

# Oxnard Union High School District

## Oxnard, California

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### MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

April 21, 2010

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Oxnard Union High School District was called to order by President Valles at 5:30 p.m., April 21, 2010, in the District Office Board Room, 220 South K Street, Oxnard, California.

**Trustees present:**

Robert Q. Valles, President  
Socorro López Hanson, Vice President  
Ken Benefield, Clerk  
Dick Jáquez, Member  
Steve W. Stocks, Member

**Administration present:**

Bob Carter, Ed.D., Superintendent  
Rocky Valles, Jr., Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources  
Martha Mutz, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services  
Randy Winton, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services  
Nancy R. Serros, Executive Assistant

**Student Representative to the Board of Trustees present:**

Bryant Jones (absent)

**Guests present:** Wayne Edmonds, Tod Deardorff and other interested persons.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Trustee Jáquez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Trustee López Hanson moved to adopt the April 21, 2010 agenda as submitted, seconded by Trustee Benefield; motion carried unanimously. *Items were then considered in the order in which they appear in these minutes.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON  
CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**

No public comments made.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Hearing no public comments, the Board adjourned to closed session at 5:33 p.m. to discuss:

- A. Public Employee Appointment [Government Code Sec. 54957(b)(1)]
  - Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services
  - Director of Student Testing & Reporting/Student & Parent Connections/Public Relations

**RECONVENE IN PUBLIC:  
REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION  
ACTION:**

The Board reconvened at 6:30 p.m. President Valles announced that during closed session, the Board of Trustees of the Oxnard Union High School district discussed closed session items related to appointment of Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services and Director of Student Testing and Reporting/Student and Parent Connections/Public Relations. President Valles reported the following appointments were made.

Ms. Lisa Salas to the position of Director of Student Testing, Scheduling, Reporting, Student and Parent Connections and Public Relations, effective July 1, 2010. The motions was made by Trustee Benefield and seconded by Trustee Stocks; motion carried unanimously.

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**RECONVENE IN PUBLIC:  
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Mr. Bill Dabbs to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, effective July 1, 2010. The motion was made by Trustee Stocks, seconded by Trustee Benefield; motion carried 4:1 Ayes: Trustees Jáquez, Benefield, Valles and Stocks. No: Trustee López Hanson.

**AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

No public comments made.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS:**

**Board Recognition:**

Superintendent Carter was very pleased to introduce two individuals from the community, Mr. Tom Ridderbush and Ms. Stacey Stapleton from ImageStuff.com., who created and worked on the Inter/Intra Competition wallboard. In appreciation for their hard work and generous donation to Oxnard Union High School District, Mr. Ridderbush and Ms. Stapleton were presented a certificated of appreciation.

Superintendent Carter and President Valles recognized the special efforts of Mr. Bruce Edmiston, Music Teacher, for the many hours he commits to the music students at Oxnard High School. A certificate of appreciation was presented to Mr. Edmiston by President Valles.

**Board Recognition:**

Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services Ms. Mutz was pleased to announce that the Mock Trial Team from Channel Islands High School placed sixth in the Ventura County Mock Trial Team competitions.

***Mock Trial Team Competition  
Winners***

***Channel Islands High School 6<sup>th</sup>  
Place Winners***

Ms. Mutz introduced Mr. John Tarkany, Coordinator, Ventura County Office of Education who presented an overview of the Mock Trial Team competition and a video of the competition.

Ms. Mutz introduced Ms. Monica Adrian, CIHS Mock Trial Coach who presented a short video clip of the Mock Trial competition and introduced members of the CIHS team. On behalf of the board, Trustee Stocks presented a plaque to Ms. Adrian Denny. For their accomplishment, members of the team were presented certificates of achievement by Trustee Stocks and CIHS Principal Bijou Beltran. Mrs. Beltran introduced and thanked attorney coaches, Mr. Andres Garcia, Mses. Michele Castillo, Gay Zide and Jessica Arciniega for contributing their time, hard work and effort to preparing the team for the competition.

***Oxnard High School 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Winners, Ventura County Mock  
Trial Champions***

Ms. Mutz reported that the Mock Trial Team of Oxnard High School placed first in the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Ventura County Mock Trial Team competitions. Ms Mutz commended the team and stated *I am very, very proud of your accomplishments. You showed that you gained knowledge about our judicial system that will serve you well. To work within the law you need strong analytic skill and you've demonstrated that skill. You've certainly learned to work as team members. We honor you both as a team and as individuals.*

Ms. Mutz introduced Mr. Keith Koch, Mock Trial Coach. Mr. Koch introduced and thanked attorney coaches, Messrs. Victor Salas, Tom Dunlevy, and David Russell for their hard work and the many hours they contributed to prepare the team for competition.



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#### Board Recognition- Continued:

On behalf of the Board, Trustee Benefield congratulated the Mock Trial Team for being the first school in the history of the District to not only win the District competition but for becoming the Ventura County Mock Trial Team Champions. He declared *You are the envy of Ventura County. As a Board, you make us all proud!* On behalf of the school, Mr. Koch accepted two plaques from Trustee Benefield. One for rating the highest in the district and one for rating the highest in Ventura County.

Ms. Mutz introduced Principal James Edwards, Oxnard High School. Mr. Edwards stated it was a great pleasure to stand before the Board and recognize the students for a job well-done, he thanked those involved in helping the team prepare for the competition and Trustees Benefield and Valles for traveling to the State Competition and showing their support to the team. For their accomplishment, members of the team and attorney coaches were presented certificates of achievement by Mr. Edwards, Trustee Benefield, and Ms. Mutz. Lastly, Mr. Edwards thanked the parents for their support, and stated *"it has truly been a banner year for OHS. As the superintendent indicated, we are a District of Scholars, Achievers, and Champions. It's a pleasure to recognize not only our students in athletics, but also in academics. In the last three years, we have really raised the bar at OHS. In terms of scholarship money, 1.7 million dollars was award to students at OHS...kids are learning and kids are achieving!"*

#### Oxnard High School 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners, Ventura County Academic Decathlon Champions

Ms. Mutz reported that the Academic Decathlon Team of Oxnard High School placed first in the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Ventura County Academic Decathlon Team competitions. She introduced Mr. Tarkany who presented an overview of the Academic Decathlon competition. He stated the students are tested in 10 areas and this year's theme was the French Revolution.

Before introducing Coach Chris Conte, Ms. Mutz stated *"Our district is very proud of the accomplishments of the Academic Decathlon team at Oxnard High. You showed you could learn a massive amount of content in a short period of time. In addition to learning the content, you probably learned that powerful people accomplish more because they work as a team. I'm also guessing that you were stronger than you thought you were. This is a challenge, you met the challenge and you met it admirably."*

Mr. Conte thanked Mr. Edwards for his support throughout the past four years. He presented each individual team member and gave a brief background of their accomplishments, and extended a thank you to all teachers who helped out throughout the year. On behalf of the Board, Trustee Benefield congratulated the ACADECA team and stated *"you too have made District history, you are first time Aca Deca winners."* He presented two plaques to Mr. Conte. One for being highest in the district and one for being highest in the county. For their accomplishment, members of the team were presented certificates of achievement by Mr. Edwards, Mr. Conte, Trustee Benefield, and Ms. Mutz. Mr. Edwards closed by thanking the parents and stated he was *"very blessed to be surrounded by hard-working people. Great leaders, surround themselves by good people. And. I have been very fortunate to have some strong teachers who worked very closely with the students, very proud of each of his kids, and proud of the leadership his staff has shown throughout the years."*

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#### Board Recognition- Continued:

On behalf of the Ventura County Office of Education, Mr. Tarkany presented the Mock Trial perpetual trophy to Oxnard High School. Mr. Koch accepted the trophy on behalf of the school. Mr. Tarkany presented the Academic Decathlon perpetual trophy to Oxnard High School. Mr. Conte accepted the trophy on behalf of the school.

President Valles introduced the Honorable Tom Holden, Mayor city of Oxnard. Mayor Holden stated he *"was overjoyed, filled with pride and this was one of the most pleasurable moments in his life. Pride in what the board, faculty and parents have accomplished."* Mayor Holden stated the AcaDeca team was recently honored by the city of Oxnard and was presented a Certificate of Commendation to the OHS Decathlon team, he stated you *make the entire community so very, very proud.* Mr. Conte and team members accepted the commendation on behalf of the school.

On behalf of the city of Oxnard, Mayor Holden congratulated the team on their accomplishments and sacrifices that were made and stated it was an extreme pleasure to present a certificate of commendation to the OHS Mock Trial Team. Mr. Koch and team members accepted the commendation on behalf of the school.

Trustees Stocks introduced Mayor Norman Griffaw, city of Port Hueneme. Mayor Griffaw echoed Mayor Holden's comments and was honored to present Team Awards to the Mock Trial team and Academic Decathlon A, B, and C teams from Oxnard High School.

Trustee Jáquez introduced Supervisor John Zaragoza, 5<sup>th</sup> District, County of Ventura. On behalf of the Ventura County Supervisors, Supervisor Zaragoza was pleased and honored to present a Resolution to the Mock Trial and Academic Decathlon teams to Mr. Edwards.

On behalf of Assemblyman Pedro Nava, District 35, Trustee López Hanson read a letter from Assemblyman Nava recognizing the feats of the Academic Decathlon and Mock Trial teams, and certificates of recognition were presented by Trustee López Hanson to each team member.

Trustee López Hanson reported that certificates of recognition from the office of Congresswoman Lois Capps, District 23 would be sent to the Mock Trial and Academic Decathlon teams.

Trustee López Hanson recognized the efforts, hard work and leadership by Ms. Mutz who organized the presentation of the awards for tonight's meeting. She extended a special thank you to Supervisor Zaragoza for taking the time to write a very eloquent letter in the *Ventura County Star* recognizing the accomplishments of the students and staff of Oxnard High School, and thanked all the guests of honor for being part of this evening's celebration.



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Trustee Jáquez congratulated the teams for their outstanding achievements. He introduced Ms. Louise Risehoff representing Assemblywoman, Julia Brownley, District 41. Ms. Risehoff stated letters of commendation were mailed to Channel Islands and Oxnard High School Teams and she presented a certificated to Oxnard High School's teams.

President Valles thanked all honored guests for attending and commended the students for their outstanding achievements and reminded the public the Art Contest would be held on April 23.

#### RECESS/RECONVEN:

President Valles adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m. for a brief recess and reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

#### BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Stocks attended baseball games at Oxnard and Hueneme high schools, he extended congratulates to Mr. Gama and Sodexo staff for the BBQ held at Channel Islands High School. Over 600 students and staff feasted on hot dogs and hamburgers. BBQ's will be held at all the high schools throughout the remainder of the year.

#### ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

Board Recognition: Knowledge Bowl Winner, TBA	May 12
Board Recognition: Art Competition Winner, TBA	May 12
Board Recognition: Music Competition Winner, TBA	May 12
Board Presentation: Technology Plan	May 12
Revision of English Curriculum Framework	May 12
Approval of New Courses	May 12
Approval of School Accountability Report Cards	May 12
Migrant Speech and Debate Winners	May 12
School Facility Needs Analysis (SFNA)	June 9


#### FUTURE MEETINGS:

May 12, 2010  
June 9, 2010

**ADJOURNMENT:** There be no further items of discussion on the agenda, President Valles adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

  
Ken Benefield, Clerk

  
Bob Carter, Ed.D., Secretary

Approved as read  
(or approved as corrected)  
July 14, 2010

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