

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING 12-17-19 #986
BOARD OF EDUCATION

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Ms. Denise Helfstein, called the regular meeting to order at 5:34 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 APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to Government Code 54957

Title: Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Title: Director of Student Support and School Safety

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

Pursuant to Government Code 54957

C. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT(Government Code 54957): Student Worker

Food Services, Walk-on-Coaches, Substitute Custodian, Data Systems Support

Specialist, and Guest Teachers

D. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6

Agency designated representatives: Leslie Heilbron and Adam Rauch

Employee organization: Oak Park Classified Association

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:35 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Ms. Denise Helfstein, called the regular meeting to order at 6:07 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

Russ Peters led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Board President, Denise Helfstein reported that in closed session the board appointed Mr. Stew McGugan as Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources effective July 1, 2020. The Board took no other action in closed session.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education adopted the agenda as presented. 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.

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The Board recognized the Oak Park High School Varsity Football Team and their coaches for an outstanding season and for winning the Canyon League Championship with a 10-0 School record.

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Derek Ross reported that he attended the Safe Kids Task Force Meeting, Safety and Security Meeting, and the K-5 Visual Arts Meeting.

Board Member Barbara Laifman reported that she attended the CSBA Education Conference and was a presenter at two sessions.

Board Member Allen Rosen reported that there was no MAC meeting in November and December. Allen congratulated outgoing President Denise Helfstein on a great year.

Board Member Drew Hazelton reported that he attended the Measure S Committee Meeting. Drew thanked Denise Helfstein for a wonderful year as President.

Board President, Denise Helfstein reported that she attended the VCSBA Dinner Meeting, Wellness Council Meeting, Curriculum Council Meeting, OPHS PFA Meeting, OPEF Executive Board Meeting, Safe Kids Task Force Meeting, the OPHS Band Winter Concert, and the OPEF Fundraiser at the Park Restaurant.

Anna Stephens reported that the students at the high school were busy with upcoming finals. Anna reported that there was high stress among the students due to finals and requested that the Board look at making student mental health and stress a priority.

Superintendent Tony Knight reported that he attended winter concerts. Student connectedness is very important, and the music and athletic programs help the students in connectedness.

Student Board Member, Anna Stephens left the meeting at 6:25 pm.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS: SPEAKERS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA

There were no public speakers on Non-Agenda Items

A.1. BOARD REORGANIZATION

a. Election of Officers of the Board of Education

On nomination of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Derek Ross, the Board of Education appointed Barbara Laifman, President of the Board for 2020. Motion carried Aye – Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross, No – 0.

Ms. Barbara Laifman, newly elected Board President for 2020, assumed leadership of the meeting.

On nomination of Drew Hazelton, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education appointed Allen Rosen, Vice President of the Board for 2020. Motion carried Aye – Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross, No – 0.

On nomination of Derek Ross, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education appointed Drew Hazelton, Clerk of the Board for 2020. Motion carried Aye – Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross, No – 0.

b. Approve Proposed Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2020

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education approved the Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2020. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross, No – 0.

c. Approve Designation of Secretary/Authorized Agent of the Board of Education

On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved the appointment of Dr. Anthony W. Knight as the Secretary/Authorized Agent of the Board of Education. Motion carried Aye –Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross, No – 0.

d. Approve Certification of Signatures

On motion of Drew Hazelton, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education approved the Certification of Signatures. Motion carried Aye – Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross, No – 0.

e. Select and Approve School Board Representative to the County Committee on School District Organization

On nomination of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education appointed Denise Helfstein, School Board Representative to the County Committee on School District Organization. Motion carried Aye –Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross, No – 0.

f. Confirmation and Designation of Board Representatives to District Committees

On motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Derek Ross, the Board of Education approved names of Board members to serve on District Committees during 2020. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross, No – 0.

A.2. CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Denise Helfstein 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 November 17, 2019](#)
- b. [Approve Disposal of Surplus Equipment for Student Nutrition Program](#)
- c. [Approve Purchase Orders – November 1 – November 30, 2019](#)
- d. [Approve Overnight Trip for Oak Park High School Winter Sports Teams to CIF Playoffs](#)
- e. [Ratify Out of State Travel for Certificated Employee to Attend the National Council of Teachers of English Convention in Baltimore, MD Nov 20-24, 2019](#)
- f. [Approve Notice of Completion for Measure S Project 19-23S Oak Park High School Tennis Court Resurfacing](#)

On motion of Drew Hazelton, seconded by Denise Helfstein the Board voted to move item A.3.b. before Item A.3.a. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0

A3. CURRICULUM

- b. [Discussion on Reporting of Weighted and Unweighted Grade Point Average on Oak Park High School Transcript](#)

Principal Kevin Buchanan presented information on the practice of Reporting Weighted and Unweighted Grade Point Averages(GPA) on the OPHS transcripts - There were eleven public speakers who expressed concerns regarding the practice of not reporting a weighted GPA on the OPHS transcript. Counselors and staff from Oak Park High School were also present to answer any questions and take part in the discussion.

The Superintendent stated that he wanted time to discuss this matter with the District and High School Administrators and Counselors.

- a. [Californian School Dashboard-Local Indicator Update](#)

Dr. Jay Greenlinger shared the California School Dashboard and provided a local indicator update to the Board.

- c. [Discuss and Authorize the Establishment of a Swim Program at Oak Park High School](#)

On motion of Drew Hazelton seconded by Derek Ross, the Board of Education authorized the Establishment of a Swim Program at Oak Park High School. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

- d. [Approve Agreement Between Ventura County Office of Education and Oak Park School District Library Support Services](#)

On motion of Denise Helfstein seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved Agreement Between Ventura County Office of Education and Oak Park School District Library Support Services. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

- e. [Approve Revised 2019-2020 School Year Calendar](#)

On motion of Allen Rosen seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education approved the revised 2019-2020 School Year Calendar. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

- f. [Approve District Instructional Calendar for 2021-2022](#)

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved the District Instructional Calendar for 2021-2022. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

A4. BUSINESS SERVICES

- a. **[Discuss and Approve District Capacity/Enrollment Projections/District of Choice Vacancy Projections for School Year 2020-2021](#)**
On Motion Derek Ross, seconded Allen Rosen, Approve District Capacity/Enrollment Projections/District of Choice Vacancy Projections for School Year 2020-2021. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.
- b. **[Approve Agreement with Ventura County Office of Education Mental Health Services to Fund the Diversity and Equity Grant](#)**
On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved Agreement with Ventura County Office of Education Mental Health Services to Fund the Diversity and Equity Grant. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.
- c. **[Approve Measure S Project 19-31S Raptor Visitor Management System Districtwide](#)**
On motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board of Education approved Measure S Project 19-31S Raptor Visitor Management System Districtwide. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.
- d. **[Approve Fiscal Year 2019-20 First Interim Financial Report, Certification and Budget Revisions](#)**
On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved Fiscal Year 2019-20 First Interim Financial Report, Certification and Budget Revisions. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.
- e. **[Approve Award of Contract Measure S Project 18-21S, Classroom Replacements\(6\) at Medea Creek Middle School](#)**
On motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Derek Ross, the Board of Education approved Award of Contract Measure S Project 18-21S, Classroom Replacements(6) at Medea Creek Middle School. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.
- f. **[Authorize and Approve Award of Contract for Measure S Project 19-24S Installation of Additional Security Cameras Districtwide](#)**
On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education authorized and approved Award of Contract for Measure S Project 19-24S Installation of Additional Security Cameras Districtwide. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.
- g. **[Ratify Award of Contract for Project 19-26S Renovate Building Exteriors at OVHS](#)**
On motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education ratified Award of Contract for Project 19-26S Renovate Building Exteriors at OVHS. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen. No - 0. Absent – Ross.
- h. **[Approve Amendment to Agreement for Program/Construction Management Services with Balfour Beatty Construction, Inc.](#)**
On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved Amendment to Agreement for Program/Construction Management Services with Balfour Beatty Construction, Inc. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.
- i. **[Approve Agreement for DSA Testing Services, Measure S Project 18-21S, Classroom Replacements\(6\) at Medea Creek Middle School](#)**
On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by drew Hazelton, the Board of Education approved Agreement for DSA Testing Services, Measure S Project 18-21S, Classroom Replacements(6) at Medea Creek Middle School. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.
- j. **[Approve Agreement for DSA Testing and Inspection Services, Measure S Project 18-21S, Classroom Replacements\(6\) at Medea Creek Middle School](#)**

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Allen Rosen, the Board of Education approved Agreement for DSA Testing and Inspection Services, Measure S Project 18-21S, Classroom Replacements(6) at Medea Creek Middle School. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0.

k. Public Employee/Employment Changes 01CL24443-01CL24457 & 01CE09975-01CE10001

On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved Public Employee/Employment Changes 01CL24443-01CL24457 & 01CE09975-01CE10001. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Ross. No - 0. Absent – 0. Board Member Allen Rosen recused himself.

OPEN DISCUSSION

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Drew Hazelton there being no further business before this Board, the Regular meeting is declared adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Date

President of the Board

Date

Clerk or Secretary of the Board