

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

6-16-2020 #996

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Ms. Barbara Laifman, called the special meeting to order at 6:18 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 special meeting on June 9th. Members of the public were able to observe the meeting using a published live stream link. Members of the public were able to submit comments via an online form which opened at 5:30 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

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, Byron Jones, Director of Fiscal Services, Russ Peters, President of the Oak Park Teachers Association, and Mrs. Ragini Aggarwal, Executive Assistant.

FLAG SALUTE

Barbara Laifman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE JUNE 2, 2020 AND JUNE 9, 2020 SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

Board President, Barbara Laifman, reported that in closed session the Board took no action.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was one public speaker on an item on the agenda and 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 SESSION

A. BUSINESS SESSION

1. Public Hearing and Board Review: 2020-21 Oak Park Unified School District Annual Budget

Barbara Laifman opened the public hearing at 6:21 pm. There was one public speaker on this agenda item who submitted comments via an online form. The speaker expressed her concern of how the budget cuts will specifically affect the Kindergarten and 1st grade classes, especially in terms of teacher's aides and class size numbers? Dr. Knight assured the speaker that the district had no plans to raise class sizes in Kindergarten right now and also that he was not sure about the aides situation yet, as we are still waiting for the governor's budget to be released.

Public hearing closed at 6:23 pm. The board received a presentation from Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Mr. Adam Rauch on the assumptions based on the governor's May revise and the legislature's budget proposal. The Board held a discussion on the Proposed Budget.

2. Public Hearing and Approval of the District's Initial Proposal for Collective Bargaining Negotiations with Oak Park Teachers Association

Barbara Laifman opened the public hearing at 8:33 pm. No Public comments. Public hearing closed at 8:33 pm. On Motion of Allen Rosen, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board approved the District's Initial Proposal for Collective Bargaining Negotiations with Oak Park Teachers Association. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent - 0.

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Drew Hazelton, there being no further business before this Board, the special meeting is declared adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Date

President of the Board

Date

Clerk or Secretary of the Board