic of discussion. Allen was able to submit a speaker card to clarify that the District does not receive any money and does not have authority on where this tower is placed as long it is not on District property. Allen also congratulated teachers, parents, students, and administrators who have done a great job in terms of testing scores, graduation rates and keeping up the excellence of our schools.

Board President, Denise Helfstein reported that she attended the Safe Kids Task Force meeting, Curriculum Council meeting, Annual Meeting to elect members to Ventura County Committee on School District Organization, and the VCSBA Dinner Meeting on School Budgets and Finance

Student Board Member Anna Stephens reported that homecoming was a success. Anna reported that there was a high amount of student stress related to academic tests and projects all falling on one day in some of the classes. Students would like to see teachers use a collaborative calendar to schedule tests and projects so that a student does not have too many on one day.

Superintendent Tony Knight reported the state released the test scores which put our schools in the top 1% in the state of CA. Oak Park High had a 100% graduation rate in 2019. Dr. Knight asked people to support the Oak Park Education Foundation and reminded everyone of the Dog Walk on Saturday at 9:30 am.

## **REPORT FROM SCHOOL SITE COUNCILS**

The Board received a School Site Council reports from Oak Park High School.

## **REPORT FROM OAK PARK EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Vicki Raven, Executive Director from Oak Park Education Foundation shared the fundraising figures with the Board. OPEF has raised \$180,000 with a goal of \$500,000. OPEF is planning Coffee meetings at each of the schools. They are also going to be setting up a phone tree to push fundraising and launch their dollar a day campaign.

## **REPORT FROM OAK PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Jane Nye MAC member and the liaison for the Oak Park Unified School District reported that at the August MAC meeting the sheriff reported a decrease in residential burglary, and the Volunteers in Policing program has been deployed and is running successfully.

## **DISCUSSION ON SANCTUARY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR PARENTAL RIGHTS**

This item was placed on the Board's Agenda because a few OPUSD parents asked for it to be on the agenda, and the Board President and Superintendent agreed to make it a discussion item. Pastor Tim Thompson, who is from Murrieta and not an OPUSD parent, was the only public speaker on this item. The Board President asked the Board members if they wanted to discuss this or bring it back as an action item for a future Board meeting, and all Board members declined.

Student Board Member Anna Stephens left the meeting at 6:55 pm.  
Board took a short recess at 6:55 pm and reconvened at 7pm

## **REPORT ON STUDENT DATA RELATED TO PLACEMENT IN MATHEMATICS**

Per Board Policy BP 6152.1 Placement in Mathematics Courses, the Board reviewed student data related to placement in mathematics courses offered at OPUSD high schools to ensure that students who are qualified to progress in mathematics courses based on their performance on objective academic measures are not being held back in a disproportionate manner on the basis of any subjective or discriminatory basis. The Board also reviewed the percentage of district students who have successfully completed mathematics courses that satisfy the requirements for entrance to the University of California and California State University.

## **REPORT ON THE CLUB OAK PARK**

Sara Ahl, Director of Extended Care Program, provided an update on the Program and enrollment which is at 805 students, which is an increase of 104 students compared to last year.

## **PRESENTATION OF CASSPP SCORES BY DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Dr. Jay Greenlinger, Director of Curriculum and Instruction reported on State Assessment Results. OPUSD has some of the highest CAASPP scores in Ventura County as well as higher scores than many other high achieving school systems in California. OPUSD's average SAT score for the class of 2018 was 1322 and the average ACT score was 28.0. OPUSD had 439 students who took 914 AP tests with 92.26% of them receiving a score of 3 or higher. The 11<sup>th</sup> grade CAASPP scores ranked OPHS #6 in the entire state.

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

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Drew Hazelton, 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 September 17, 2019](#)
- b. [Public Employee/Employment Changes 01CL24344-01CL24405 & 01CE09661-01CE09960](#)
- c. [Approve Purchase Orders – September 1 – September 30, 2019](#)
- d. [Approve Overnight Trip for Oak Park High School Thespian Society Student Members to Attend “24 Hour Play” – Oak Park, CA - November 8-9, 2019](#)
- e. [Approve Overnight Trip for Oak Park High School Future Business Leaders of America Club to Attend the Leadership Development Institute – Anaheim, CA - November 16-17, 2019](#)
- f. [Approve Overnight Trip for Oak Park High School Media \(Journalism/Yearbook\) Students to Attend a Convention in Washington, D.C. – November 20-24, 2019](#)
- g. [Approve Overnight Trip for Oak Park High School Girls Soccer Team to Bay Back Invitational – Newport Beach, CA - December 6-8, 2019](#)
- h. [Approve Overnight Trip for Oak Park High School Boys Basketball Team for Annual Holiday Classic Tournament– Rancho Mirage, CA - December 26-30, 2019](#)
- i. [Approve Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints – October 2019](#)
- j. [Approve Out of State Travel for Certificated Employee to Attend the Learning and The Brain Conference, New York, NY – May 1-3, 2020](#)
- k. [Approve the Disposal of Obsolete Personal Property - Maintenance and Operations Vehicle](#)
- l. [Approve Notice of Completion, Proposition 39 Project 19-18F HVAC System Replacement at Red Oak Elementary School](#)
- m. [Approve Notice of Completion for Measure S Project 19-14S Phase 1 Safety/Security Fencing at Red Oak Elementary School](#)
- n. [Approve Notice of Completion for Measure S Project 19-16S Phase 2 Safety/Security Fencing at Red Oak Elementary School](#)

## **B2. BUSINESS SERVICES**

- a. [Discuss Bond Measure S Assessed Valuation Scenarios as well as Potential Opportunity to Refinance Measure C-6 and Measure R Bonds and Authorize Piper Jaffray to Proceed with Preparing a Bond Refinancing Resolution](#)  
 On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board of Education did not authorize Piper Jaffray to Proceed with Preparing a Bond Refinancing Resolution and took the information provided at the meeting into consideration for the future. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0
- b. [Discuss and Approve Updated Measure S Master Plan](#)  
 On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Derek Ross, the Board of Education approved Updated Measure S Master Plan. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0
- c. [Approve Proposal for In-Plant Inspection Services, Project 18-21S Classroom Replacement at Medea Creek Middle School](#)  
 On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board of Education approved Proposal for In-Plant Inspection Services, Project 18-21S Classroom Replacement at Medea Creek Middle School. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0

- d. [Approve Purchase of Equipment for Measure S Project 19-19S, Art Court Phase 2 at Oak Park High School](#)  
On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Derek Ross, the Board of Education approved Purchase of Equipment for Measure S Project 19-19S, Art Court Phase 2 at Oak Park High School. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0
- e. [Approve Resolution #19-21 Applying for State Grant Funding Beyond State Bond Authority for Measure S Modernization Projects 18-18S \(BES Modulares\) and 18-21S \(ROES Modulares\)](#)  
On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board of Education approved Resolution #19-21 Applying for State Grant Funding Beyond State Bond Authority for Measure S Modernization Projects 18-18S (BES Modulares) and 18-21S (ROES Modulares). Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0
- f. [Approve Agreement with Ventura County Children and Families First Commission for Oak Park Neighborhood School Program](#)  
On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Derek Ross, the Board of Education approved Agreement with Ventura County Children and Families First Commission for Oak Park Neighborhood School Program. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0
- g. [Approve Consultant Agreement for Legislative Advisory and Advocacy Services](#)  
On motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education approved Consultant Agreement for Legislative Advisory and Advocacy Services. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0
- h. [Approve Acceptance of Donation](#)  
On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved Acceptance of Donation. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0

### **B3. CURRICULUM**

- a. [Approve the Updated Physical Education Requirements and the Revised 2019-2020 Student Handbook for Oak Park High School](#)  
On motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education approved Updated Physical Education Requirements and the Revised 2019-2020 Student Handbook for Oak Park High School. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0
- b. [Review College and Career Access Pathways Partnership Agreement with Ventura County Community College District](#)  
The Board reviewed the College and Career Access Pathways Partnership Agreement with Ventura County Community College District.
- c. [Approve Additional Textbook for Oak Park High School's English III Curriculum](#)
- d. [Approve Additional Textbook for Oak Park Independent School's Food 1 Course](#)
- e. [Approve Additional Textbook for Advanced Drawing and Painting 3/4 CP Course at Oak Park Independent School](#)  
On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board of Education approved Items B.4.c, B.4.d, and B.4.e. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0

**B4. BOARD POLICIES**

**a. Approve Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation – 3511 Energy and Waste Management – First Reading**

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Derek Ross, the Board of Education approved the Amendment of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3511 Energy and Waste Management as First and Final Reading. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

**b. Approve Amendment to Board Policy - 4119.22/4219.22/4319.22 Dress and Grooming – First Reading**

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education approved the Amendment of Board Policy 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.

**c. Approve Amendment to Board Policy - 4140/4240/4340 Bargaining Units – First Reading**

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education approved the Amendment of Board Policy 4140/4240/4340 Bargaining Units 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 – 5131.2 Bullying – First Reading**

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education approved the Amendment of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5131.2 Bullying as First and Final Reading. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

Board requested that the updates to the websites be consistent with the updates to the policy and regulation.

**e. Approve Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation – 5132 Dress and Grooming – First Reading**

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board of Education approved the Amendment of Board Policy and Administrative 6171 Title I Programs as First and Final Reading. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

**f. Approve Amendment to Board Policy – 6142.6 Visual and Performing Arts Education – First Reading**

On motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Denise Helfstein the Board of Education approved the Amendment to Board Bylaw and Exhibit - 9321 Closed Session as First and Final Reading. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

On motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Derek Ross there being no further business before this Board, the Regular meeting is declared adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

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