

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING 3-18-2025 #1124

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.

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. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATIONS –**
Govt. Code sections 54954.5 (c) & 54956.9 (d) (1)
Los Angeles County Superior Court No. 24STCP03247
2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATIONS –**
Government Code Section 54956.95 – Liability Claims: Claimants Las Virgenes Unified School District vs Oak Park Unified School District
3. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE:** Government Code Section 54957
4. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS:** Government Code 54957.6 Agency Designated Representatives: Adam Rauch and Stewart McGugan Employee Organizations: Oak Park Teachers Association and Oak Park Classified Association
5. **SUPERINTENDENT GOALS**
6. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT:** Walk-on-Coaches, Custodian Part-Time, Instructional Assistant I Literacy & Numeracy, Campus Supervisor, Sub Instructional Assistant III DML-

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:04 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Soyon Hardy, called the regular meeting to order at 6:11 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

Student Board Member – Molly Fingerman

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, Marcus Konantz, Director of Pupil Services, Byron Jones, Director of Fiscal Services, Dana Thompson, Director of Educational Technology & Information Systems.

FLAG SALUTE

Soyon Hardy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Board President Soyon Hardy reported that in closed session tonight under Item 3.3: The Board took unanimous action to rescind the notice of non-reelection for probationary certificated employee #3462, originally approved on February 19, 2025, in Resolution No. 2025-01. The Board also accepted the resignation of employee #3462, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. No other action was taken in closed session tonight.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Jim Moynihan, 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.

STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

The Board and Superintendent Wenn recognized students and coaches for the following achievements:

- Sean Bedeikoglu - Children's Book Author
- All-State Honor Band, Orchestra, Choir, and Regional Honor Band and Choir
- Boys' Cross Country Team, CIF Division 3 Champions
- Girls' Basketball Team, CIF Division 2AA Champions

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

There were no public speakers.

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Denise Helfstein reported attending Future Panther Night at Medea Creek Middle School, the Diversity and Equity Task Force, the Measure S Subcommittee, the PTO Council, and site visits with Superintendent Wenn to Brookside Elementary, Oak Park Neighborhood Preschool, Oak View High School, and Oak Park Independent School.

Board Member Jim Moynihan reported attending the Oak Park High School spring musical *Mean Girls*, Future Panther Night, Future Eagle Night, site visits with Superintendent Wenn, the OPEF meeting, the Wellness Committee, and the Finance Subcommittee. He commented on the high level of student

engagement he observed during classroom visits and commended teachers for their effective use of classroom technology.

Board Member Megan Lantsman reported attending the OPHS Course Advisement event, the Safety and Security Task Force meeting, and the EEAC meeting. She also shared that the pediatric unit at Los Robles Hospital is scheduled to close, and encouraged the community to consult their physicians and seek more information about the implications of this closure.

Board Member Mary Pallant reported attending OPHS Course Advisement Night and was impressed by the welcoming atmosphere, including live music from the band. She also attended MCMS Future Panther Night and noted the strong sense of enthusiasm and organization among staff, students, and families.

Board Member Soyon Hardy reported attending the Finance Subcommittee meeting, where the Second Interim Report was previewed. She noted that the district remains fiscally solvent.

REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Anais Wenn congratulated all students and teams recognized during the meeting. She reported that the District held its final professional development day of the year on Monday and thanked Ellen Chevalier, Michelle Hayashida, and Katherine Adams for their leadership in planning and facilitating the day.

Superintendent Wenn shared that she recently served as a judge for the Oak Hills Elementary fifth-grade debate on artificial intelligence, attended Future Eagles Night and Course Advisement Night, and cheered on both the Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball teams, celebrating with the girls following their CIF Championship win.

She recognized several recent student achievements, including:

- Oak Park High School's Science Olympiad team winning first place in school history and advancing to the state championship,
- Medea Creek Middle School's MathCounts team earning first place and advancing to the next level of competition, and
- Future Business Leaders of America students qualifying for the state competition.

Superintendent Wenn also attended the OPHS spring musical *Mean Girls* and praised the student performers for their outstanding talent. She extended her appreciation to Zach Borquez, Stacy McClamma, Ellyn Schneider, and Ed Park for their work in bringing the production to life.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Mary Pallant, seconded by Jim Moynihan, the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0.

- 5.1. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 19, 2025
- 5.2. Approve Public Employee Employment/Changes Classified Personnel
- 5.3. Approve Public Employee Employment/Changes Certificated Personnel
- 5.4. Ratify Purchase Orders February 1- February 28
- 5.5. Approve Acceptance of Donations
- 5.6. Ratification of Out of country travel for Certificated Employee Amanda Fitts to Israel to attend the 2025 MASA Gap Year Delegation February 27 - March 10, 2025

- 5.7. Approve Overnight Trip for Oak Park High School Future Business Leaders of America to the California FBLA State Leadership Conference - April 24-27, 2025
- 5.8. Approve Overnight Trip for Oak Park High School Spring Athletic Teams Who Qualify for CIF Playoffs, CA
- 5.9. Approve Supervised Practice Agreement for Dietetic Interns with University of Southern California
- 5.10. Ratify Change Orders for Measure S Project 22-21S TK Classroom Building Addition at Oak Hills Elementary School
- 5.11. Notice of Completion – Roofing Project at Oak Park High School G Building
- 5.12. Approve a Settlement from Personnel Concepts, Received as Part of a Court-Approved Settlement in a Case Brought by the San Francisco City Attorney's Office
- 5.13. Accept OPIS WASC Self Study Report

6. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

6.1. Approve Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CCEIS) Plan

On motion of Jim Moynihan, seconded by Megan Lantsman the Board approved the Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CCEIS) Plan. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0.

6.2. Approve New Instructional Materials for OPHS AP Psychology

On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Jim Moynihan the Board approved new Instructional Materials for OPHS AP Psychology. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0.

7. BUSINESS SERVICES

7.1. Approval and Certification of Second Interim Financial Report & Budget Update

Adam Rauch, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services presented the Second Interim Financial Report.

On motion of Denise Helfstein, seconded by Jim Moynihan the Board approved Certification of 2024-25 Second Interim Financial Report and Budget Revisions. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0.

7.2. Discuss HVAC Installation Project for G Building at Oak Park High School

Adam Rauch, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services gave an overview of the HVAC project at Oak Park High School. Adam stated the bids were solicited and collected and now there is a period where companies can challenge the bids. Adam stated the goal is so have this project completed over spring break and although there is not a contract to present today since they are still within the bidding period, he wanted to ensure the Board that whoever is chosen will be under the \$125,000 contract price and that the contract will come as ratification in the April meeting.

7.3. Approval of Purchase and Service Agreement for New Visitor Management System

On motion of Megan Lantsman, seconded by Jim Moynihan the Board approved items 7.2. through 7.3 together as one vote. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0.

8. BOARD POLICIES

8.1. Approve Amendment to Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy

8.2. Approve Amendment to Board Policy & Exhibit 5145.6 - Parent/Guardian Notifications

8.4. Approve Amendment to Board Policy 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services

8.5. Approve Amendment to Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 6174 - Education for English Learners

8.6. Approve Amendment to Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 7214 - General Obligation Bonds

On motion of Megan Lantsman seconded by Jim Moynihan, the Board approved items 8.1.-8.2. and 8.4-8.6. together as one vote. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0.

8.3. Approve Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs - Third Reading

On motion of Megan Lantsman seconded by Jim Moynihan, the Board approved Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0.

8.7. Approve Amendment to Board Bylaw 9240 BB - Board Training - Second Reading

On motion of Megan Lantsman seconded by Jim Moynihan, the Board approved Board Bylaw 9240 BB - Board Training - Second Reading. Motion carried Aye: Hardy, Helfstein, Lantsman, Moynihan, Pallant. No - 0.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss items 3.2., 3.4., and 3.5.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:52 pm.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Board President Soyon Hardy reported that in closed session the board took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Jim Moynihan seconded by Mary Pallant, there being no further business before this Board, the regular meeting held on March 18, 2025, is declared adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Date	President of the Board
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Date	Clerk or Secretary of the Board
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