

Public Comments submitted at the January 18, 2022 Board Meeting

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1 public comment on non-agenda items submitted online

2 public speakers in person on VII.A.5 (Bell Schedule) and VII.A.6(Math Placement), VII.A.7 (COVID Impact)

Non Agenda Item -

Speakers - Beth Zeolla

Comments - I am VP Programs for OPHS PFA. In this capacity, OPHS PFA offers college prep programs for students at OPHS. Over the years, what was \$5,000 in income for PFA, which supports teachers and staff at OPHS in their duties and classrooms, has become \$15,000. Which is not just marketing. It's a snapshot into what is important to the new families at OPHS. These students come to OPHS for the academics and support from wonderful teachers and staff.

I wrote Dr. Davis, then spoke at length with Dr. Davis, some months ago regarding the resignation of our College and Career Counselor, Julie Prince. Ms. Prince is a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling,

My conversation with Dr. Davis was merely this: We have an opportunity to change how we serve the OPHS students applying to college. We know that large percentage of the students that attend OPHS cannot afford the THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS a professional college counselor charges families in this area. We need to hire an accredited College Counselor to provide up to date and cogent college info to our students.

If OPUSD is going to solicit students to OPHS you must support their endeavors to get into college by employing a professional. The Board of Education needs to reassess how we pay our College and Career counselor. She must make more than a entry level classified employee if you are going to redefine how we serve our students. You have an opportunity not to do the same thing again. Change the way we operate. This is an opportunity or our new principal and our new superintendent to work with the Board and find way to fund a professional to help these kids that cannot afford \$3 - \$5,000 for a private college counselor.

Agenda Item - VI.A.5

In-person Speakers - Cathy Lory and Russ Peters

Agenda Item - VI.A.6

In-Speaker - Cathy Lory

Agenda Item - VI.A.7

In-Speaker - Cathy Lory