

Oxnard Union High School District

Oxnard, California

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

September 27, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Oxnard Union High School District was called to order by President Herrera on September 27, 2017 at 5:17 p.m., in the District Office Board Room, 220 South K Street, Oxnard, California.

Trustees present:

Beatriz R. Herrera, President
Dr. Gary Davis, Vice President
Karen M. Sher, Clerk.
Dr. Steve Hall, Member
Wayne Edmonds, Member

Administration present:

Dr. Penelope A. DeLeon, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Jeff Baarstad, Interim Assistant Superintendent-Business Services
Dr. Tom McCoy, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services
Dr. Rocky Valles, Jr., Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources
Sylvia M. Diaz, Executive Assistant

Translators present:

David Gala and Moira Gallo

Guests present:

Denise Barnett, Dale Scott and Connie Cervera

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Herrera asked Dr. Rocky Valles to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Edmonds and carried unanimously. Vote 5/0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Trustee Hall moved to approve the minutes dated September 13, 2017, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Sher and carried unanimously. Vote 5/0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

David Maron, Ventura County Civic Alliance, presented the Board of Trustees with the 2017 State of the Region Report and highlighted some of the areas in it.

6. CLOSED SESSION

President Herrera stated that the Board would adjourn to Closed Session at 5:22pm to discuss confidential material relating to the following items noted below.

A.

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Resignation/Appointment/Reassignment/
Employment [Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)]
- Employee Discipline

B.

Conference with Labor Negotiator(s) [Government Code Section 54957.6] – Agency
Negotiator: Rocky Valles, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent – Human Resources
o Employee Organization: Oxnard Federation of Teachers and School Employees
(OFTSE)
* Certificated Bargaining Unit

C.

Superintendent Evaluation

D.

Student Personnel: [Education Code §35146, 48912, 48919]

E.

Consideration of Confidential Student Issues Other Than Expulsion and Suspension,
Pursuant to Education Code §35146

- F.** Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Govt. Code § 54956.8) PROPERTY: 50-acres of 107.25 acres located at or near 1825 Camino del Sol, Oxnard, CA (southeast corner of N. Rose Ave. and Cesar Chaves Dr.) Ventura County Assessor Parcel No. 214-0-020-595 AGENCY NEGOTIATOR: Sid Albaugh, Assistant Superintendent Business Services NEGOTIATING PARTIES: Brian Edward Maulhardt, as Trustee of the Brian Edward Maulhardt Children's Support Trust UNDER NEGOTIATION: Price and terms of payment
- G.** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: One case
- H.** Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Govt. Code § 54956.8) PROPERTY: Multiple District-owned parcels, including: (1) Bell Ranch Property, Assessor Parcel No. ("APN") 156-0-180-385, Camarillo, California; (2) South of Oxnard High School, APN 183-0-030-180; (3) District Office Campus, 220, 309, and 315 South K Street, Oxnard, CA, APNs 202-0-010-630 & -740; (4) Hueneme Road Adult School, 527 W Hueneme Road, Oxnard, CA, APN 222-0-082-625; (5) 280 and 300 Skyway Drive, I. Camarillo, CA, APN 230-0-130-105; and (6) 15 Stearman Street, Camarillo, CA, APN 230-0-130-115 AGENCY NEGOTIATOR: Sid Albaugh, Assistant Superintendent Business Services NEGOTIATING PARTIES: To be determined UNDER NEGOTIATION: Price and terms of payment.

7. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC: REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTION

The Board reconvened at 6: 51p.m. President Herrera reported that Board of Trustees took action on a vote of 5/0 to direct the Superintendent pursuant to Education Code Section 44951 to provide notice of release and reassignment to a certificated administrator, employee ID number 7664.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

No public comments.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Trustee Hall moved to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented. Trustee Davis seconded and carried unanimously. Vote 5/0

A. Consideration of Approval of Purchase Orders and Direct Pays, September 1 – 15, 2017

Purchase Order totaling \$1,545,491.86 and Direct Pays totaling \$500,234.89 be approved, as presented.

B. Consideration of Approval of Certificated and Classified Personnel

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel items, as presented.

10. ACTION

A. Consideration of Approval to Award PMSM Architects to Provide District-Wide Facilities Master Plan RFP #557

Motion: Trustee Hall moved that the Board of Trustees approve to Award PMSM Architects to Provide District-Wide Facilities Master Plan RFP #557, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Sher and carried. Vote 4/1 with Trustee Edmonds not in favor.

Approved

Trustee Edmonds asked what the level of involvement of District staff will be and will staff have input in the process. Mr. Albaugh affirmed that all stakeholders involved will have input. Trustee Edmonds was concerned about which District needs will be included when the District goes out for a bond. Mr. Albaugh stated that PMSM will thoroughly inspect all facilities then prioritize the projects to determine what the District can afford based on ability to get funding from a bond. Trustee Davis inquired as to what the general timeline would be if the facilities master plan gets approved. Mr. Albaugh replied that the final project will be brought to Trustees at the second meeting in February for review and approval. Trustee Herrera asked how PMSM will be able to work with the Spanish speaking population of the District when the parent advisory committee and community

meetings take place and Dr. McCoy replied that during the interview with each candidate firm it was discussed and asked what their ability was to be able to communicate in both English and Spanish and PMSM has bilingual staff that will sit with District staff, parents and the community during these meetings. Trustee Herrera asked if translators will be available for other languages as well, if needed, and Dr. McCoy affirmed this. Trustee Herrera asked if written forms of communication to parents and the community would apply in the same manner and Dr. McCoy affirmed this. Trustee Hall added that the facilities master plan should include a study of air conditioning and turf fields at each site. Trustee Herrera asked Mr. Albaugh how the priorities of the facilities master plan will be listed. Mr. Albaugh replied that PMSM will provide the District with a list of what they find and then it would be up to the District to determine what the priorities are.

11. STAFF REPORTS

- A. District Facilities Workshop – Sid Albaugh
- Oxnard Union High School District operates seven high schools and has identified the need for a new high school in the Oxnard area. In addition, through Board Goal #5, the Oxnard Union High School District Board of Trustees has determined to maintain facilities and infrastructure that support a safe school and a positive learning environment, and provide equitable learning conditions for all students through the development and subsequent implementation of a comprehensive Facilities Master Plan.
- Review of the State Site Approval Procedures – Sid Albaugh
- Mr. Albaugh reviewed the State site approval procedures with the Board of Trustees and audience. There were no questions asked.
- Preliminary Site Plan of New Oxnard Area High School No. 8. - WLC Architects (Rob Hensley & Wendell Vaughn)
- Mr. Hensley and Mr. Vaughn presented the New Oxnard Area High School #8 schematic drawing to the Board of Trustees and reviewed the preliminary site plan for their input.
- Trustee Herrera asked Mr. Hensley how the different magnet areas of the school that were listed on the schematic drawing such as agriculture and medical were determined. Mr. Hensley replied that they were ideas that had been brought forward during past design committee meetings but they could be modified. Trustee Sher asked if the school would be designed to be a STEM or STEAM program. Mr. Hensley replied that initially it was discussed that it would be a STEM facility then there was discussion of about emphasis on the Arts and he felt they could be interchangeable. Trustee Sher felt that it would be important to include the Arts component because it allows for more flexibility and different types of funding. Trustee Hall asked about the classroom building that is to be placed on the Rose Avenue side of the school; why was it placed there if it's a busy street, reasoning behind this. Mr. Vaughn replied that it was diagrammed this way because the positioning of the buildings have to do with the density of the environmental aspects of the site, the site will have a stadium and the positioning of the acoustics next to a residential area, classrooms facing to the North can take advantage of the views, natural light and ventilation. He also stated the classroom is still quite away back in with the buffer and reminded Trustees that what was presented was just a planning concept to gain their ideas and further develop a design with the committee. Trustee Hall asked why the classrooms and football field couldn't be reversed. Mr. Vaughn replied that a lot had to do with the traffic and the ingress and egress on collector streets that have high speed traffic, the possibility of development on the 10 acres to the North of the school and the potential for a lot of green space, football field and a pool. Dr. DeLeon added that the traffic back-up may not allow for the football field to be placed on the Rose Avenue side of the school. Trustee Sher added that technology is built into common core and every school should be a technology school and maybe some ideas like civic engagement or civil rights need to be explored to help students explore this side of their education as opposed to just technology, which is important, but will be a nice aspect to reflect our community. Dr. DeLeon shared ideas of the committee for the agricultural piece of the plan because Adolfo Camarillo High School's agriculture class deals with animal science but this site would deal with plant science. Trustee Edmonds asked about matching monies and the possibility of a sliding scale; are the rules the same or are there still quite a few exclusions. Mr. Hensley replied that the rules are very much the same as they've always been and added that the State counts classrooms when you qualify for a match. Mr. Hensley understood that the District is eligible and if the school is designed for 2,400

students then the State would give the grants proportionate to that load. Trustee Davis thanked Mr. Hensley and Mr. Vaughn for their thoroughness of their presentation. He stated it's accurate that Trustees would like to build a school with the capacity of 2,400 students but asked if the school is being designed with the capacity of 2,400 on the State's formula and Mr. Hensley affirmed this knowing it could give the District additional capacity. Trustee Davis asked if the construction costs could be saved if the design capacity was for less students and Mr. Hensley affirmed this but added that it could decrease State matching if less classrooms are built. Trustee Davis asked if the concept map was based on 55 acres of the property or less. Mr. Hensley replied that it was based on 55 acres and that they can get by with 53-54 acres but architects have not yet met with the City of Oxnard officials to know what the setback is on Rose Avenue and other streets surrounding the site. Trustee Davis stated that back in November 2016 the Board of Trustees took action to approve 50 acres and is concerned about the construction and land purchase costs for the extra five acres. Trustee Davis agreed with Trustee Sher that Cyber Technology sounds 15 years too late and technology should be infused throughout the school and not be a magnet unless there is a plan for a pathway to lead into an employment market and career pathway in Cyber Technology within our local university. He also felt the concept of the magnets of Medical, Agriculture and Cyber Technology should be revisited because it isn't known if they're intended in concept as RCHS has. Trustee Davis asked if this school would be an all school magnet, a three magnet academy program and of the 22 academies the District already has is there some indication that some are more popular and successful than others. Trustee Davis stated that something must've been learned from the construction design of Oxnard and Pacifica High Schools and he is concerned about the design of PHS administration office. Trustee Davis hoped there has been input from staff at these two sites and Mr. Hensley affirmed there has been input. Trustee Davis asked about the aeronautics and the small portion of the flight path the school is in except for the North end of the school and wanted to know why the school wasn't positioned on the North end of the property. He also asked if ample attention had been given to what will be included inside of the Library Media Center, will locker bays be included at this site, was Mr. Hensley's presentation brick and mortar construction or was there any cost savings and consideration of any part of the school being pre-fab construction. Mr. Hensley replied that these have not yet been entertained as they are only looking at designing the facility at this time. Trustee Davis asked what was meant by Industrial Technology; what will be included inside this building. Mr. Vaughn replied that the design committee and educational leaders will determine this. Trustee Davis asked about the faculty dining room that's included in the schematic drawing and mentioned that various sites don't currently use their facility and asked of his colleagues, Trustees, that maybe they need to come to terms with this subject. Trustee Davis asked how the 450 seat theater compares to those at OHS, PHS and RCHS theaters. Mr. Hensley replied that PHS seats approximately 700 but wasn't sure of the capacity of the others and added that 450 is currently a typical size that is designed for comprehensive high schools. Trustee Davis asked if the ducting for air conditioning would be installed no matter what. Mr. Hensley affirmed this as by code fresh air has to be able to be pumped throughout the buildings. Trustee Davis seemed to recall with the building of OHS and PHS, at that time, a State requirement of the District to receive State funds that 30% of the school had to have relocatable classrooms and wanted to know if this was still the case. Mr. Hensley replied that this is no longer a requirement. Trustee Davis asked Mr. Hensley if his firm is waiting for direction from Trustees to include a pool or would it be a plot of land for future consideration. Mr. Hensley replied the next step would be to finalize the program and to set the square footage then figure the cost estimation to better understand what can be afforded and he presumed the pool facility would be a low priority but did add that the committee would like to see one. Trustee Davis thanked Mr. Hensley and Mr. Vaughn again and stated he liked their theme of flexibility as it isn't known yet what the future holds. Trustee Davis mentioned his concern about the position of the school as to whether it should be on the South or North end of the property. Trustee Hall followed-up about project costs being developed at a later time and Mr. Hensley affirmed this but did mention \$125 million is the overall target at this time and he is also looking at what State funding might be brought forward. Trustee Hall asked when these decisions will be brought back to Trustees. Dr. DeLeon added that Mr. Scott would address the issuance of a bond later in the meeting but part of the decision to issue a bond would be to determine

the total cost of the school and set that budget but a lot will depend on how Trustees want to move forward. She understood there would be a certain bonding capacity as a District but she didn't think that a new school could be built or other projects be completed, per the Facility Master Plan, without the issuance of a bond. Trustee Hall asked if a list of pros and cons of having the school built as presented or having it built in reverse or in a different configuration can be provided to Trustees. Mr. Hensley affirmed this could be done. Trustee Hall stated that as far as instructional programs go there's some data he'd like to see as what's recommended and what Trustees were discussing, down the pipeline in four year schools, and what the enrollments would be in those programs such as agriculture plant science. He asked how many students are enrolled in this major at Cal State Channel Islands because he's concerned that if they decide to focus on this area he wants to make sure there are students interested in enrolling in them. Trustee Hall asked if the list that the design committee reviewed as far as areas of emphasis that were not included in the design and the presentation on the job data could be provided to Trustees. Trustee Sher thanked the architects for their report and asked about the funding for the wrap around facilities where child care was discussed and wanted to know if there is special funding the District can apply for in regards to these types of services. Mr. Hensley stated he wasn't aware of any special funding. Trustee Sher appreciated that 44 teachers were interviewed but the District has 700 teachers and the timing of the meetings took place over the summer so she imagined that a lot were not able to attend, herself included, and she'd like to see a broader range of teachers polled. Dr. DeLeon asked Dr. McCoy when the meetings took place and he replied that the core Ed Specs Committee met in July and August but department meetings took place in the three days before school started. He added that a global email was sent out and the response of 44 teachers was received. Dr. DeLeon added that the process of Ed Specs hasn't been completed and more people will be invited but what took place was just preliminary. Trustee Sher commented that she's not sure if the three magnets in the schematic are the way Trustees should go or have decided to go but looks forward to hearing more on this topic. Trustee Sher asked about flexible classrooms and what it means. Mr. Hensley replied it's flexibilities for opportunities in the way a classroom is used and that it used to be that it was dictated where the front of the classroom was and where the teacher and students sat but now you try and allow for every wall to be available for instruction; walking into a space and being able to accommodate different programs, maximizing the flexibility. Trustee Sher stated this is important because when you are talking about project based learning the end component is some kind of display to the community, the space in the classroom is a really important factor. She also asked if the Library Media Center is really realistic for the needs of a school community and that sometimes the space can be better utilized as maker spaces or art spaces where collaboration can happen. Mr. Hensley replied that during some of the design committee meetings it was requested to have a couple classrooms attached to the media center to be able to interact and make the place alive with more going on. It would be more of a study center and not much of a Library anymore. Trustee Herrera commented that the architects were able to give her a clear concept of where things can be placed and the schematic drawing was fine but was concerned about the labeling of the buildings as it was pre-determined and she would like for staff to look at the needs of OUHSD students since classrooms are so essential. Trustee Herrera stressed the concern of having unused space not being utilized to the best of its ability and doesn't want to commit to one particular subject being able to go into a classroom. She asked the architects to point out the location of the administration building on the schematic as there was a typo and two of the same building was listed on the drawing. Trustee Herrera asked if the design will include locker rooms for a pool if it is decided at a later time to build one. Mr. Hensley replied that they can be included in the design but it will all come back to the final budget and what the cost is to include them then Trustees will prioritize what's most important. Trustee Herrera asked if a fence will be included around the perimeter of the school. Mr. Hensley replied that normally the fence would go around the perimeter but he didn't include it in the schematic because it will depend on what's decided in the joint use factor because you can fence that portion out as well in case there is after hour use to allow for containment of the areas that need to be contained. Trustee Herrera asked if there were any madates that require the District to contact the community for their input on the stadium or entry way. Mr. Hensley replied that the District has a consultant that will help with what's required by California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Trustee Davis asked that when the architectural

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firm returns their information to Trustees, or Superintendent, can they give some indication as to how green this school will be and if there is a continuum of basic green that must be addressed if there are costs associated, all would appreciate knowing, for the community, how environmentally sensitive will the construction design be. Mr. Hensley replied that this is built into the design to meet DSA requirements. Trustee Hall asked how far the curb is on Rose Avenue from the first set of classrooms in the layout presented. Mr. Hensley didn't know and reminded Trustees of what Mr. Vaughn stated previously that this is only diagrammatic at this time. Trustee Hall asked that when revisions are brought back to Trustees can they be informed as to what the range of the buffer is in this design between the road and the nearest classrooms. Trustee Herrera asked if it was helpful to supply architects with the biggest concerns of the school design so revisions can be brought back to the October 11th Board meeting and Mr. Hensley affirmed this so she listed the three concerns: 1) flip the design from South to North, 2) leave the design as is but switch the stadium with the classrooms on Rose Avenue and 3) inform Trustees how close the buildings are on Rose Avenue if the design stays as is. Trustee Hall asked for a list of pros and cons for the three concerns stated. Trustee Davis asked Dr. DeLeon for the background as to why the three magnets/themes were chosen and why not three others. Dr. DeLeon informed Trustees that this site would start small and build out to senior year and the three academies at this school would be unique and not available at other sites. Trustee Davis asked that of the 22 already in existence, which ones are effective and effective by when and by any criteria that can be shared with Trustees. Dr. McCoy added that for Trustees information, in the program committee that's been meeting, they have discussed agriculture that's not specific to the site plan but if there was something around coding at one of the high schools it could conceivably be moved to the new campus, if it's something that has efficacy as opportunities are trying to be balanced at all schools. The committee has also discussed the possibility to identify existing academies in the fields that would relocate to the new campus that have some efficacy within the community already, as discussed with the Governance team, driving opportunities to all areas for these different academies and pathways. Trustee Herrera stated this information will be helpful in assisting the architect firm and would like staff to bring this back asap for discussion. She also requested that the architects revise their schematic and get that to Dr. DeLeon asap so she can forward it to Trustees for their review prior to discussion at the October 11th Board meeting.

- State School Facility Program & Funding Eligibility - Dr. Joel Kirschenstein

Dr. Kirschenstein discussed the environmental review process, State school facility program overview and other school facility related topics. He informed Trustees that funding is based on classroom grants which is approximately \$40 million plus from the State School Construction Program. He informed them that in going through the process, there is a very short window for the architects to get the design into the Department of the State Architect so the District can be in line for funding. He stated Career Technology is statutory now and that a CTE Committee is needed. Trustee Herrera asked about the CTE component and if the District isn't allowed to build a school unless it is based in career. Dr. Kirschenstein replied that it doesn't need to be based on career but does have to have a committee that evaluates the Career Educational component. The committee will come to Trustees with a recommendation and give a report of their findings and list the components and offer additional suggestions on the programs. Dr. Kirschenstein stated there are now private sector grants as well that are available for Career Technology that a facility like this school would stand a good chance of receiving. The components for the financing of the school will be basically those grants for the classrooms. Dr. Kirschenstein stated that by the time the District files with the the Department of the State Architect, the District should be able to say it can self-certify because if that can't be done then the District can't submit for the State matching funds so the general obligation bond and the source of funding needs to be in place. The budget for the school needs to be presented at the time the revised design goes back to Trustees for their review again. The components for the sources of funding need to come back at the same time. Dr. Kirschenstein stated he wants Trustees to be able to move forward as quickly as possible without losing the quality that the District wants programmatically but stressed that they will need to communicate their requests to the architects asap. Dr. DeLeon asked Dr. Kirschenstein what the suggested deadline is to have everything done. He recommended no more than two months, one would be better. Trustee Sher commented that she felt there was enough input from all Trustees about the situation of the classroom buildings to

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- School Facilities Master Planning Process – PMSM Architects

consider making changes. Trustee Edmonds stated the District still has eligibility, \$17,000,000, for the construction of RCHS.

At 8:55pm Trustee Herrera stated a ten minute break would be taken. The meeting reconvened at 9:00pm.

Ms. Rosa Alavarado and Mr. Alan Kroeker introduced themselves to Trustees and gave an overview of the 111 year legacy of PMSM Architects, introduced their team via pictures in the PowerPoint shown, gave relevant project experience, informed Trustees of the master planning approach/process, discussed budgeting, discussed their proposed schedule and answered questions.

Trustee Herrera asked when this inspection takes place will employees of PMSM literally be on the roof and in every single classroom. Ms. Alavarado replied that they like to begin at the perimeter and work their way into the classrooms to make sure they address all of the infrastructure needs as well as individual classrooms.

- School Facilities Funding Options – Mr. Dale Scott

Mr. Scott presented to Trustees the debt management strategy-District assessed valuation, past bond election results, opportunities for taxpayer savings, financing structures, 2018 election alternatives, refunding of 2004 Series A G.O. Bonds and election timelines.

Trustee Herrera asked for clarification as to what Mr. Scott was talking about by stating something was dropping or falling. Mr. Scott replied that he was referring to tax rates. Trustee Hall asked if the tax rate is per year and Mr. Scott affirmed this. Trustee Hall clarified with Mr. Scott that the District will refinance the two previously passed bonds, pay additional principal to pay the loan down on the first two years then the payment would drop on the previously passed bonds and the addition of the new bond would be the same. Mr. Scott affirmed this but informed him that the savings would pay down the principal. Trustee Herrera asked, as a taxpayer, what would her tax bill look like once the District uses bond monies to pay down the principal. Mr. Scott asked if she was talking about when the District refinances the two current bonds and she affirmed this. Mr. Scott replied that if the bond doesn't pass then the tax rate would fall back to \$30 over the next two years but it will only benefit taxpayers that continue to live in the area over a long period of time. Dr. DeLeon added if the District were to refinance to save taxpayers over the long run, \$23,000,0000, that would need to be something the Board makes a decision to do and it wouldn't impact a future bond; it's a separate decision to refinance and the decision to go for a bond can be decided later. Mr. Scott stated this was a very good point and given the numbers, regardless of what decision is made, going forward the refinancing of the two bonds should be done because it's an extraordinary savings. Trustee Hall, for public clarification, asked if the District were to refinance would it change any of the cash flow of money coming to the District. Mr. Scott replied that what is being done is the District is refinancing the loan to save taxpayers money, there is no money coming to the District. Mr. Scott informed Trustees that under Propostion 39 in order to have 55% election, the bond has to be on a general election date, June Primary or November 2018. In ordert for the bond to make November 2018, Trustees will have to take action by early spring, April or May. Mr. Scott stated that typically what would happen is a random survey of high propensity voters is done including questions about projects to get a sense of how difficult it will be, what the tax tolerance will be, drafting of language, a resolution and then placement of the item on the ballot will need to be done. Dr. DeLeon asked Trustees if they would like staff to bring back the idea of refinancing to one of the October meetings. Trustee Sher asked what the con would be if pros and cons were to be listed. Mr. Scott replied that there weren't any. Trustee Hall added the con was the property taxes of current residents would go up almost double for a couple of years then they would fall off faster. Mr.Scott stated that it doesn't have to be that way; the bond can be refinanced for the set up of the November 2018 election or the exact opposite can happen and the tax rates can stay as they are and all of the bond backing can be paid off. Trustee Edmonds added that he understands the District requires a bond to build a new school but is concerned the District's needs will outstrip the ability to make the bond pass because the dollar amount will be too high. Trustee Edmonds stated he sees the merit in the value to refinance the current bond and is in support of this. Trustee Herrera asked if staff can come up with five recommendations listing pros and cons for each as it would be helpful for Trustees so everyone is informed. Dr. DeLeon

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asked Mr. Scott if in the process of determining a bond in the future, approximately six months, will there be surveys of the public to see what the interest is in a bond based on some ideas for projects to get an idea on a dollar amount. Mr. Scott affirmed this but added you can measure tax rates and projects as well by doing this. Trustee Herrera asked Trustees if they would be interested in moving forward on the surveys. Trustee Hall asked if the District would have to enter into a contract and Mr. Scott replied that this is included in his current contract with the District. Mr. Scott informed Trustees and staff that it's hard to get the surveys done during the holidays but recommended that it be started now. Trustee Herrera asked Trustees how they felt about getting the polling done since this is something included in Mr. Scott's contract, all Trustees were in agreement. Trustee Hall asked what the cost would be and Mr. Scott replied that it's part of his services but it will be billed on a contingency fee basis, approximately \$10,000-\$15,000 if the election is successful. Trustee Herrera asked Trustees if they wanted to add this to the October 11, 2017 agenda for discussion and all were in favor of this. Mr. Albaugh asked if Trustees wanted to move forward with the refinance asap. Trustee Herrera replied that Trustees want to see what the options on how to refinance look like and the options on how to distribute the savings. Mr. Scott recommended that the District move forward with the documentation at the same time as the various alternatives are being researched and at the time that Trustees do or do not pass the resolution to refinance they can also decide on which way they want the refinancing to be structured. Trustee Herrera asked staff to research this and bring it back to Trustees for their review. Trustee Hall asked if the District has outstanding Certificates of Obligation (COPs) and Mr. Albaugh affirmed this and stated they are related to the solar projects. Trustee Hall asked what the balance is but Mr. Albaugh didn't know. Trustee Hall asked that this information be brought back along with the debt service as well. Trustee Herrera confirmed the research for polling, refinancing of bonds and cost of Mr. Scott's services will be placed on the agenda for October 11, 2017.

12. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Trustee Hall
- Attended last part of the ACHS Back to School Night. He was able to visit various classrooms and noted the difference of temperature in the L wing. Requested that the track and field events delay be included in site newsletters; communicate to parents as much as possible.
- B. Trustee Edmonds
- Attended three Back to School Nights and several football games.
- C. Trustee Sher
- Attended Strengthening our Families Academy of Green Science at R.J. Frank Middle School and thanked Clara Galvan for her efforts to organize the event. The event was well attended and Trustee Sher was happy to represent OUHSD in that capacity.
- D. President Herrera
- Had a meeting with Scott Gustafsson and Jonathan Clement, VTD& Co., LLP auditors, and they offered her their contact information so Trustees can contact them if there are any questions. Mr. Gustafsson informed Trustee Herrera that he will provide an executive summary when the audit is brought forward for approval.
- E. Vice President Davis
- Attended RMHS Back to School Night on September 26, 2017; it was a very nice event. Trustee Davis appreciated all that Dr. DeLeon and her staff do with the reports given at this meeting, the building of a new school, the Facility Master Plan preparation, negotiations preparation, the consideration of a bond election and just to keep the general fiscal management of the District.

13. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

- Refillable water stations at OUHSD sites.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Herrera adjourned Open Session at 9:55 p.m.

Approved as presented
October 11, 2017

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Karen M. Sher, Clerk



Dr. Penelope A. DeLeon,
Secretary and Superintendent of Schools

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