

Oxnard Union High School District

Oxnard, California

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

July 2, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Oxnard Union High School District was called to order by President López Hanson on July 2, 2014 at 5:00 p.m., in the District Office Board Room, 220 South K Street, Oxnard, California.

Trustees present:

Socorro López Hanson, President
Gary Davis, Ed.D., Vice President
Steve Hall, Ed.D., Clerk
Wayne Edmonds, Member
John Alamillo, Member

Administration present:

Steve Dickinson, Assistant Superintendent. Administrative Services

Guests present:

Kathy Matthews, Lupe Reyes, Doug Campbell and Kevin Dicey.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Ms. Kathy Matthews, HHS teacher.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees adopt the Agenda of the July 2, 2014 Special Board meeting, as presented.

Moved by Trustee Alamillo, seconded by Trustee Hall and unanimously carried. Vote 5/0. *Items were then considered in the order in which they appear in these minutes.*

4. AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ms. Kathy Matthews, HHS teacher, expressed her concern about the language lab at her school. She thanked the Board for their recent approval of the purchase of the lap top computers and carts. However, she indicated that the language lab at HHS needs to be moved. She has brought this matter to the attention of her school Principal, who asked her to re-submit her request. She expressed appreciation for all the board has done for the school District.

5. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

No Trustees provided any reports or communications.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT -General Report, Gabe Soumakian, Ed.D

The Superintendent was not present for this meeting.

7. ACTION ITEM

To begin discussion, Board President Lopez Hanson reviewed the background for this special Board meeting: The Oxnard Union High School District received a letter from The City of Oxnard Educational Partnership Committee inviting two representatives from the Board of Trustees of the Oxnard Union High School District to attend their June 26, 2014 meeting. President Socorro Lopez Hanson and Vice President Gary Davis represented the District and attended this Educational Partnership Committee meeting. At the conclusion of that meeting, Mayor Tim Flynn and Mayor Pro Tem Carmen Ramirez requested each of the local school districts to return on July 10th, their next meeting date, with their district's five top priorities for this committee and for the Performing Arts Center to present to the Educational Partnership Committee.

Board President López Hanson then asked Trustee Davis to recap the June 26th meeting of the City of Oxnard Educational Partnership Committee. Trustee Alamillo asked the purpose of this committee, and Trustee Davis read from the minutes of the Educational Partnership Committee meeting of April 24, 2014: "Both Mayor Flynn and Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez agreed that the purpose of this committee is to partner with the various school districts to offer the City's assistance in achieving a quality educational experience for the youth of our community."

Discussion was held regarding how best to reply to the request for the District's top priorities to present to the Educational Partnership Committee. Trustee Davis submitted a sample of wording which might be considered in this discussion. Trustee Edmonds noted that there are other areas in the city besides the Performing Arts Center which might also lend themselves to partnerships with the City of Oxnard, such as the harbor and the marine facilities there.

After continued discussion, Trustees agreed that the District's main priority is in finding a site suitable to build a new high school in the Oxnard area, and that this concept is what should be presented to the Educational Partnership Committee. Motion (Davis) / Second (Hall) / Passed 5-0: *The top priority of the Oxnard Union High School District is that we engage in a conversation with the city leaders to explore the feasibility of building a high school on the site surrounding the Oxnard Performing Arts Center, in order to advance the performing arts in our schools in partnership with other school districts—K-8 and higher education.*

Trustee Davis indicated that he would be able to attend the July 10th Educational Partnership Committee meeting, and that he would be glad to present this priority to the committee. Trustees asked that a District administrator also attend this meeting with Trustee

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business on the agenda, a motion was made by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Edmonds carried unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 5:45 p.m. Vote 5/0. Board President López Hanson adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Steve Hall, Ed.D., Clerk

Approved as read

August 13, 2014



Gabe Soumakian, Ed.D., Secretary

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