

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING 1-22-2025 #1121**

**CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE**

The Board of Education President, Soyon Hardy, called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 pm at Oak Park High School Presentation Room, G9, 899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park.

*Teleconference Location – Board President Soyon Hardy joined the meeting via teleconference/videoconference pursuant to Board Bylaw 9320 Meetings and Notices and Government Code 54953 from the location listed below: Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel, 1230 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.*

**BOARD PRESENT**

Soyon Hardy, President, Jim Moynihan, Vice President, Megan Lantsman, Clerk, Denise Helfstein, Member and Mary Pallant, Member

**BOARD ABSENT**

None

**STAFF PRESENT**

Anais Wenn, Superintendent, Adam Rauch, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Stew McGugan, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Ragini Aggarwal, Public Information and Strategic Communications Officer, District Legal Counsel

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**A. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

1. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE:** Government Code Section 54957
2. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT:** *Extended Care Assistant Site Leader, Instructional Assistant II- Special Education, Child Nutrition Services Assistant, Custodian Sub, Computer Repair Technician, Guest Teachers, Secondary Science Teacher*
3. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATIONS –**  
Govt. Code sections 54954.5 (c) & 54956.9 (d) (1)  
OAH Case No. 2024090188  
Los Angeles County Superior Court No. 24STCP03247
4. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION:**  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d), paragraph (2) or (3): Two cases

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:01 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE**

The Board of Education Vice President, Jim Moynihan, called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at 899 Kanan Road, Oak Park, CA 91377.

**BOARD PRESENT**

Soyon Hardy, President, Jim Moynihan, Vice President, Megan Lantsman, Clerk, Denise Helfstein, Member and Mary Pallant, Member

**BOARD ABSENT**

NONE

**STAFF PRESENT**

Anais Wenn, Superintendent, Adam Rauch, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Stew McGugan, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Ellen Chevalier, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Ragini Aggarwal, Public Information and Strategic Communications Officer, Brad Benioff, Director of Student Support and School Safety, Dr. Michelle Hayashida, Administrator of Curriculum and Instruction, Shanna Sarris, Assistant Principal Oak Park High School.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Jim Moynihan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

Board Vice President Jim Moynihan reported that the Board took no action in closed session at tonight's meeting.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Megan Lantsman, the Board of Education adopted the agenda as presented. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0. Molly Fingerman, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

There was one public speaker on a non-agenda item regarding school evacuation plans.

**OPEN COMMUNICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS****REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Member Megan Lantsman reported she attended the VCOE Governance training, Technology & AI Committee meeting where they discussed phishing schemes and multi-factor.

Board Member Denise Helfstein thanked staff, local first responders and elected representatives for their response and dedication during the recent wildfires. Denise also acknowledged and honored Martin Luther King Jr. and his legacy. Denise reported she attended the ancestor show at Oak Hills Elementary, VCOE Governance training, Ethnic Studies Instructional Materials Committee, LCAP & DELAC Committees.

Board Member Jim Moynihan reported that he attended the VCOE Governance training, Wellness Committee, Technology & AI Committee, Oak Park Education Foundation Meeting. Jim also attended the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration in Oxnard which was also a forum for multiple scholarships to be given out to local area students.

Board Member Mary Pallant reported she attended the agenda planning meeting, Ethnic Studies Instructional Materials Committee.

Board Member Soyon Hardy thanked the entire board and governance team especially trustee Moynihan for stepping in for her a few times during the past month. Soyon also thanked Superintendent Wenn,

Cabinet, staff and teachers, and local first responders for their response and dedication during the recent wildfires and her thoughts and prayers go out to those who were affected.

#### **REMARKS FROM STUDENT BOARD MEMBER**

Student Board Member Molly Fingerman reported ASB is busy with holding fundraisers Coin Wars and I Flirts and is currently planning the next blood drive, prom, spring fling and the next rally.

#### **REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Superintendent Wenn addressed a public comment regarding the practice of having buses stationed at schools in case of an emergency. She stated that she is not aware of any such district practice and asked Adam Rauch, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to look into the cost. The estimated cost would be \$1,075 per bus per day, requiring 10 buses per elementary school, making it prohibitively expensive. She emphasized that the district has other emergency plans in place and is actively working with universities and organizations on evacuation strategies.

Superintendent Wenn also noted that all staff members are designated disaster service workers and are required to remain on campus until every student is accounted for and safely reunited with their families. She expressed gratitude to the firefighters and first responders who continue to battle fires in Los Angeles.

Since the last meeting, Superintendent Wenn reported visiting Club Oak Park sites with Sara Ahl, attending cultural events at Oak Hills and Brookside Elementary, and supporting the girls' basketball game with her family. Lastly, she acknowledged January as School Board Recognition Month, celebrating the Board for their thoughtful leadership and dedication to the district.

#### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Megan Lantsman, the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0. Molly Fingerman, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

- 5.1. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 17, 2024
- 5.2. Approve Public Employee Employment/Changes Classified Personnel
- 5.3. Approve Public Employee Employment/Changes Certificated Personnel
- 5.4. Ratify Purchase Orders December 1- December 31
- 5.5. Approve Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints – January 2025
- 5.6. Accept 2024-2025 First Period Attendance Report
- 5.7. Ratify Agreement with the California Lutheran University for Use of their Swimming Pool for the Spring 2025 Oak Park High School Aquatics Program
- 5.8. Approve Acceptance of Donations
- 5.9. Ratify Sale or Disposal of Obsolete Personal Property - Student Nutrition Services Vehicle
- 5.10. Approve Student Internship Agreement with Pepperdine University for 2025-2027

#### **6. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

##### **6.1. Presentation on State Assessments Results (CAASPP and ELPAC) for 2023-2024**

Ellen Chevalier Director of Curriculum and Instruction & Michelle Hayashida Administrator of Curriculum and Instruction gave a presentation on State Assessments Results for 2023-2024.

##### **6.2. Approve 2023-2024 School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs)**

On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Soyon Hardy the Board approved the 2023-2024 School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs). Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0. Molly Fingerman, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

**6.3. Approve New CTE College Prep (CP) Course Mind Matters Advanced at Oak Park High School**

On motion of Megan Lantsman, seconded by Soyon Hardy the Board approved the new CTE College Prep (CP) Course Mind Matters Advanced at Oak Park High School. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0. Molly Fingerman, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

**6.4. Approve New Honors CTE Course Mechatronics 2 at Oak Park High School**

On motion of Megan Lantsman, seconded by Mary Pallant the Board approved the new Honors CTE Course Mechatronics 2 at Oak Park High School. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0. Molly Fingerman, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

**6.5. Approve New CTE College Prep (CP) Course Principles of Engineering at Oak Park High School**

On motion of Megan Lantsman, seconded by Mary Pallant the Board approved the new CTE College Prep (CP) Course Principles of Engineering at Oak Park High School. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0. Molly Fingerman, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

**6.6. Approve New AP CTE Course Cyber: Networking at Oak Park High School**

On motion of Megan Lantsman, seconded by Soyon Hardy the Board approved the new AP CTE Course Cyber: Networking at Oak Park High School. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0. Molly Fingerman, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

**6.7. Approve Revision of CTE Course Construction Technology: Cabinetry from a Semester Course to Year Long Course at Oak Park High School**

On motion of Megan Lantsman, seconded by Mary Pallant the Board approved the CTE Course Construction Technology: Cabinetry from a Semester Course to Year Long Course at Oak Park High School. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0. Molly Fingerman, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

**6.8. Approve New Name For CTE Course Athletic Training 1 to Sports Medicine 1 at Oak Park High School and revise it from a Semester Course to a Year Long Course at Oak Park High School**

On motion of Megan Lantsman, seconded by Soyon Hardy the Board approved the new name for CTE Course Athletic Training 1 to Sports Medicine 1 at Oak Park High School and revise it New Name For CTE Course Athletic Training 2 to Sports Medicine 2 and Revise it from a Semester Course to a Year Long Course at Oak Park High School from a Semester Course to a Year Long Course at Oak Park High School. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0. Molly Fingerman, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

**6.9. Approve New Name For CTE Course Athletic Training 2 to Sports Medicine 2 and Revise it from a Semester Course to a Year Long Course at Oak Park High School**

On motion of Mary Pallant, seconded by Megan Lantsman the Board approved the new name for CTE Course Athletic Training 2 to Sports Medicine 2 and Revise it from a Semester Course to a Year Long Course at Oak Park High School. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0. Molly Fingerman, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

**6.10. Approve Revision of CTE Course Technical Drafting Design (CP) from a Semester Course to a Year Long Course at Oak Park High School**

On motion of Mary Pallant, seconded by Megan Lantsman the Board approved the revision of CTE Course Technical Drafting Design (CP) from a Semester Course to a Year Long Course at Oak Park High School. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0. Molly Fingerman, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

**7. BUSINESS SERVICES**

**7.1. Accept Annual Audit Reports for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

Natalie Palma of Christy White Accountancy Corp presented an overview of the audit process and findings. No findings were reported. On motion of Megan Lantsman, seconded by Denise Helfstein the Board approved the Annual Audit Reports for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0. Molly Fingerman, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

**7.2. Discussion on Governor's January Budget Proposal for 2025-26**

Adam Rauch, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services provided an overview of the Governor's Budget proposal for 2025-2026 and its likely impact on OPUSD.

**7.3. Approve Facility Use Agreement with Church of the Epiphany for Use of their Parking Lot**

On motion of Megan Lantsman, seconded by Denise Helfstein the Board approved the Facility Use Agreement with Church of the Epiphany for Use of their Parking Lot. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0. Molly Fingerman, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

**7.4. Approve Disposal Of Obsolete Personal Property Technology Equipment**

On motion of Megan Lantsman, seconded by Soyon Hardy the Board approved the disposal of Obsolete Personal Property Technology Equipment. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0. Molly Fingerman, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

**7.5. Approve Submittal of California Department of Education Form J13A, Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions**

On motion of Megan Lantsman, seconded by Denise Helfstein the Board approved the submittal of California Department of Education Form J13A, Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0. Molly Fingerman, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

**7.6. Accept the Farm to School Grant and Approve the Service Agreement with Ventura County Farm to School**

On motion of Mary Pallant, seconded by Megan Lantsman the Board approved the Farm to School Grant and Approve the Service Agreement with Ventura County Farm to School. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0. Molly Fingerman, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

**8. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**8.1. Establish New Part Time Classified Positions of Administrative Assistant II Human Resources and Administrative Assistant II Superintendent's office and Approve Associated Job Descriptions**

On motion of Denise Helfstein seconded by Megan Lantsman, the Board approved the Establishment of New Part Time Classified Positions of Administrative Assistant II Human Resources and Administrative Assistant II Superintendent's office and Approve Associated Job Descriptions. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0. Molly Fingerman, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

## **9. BOARD**

### **9.1. Midyear Review And Discussion of the 2024-2025 District Goals**

Superintendent Wenn shared the progress made towards achieving the District Goals which were approved at the August 20, 2024 Board meeting.

## **10. BOARD POLICIES**

### **10.1. Approve Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel**

On motion of Soyon Hardy seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board approved the amendment to Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0. Molly Fingerman, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

### **10.2. Approve Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 4217/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches**

On motion of Soyon Hardy, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board approved the amendment to Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 4217/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0. Molly Fingerman, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

### **10.3. Approve Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5126 - Awards for Achievement**

On motion of Mary Pallant, seconded by Megan Lantsman, the Board approved the amendment to Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 5126 - Awards for Achievement. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0. Molly Fingerman, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

### **10.4. First Reading Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs**

The board held a discussion on the revised policy and asked that this policy be brought back for a second reading at the next meeting to discuss the proposed amendment recommended by board member Denise Helfstein.

### **10.5. Approve Amendment to Board Policy 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction**

On motion of Denise Helfstein seconded by Megan Lantsman, the Board approved the amendment to Board Policy 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0. Molly Fingerman, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

### **10.6. Approve Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6152.1 - Placement in Mathematics Courses**

On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Megan Lantsman, the Board approved the amendment to Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 6152.1 - Placement in Mathematics Courses. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0. Molly Fingerman, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

**10.7. Approve Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6158 – Independent Study**

On motion of Megan Lantsman seconded by Soyon Hardy, the Board approved the amendment to Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 6158 – Independent Study. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0. Molly Fingerman, Student Board Member – Preferential Vote: Aye.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mary Pallant seconded by Megan Lantsman, there being no further business before this Board, the regular meeting held on January 22, 2025, is declared adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Date President of the Board

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Date Clerk or Secretary of the Board