

# Oxnard Union High School District

## Oxnard, California

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### MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

#### May 28, 2013

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Oxnard Union High School District was called to order by Board President Edmonds at 4:31 p.m., May 28, 2013, in the District Office Board Room, 220 South K Street, Oxnard, California.
- Trustees present:** Wayne Edmonds, President  
John Alamillo, Vice President  
Socorro López Hanson, Clerk  
Gary Davis, Ed.D., Member  
Steve Hall, Ed.D., Member
- Administration present:** Gabe Soumakian, Ed.D., Superintendent  
William Dabbs, Jr., Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services  
Rocky Valles, Jr., Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources  
Stephen Dickinson, Assistant Superintendent-Administrative Services  
Gregory O'Brien, Ph.D., Executive Director-21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning
- Student Representative to the Board of Trustees:** Stephanie Pinedo, Adolfo Camarillo High School - absent
- Translators present:** Lourdes Gonzales Campbell
- Guests present:** Jan Quilintang, Ken Goeken, Josh Chancer, Wes Davis, Puneet Sharma, Kathy Greaves, David Marin, Jan Henry, Doug Campbell, Dale Scott, Kevin Dicey, Casey Amorosi, and Richard Busse.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by William E. Dabbs Jr., Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services.
- 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Trustee Davis moved to adopt the agenda of May 28, 2013, special Board meeting, as presented, seconded by Trustee López Hanson; motion carried unanimously.
- 4. AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** President OFTSE wanted to clarify surveys that were distributed at the last Board meeting. A complete survey was 20 questions; Board members received high school names only with the first 15 questions relating to the site principals and the last five were district wide. The last page was a total survey of all sites.
- A representative of Ventura County Civics Alliance, supplied Board members and admin staff with the 2013 State of the Region Report. He pointed out a few important sections, such as, page 617 having a quick key of statistics and the numbers of people that have high school degrees or higher and how agriculture is a big part of our economy.
- A speaker addressed the Board about the transition the District is making in common core. He mentioned Dr. Ilene Strauss and how she addressed the District on this matter and asked the Board to review what teachers are receiving and being asked to teach. Mr. Chancer would like the District to follow through with this.
- 5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** Dr. Gabe Soumakian, Superintendent  
General Report:
- Thanked representative from Ventura County Civics Alliance for his presentation on his report.

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- Addressed the speakers' topic about the transition the District is making in common core.
- Commented that his biggest concern for the evening is the study session.

#### 6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Adoption of the New Course  
Proposal: Introduction to Design 1, 2

Trustee Alamillo moved to approve the adoption of the new course proposal: Introduction to Design 1, 2, as presented, seconded by Trustee Davis; approved unanimously

*Approved*

B. Board Policy #7511 – Naming New Schools

Steve Dickinson wanted clarification on procedures for naming new school in Camarillo. Mr. Dickinson was given direction to add committee members, expand the number of name suggestions and the Board will decide at the next meet meeting how they will interpret the Board policy.

No Action Required

#### 7. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Trustee Edmonds indicated the next discussion would cover long term facility needs and bond opportunities.

A. Long-Term Facility Needs and Bond Opportunities

Full report is available at: [www.ouhsd.k12.ca.us](http://www.ouhsd.k12.ca.us)

Presenter Steve Dickinson stated the Board has many facility needs that are typically budgeted on a year-to-year basis, however, many technology needs are not stipulated in our annual budget.

Presentation by Puneet Sharma: Projected Technology Projects (not in regular budget)

- Thanked the Board for the USAC E-rate grant for four high schools in the amount of \$9M, plus the additional \$1M for two other high schools; combined total of approximately \$10M for upgrading the infrastructure.
- Students require equal opportunity access anywhere and anytime.
- Shared a presentation on a glimpse of what our current systems look like.
- Promoted the Cloud-based system.
- Indicated the biggest bottleneck at this time is between the District office and the County ISP. It was noted that we share the same bandwidth with other individuals who use it for other services.
- Continue to have storage capacity, and a wide variety of server applications that require upgrades. It was added that our computers are outdated every four years, and we must keep our teachers' computers updated so they have accessibility to all systems.
- Trustee Alamillo expressed disappointment that there was not more focus on e-books, their applications, and associated costs.

Presentation by Dale Scott: – Before he began his comments, Trustee López Hanson thanked him for being present. She noted that during the prior year, while doing some community outreach for the new school in Camarillo, she had reached out to him and he donated \$5K toward that effort.

Scott's discussion focused on how the financing of technology and facilities ties together. He discussed the differences between conventional bonds and selling a bond for facilities, and our objective of receiving this tax revenue up front.

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However, about one-half of these monies would then go to interest and the other half is what we could apply to our projects. He added that we must also take into consideration the statutory bond limit under Prop 39, adding we are well below our limit. He stated that a technology program could be comprehensive, and provide us both flexibility and a recurring source of revenue which is needed to continuously update our systems. Scott proposed a one-time public vote for an amount much larger than our current needs, adding that authorization lasts until those monies are used. He clarified that existing law allows for one election, with multiple uses, and the bonds may be sold multiple times. The only portion that would go against our debt limit would be what is outstanding – not what the total bond allowance was for at the outset that voters approved. He stated that instead of issuing long term bonds, we should ask for short term bonds, and sell them as 3-year bonds, a portion of which would be paid back each year with tax dollars. At the 3<sup>rd</sup> year we would replenish monies again, and continue this pattern as necessary, without leveraging against that future tax revenue.

It was added that some districts view this as a combination, and put facilities and technology bonds under one authorization under that \$30 umbrella. It was noted that we currently have two outstanding bonds, with Measure H at \$135M; only \$50M for the issuance is held against this.

Much discussion ensued about the benefits of such action, the total amount to put before the voters, and when to put such a matter before the voters. Trustee Alamillo recommended that we test this matter thoroughly via survey research. It was discussed this step not be taken until we are further along with Measure H projects and have a timeline in place. Trustee Hall stated he was not in favor of such action at this time, and requested more information on our existing budget before moving forward, adding the technology slide pertaining to one-time costs and ongoing costs lacked specifics.

#### B. Update on the Two New School Projects

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Steve Dickinson reported on the New Camarillo High School Project. He stated that the site was designed to serve a capacity of up to 800 students, with a total budget of \$60 million. He noted we will break ground in January 2014, with an anticipated opening of Fall 2015. A Public Information Meeting will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at the Center for Spiritual Living.

Oxnard High School Site #8 – Dickinson stated that the instructional focus for the School will be marine biology, agriculture, sustainability and business management. The School is being built to accommodate 2250 students with a budget of \$100M. The site acquisition is in process with an anticipated opening in Fall 2017. He stated this is fully dependent on the State Bond election in 2014, and if this fails, he believes the project will be on hold.

#### 8. STUDY SESSION

The board moved to Study Session at 6:12 p.m.

- Governor's May Revised Budget and Preview
- Review of Governor's May Revised Budget and Preview of 2013-14 Budget Adoption and Multi-Year Projections

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**9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON  
CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

No public comment.

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:11 p.m., the Board adjourned to closed session to discuss:

A.

Public Employee Performance Evaluation [Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)]  
➤ Superintendent

B.


Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Appointment [Government Code Section 54957]

**11. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**


There being no further items of business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

  
Socorro López Hanson, Clerk

Approved as read

August 28, 2013

  
Gabe Soumakian, Ed.D., Secretary