

# Oxnard Union High School District

## Oxnard, California

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING

October 12, 2022

- 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 Hall on October 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., District Office Board Room, 1800 Solar Drive, Oxnard, California.
- Trustees present:** Steve Hall, Ed.D., President  
Elizabeth M. Botello, Vice President  
Karen M. Sher, M.Ed., Clerk  
Wayne Edmonds, Member  
Beatriz R. Herrera, Member
- Administration present:** Tom McCoy, Ed.D., Superintendent  
Deborah Salgado, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent Human Resources  
Roger Adams, M.Ed., Assistant Superintendent Educational Services  
Ted Lawrence, M.Ed., Assistant Superintendent Business Services  
Sylvia M. Diaz, Executive Assistant
- Student Representative:** Maya Lopez
- Translator:** Lourdes Campbell, David Gala
- Guests present:** Jeff Shettler, Ian McFadyen, Dr. Shannon Houston-Scott, Dr. Darlene Garcia, Ray Gonzales, Deanna Rantz, Michael Van Auker, Joney Corey, Viki Costa, Tim Allison, Robert Kadin, Adam and Stephanie Thomas, Kim Lopez, LaVada White and Joe Randazzo.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** President Hall asked Mr. Adams to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
- 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Motion: Moved by Trustee Herrera to adopt the agenda of October 12, 2022, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Sher and carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Motion: Moved by Trustee Herrera to approve the minutes of September 28, 2022 Regular Board meeting, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Botello and carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS** Jeff Shettler expressed his opinion about last school year's OUHSD employee pay raises.  
Ian McFadyen addressed Trustees about the unit share and substitute pay.
- 6. CLOSED SESSION** President Hall announced that the Board was going into Closed Session at 5:10 p.m. 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)  
• Appointment: Assistant Principal
- B.** Conference with Labor Negotiator(s) Government Code Section 54957.6 – Agency Negotiator: Dr. Deborah Salgado, Assistant Superintendent – Human Resources  
Employee Organization: Oxnard Federation of Teachers and School Employees (OFTSE)  
- Classified, Certificated and ParaEducator Bargaining Units
- C.** Student Personnel: [Education Code §35146, 48912, 48919]
- D.** Consideration of Confidential Student Issues Other Than Expulsion and Suspension, Pursuant to Education Code §35146
- E.** Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9 (d)  
a. Number of cases: Three

**F.** Conference with Real Property Negotiator  
PROPERTY: 545 Central Ave., Oxnard, CA 93036 (Ventura County Assessor Parcel No. 147-0-060-325) AGENCY NEGOTIATOR: Dr. Tom McCoy NEGOTIATING PARTIES: Bob Jones Ranch UNDER NEGOTIATION: Water Rights Price and Terms of Payment.

**G.** Conference with Real Property Negotiator  
(Govt. Code § 54956.8) PROPERTY: Multiple District-owned parcels, including: (1) District Office Campus 309 and 315 South K Street, Oxnard, CA, APNs 202-0-010-630; (2) 1101 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Oxnard, APN 202-0-233-255;  
Agency Negotiator: Dr. Tom McCoy, Superintendent and Dr. Joel Kirschenstein, Consultant Sage Realty Group Inc.  
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 6:53 p.m. President Hall reported that no action was taken during Closed Session.

**8. RECOGNITION**  
Outstanding Students - Rio Mesa High School  
Nicholas Weinerth is a senior at RMHS with incredible talent as he has already won the Woodbridge Invitational so far this year. He has risen to be one of the top runners of the Channel League, Ventura County, CIF Southern Section and also has the second fastest 3-mile cross country time in Rio Mesa's history. Nicholas believes in leading by example and it's visible in his younger teammates' success. Nicholas is an International Baccalaureate student and one of the most successful students at RMHS.

Griselda Hernandez Morales is a senior at RMHS and works incredibly hard at school and within her community. She is empathetic to newcomers and volunteers her time as a Spartan Ambassador and a bilingual welcome guide for new students. Griselda is a founding member of the photography club, working on fundraising efforts and other activities to build up the club's brand name in the community and on campus, and is part of the AVID Program. This year Griselda will receive the State Seal of Bilingual Proficiency.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS TO  
ADDRESS THE BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES** Adam and Stephanie Thomas and Kim Lopez thanked Trustees for listening to the community feedback given at the recent attendance area boundary community meetings as seen in the updated scenarios. They also complimented the professionalism of Cooperative Strategies at the meetings.

Jeff Shettler recognized Mr. Lawrence and Ms. White for the severely handicapped wish list items that have been received thus far. He also appreciated Dr. McCoy's YouTube Live presentation on Monday, October 10.

**10. PUBLIC HEARING**  
A. 2023-2024 Attendance Boundaries, Board Policy 5116: *School Attendance Boundaries*  
As per Board Policy 5116: *School Attendance Boundaries*. The Board of Trustees shall take into account racial and ethnic balance, educational programs, school capacities, geographic features, student safety and transportation considerations when establishing or changing school attendance boundaries. Students shall attend school in their attendance area unless otherwise authorized by the Superintendent or Board policy. The Board of Trustees shall establish broad based advisory committees to provide input to the Board regarding any potential school attendance boundary adjustments. The district shall hold a public hearing to secure community input before approving any boundary change. OUHSD, through Cooperative Strategies, conducted four advisory meetings regarding the proposed adjustments to the attendance area boundaries on October 10 and October 11.

President Hall opened the public hearing at 7:16pm. There being no comments or questions from the audience, President Hall closed the public hearing at 7:18pm.

**11. SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT** Dr. McCoy's highlights:

- 2022-2023 School Year COVID Information
- 2022-2023 School Year COVID Testing Schedule
- Voter Registration Numbers at OUHSD Sites
- Cybersecurity Awareness Month 2022 (October)
- Precautions to Protect OUHSD Cyber Environment Information

- Graduation Rate – Class of 2022 (OUHSD reported 90% to Calpads)
  - First Superintendent’s Student Advisory Committee – Tuesday, October 25, 2022
  - Public Comment in Board Meetings
- Transportation would be provided for students attending the Superintendent’s Student Advisory Committee meeting.
  - Trustee Botello offered kudos to the student leaders for the peer to peer leadership with the voter registration.
  - Trustee Hall offered kudos on the 90% graduation rate.

**12. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT TO THE BOARD – Maya Lopez**

Maya Lopez provided her report since the last meeting on September 28, 2022.

Ms. Lopez added the first Oxnard District Council meeting is October 25, 2022.

**13. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion: Trustee Herrera moved to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Sher and carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0

A. Consideration of Approval of Purchase Orders and Direct Pays, September 19-October 2, 2022

Purchase orders totaling \$4,670,129.47 and Direct Pays totaling \$577.61 be approved, as presented.

B. Consideration of Approval of Donations, September 14 - October 4, 2022

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees accept the donations report for the period of Donations September 14 - October 4, 2022, as presented.

C. Consideration of Approval of Contract Award to Vernier Construction Services for Additional Inspection Services for DSHS

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve a contract award to Vernier Construction Services at Del Sol High School, as presented.

D. Consideration of Approval of Contract Award to Vernier Construction Services for Additional Inspection Services at OHS and PHS

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve a contract award to Vernier Construction Services at OHS and PHS, as presented.

E. Consideration of Approval of DC Architects, Inc. (DC) to Provide Architectural Design Services for the Foundation Design Revisions at FHS

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve a contract value as noted to DC Architects, Inc., as presented.

F. Consideration of Approval of DC Architects, Inc. (DC) to Provide Architectural Design Services for the Fire Alarm System at FHS

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve a contract value as noted to DC Architects, Inc., as presented.

G. Consideration for Approval of Contract Fee Adjustment to PBK ARCHITECTS for SCE Yard Revisions at DSHS

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve a contract value adjustment as noted to PBK ARCHITECTS, as presented.

H. Consideration of Approval of Contract Adjustment to A&B Construction on ACHS HVAC Project for Additional Unforeseen Work and Materials Required - Measure A

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve a contract for the value as noted to A&B Construction, as presented.

I. Consideration for Approval of Contract Fee Adjustment to PBK ARCHITECTS for TV and Restroom Revisions at DSHS

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve a contract value adjustment as noted to PBK ARCHITECTS, as presented.

- J. Consideration of Approval of Contract Award to Vernier Construction Services for Additional Administration and Inspection Services at RMHS for Security Fencing, Bleachers, Relo Inspection and Fire System Related Compliance Sign-Off - Measure A
- It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve a contract award to Vernier Construction Services at Rio Mesa High School, as presented.
- K. Consideration of Approval of Contract Award to Vernier Construction Services for Additional Administration and Inspection Services for the ACHS Bleachers, Field House HVAC, Relo Inspection and Fire System Related Compliance Sign-Off - Measure A
- It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve a contract award to Vernier Construction Services at Adolfo Camarillo High School, as presented.
- L. Consideration of Approval of Purchase Order Adjustment to Twining Laboratories for Added Services to Perform Special Inspection and Testing at DSHS
- It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve a Contract Value Adjustment to Twining Laboratories, as presented.
- M. Consideration of Approval of Change Order #1 for ConvergeOne to Add Additional Cables and Stacking Kits for Completion of Switch Upgrade
- It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve Change Order #1 for ConvergeOne to Add Additional Cables and Stacking Kits for Completion of Switch Upgrade, as presented.
- N. Consideration of Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for 1st Quarter
- It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for 1st Quarter, as presented.
- O. Consideration of Approval of Obsolete Textbooks to be Discarded
- It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the obsolete textbooks to be discarded, as presented.
- P. Consideration of Approval of Agreement Between Oxnard Union High School District and Walgreens Experiential Learning Program for 2022-2023 School Year
- It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Agreement Between Oxnard Union High School District and Walgreens Experiential Learning Program for 2022-2023 School Year, as presented.
- Q. Consideration of Approval of Non-Public Agency Services According to the Student's IEP Team and the Director of Special Education
- It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve Non-Public Agency Services According to the Student's IEP Team and the Director of Special Education, as presented.
- R. Consideration of Approval of Stipulated Student Expulsions by Agreement of the Student Services Administration, the Student, and the Student's Parent/Guardian, as per Board Policy 5144, Section 22
- It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve Stipulated Student Expulsions by Agreement of the Student Services Administration, the Student, and the Student's Parent/Guardian, as per Board Policy 5144, Section 22, as presented.
- S. Consideration of Approval of Personnel Items
- It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel items, as presented.
- T. Consideration of Adoption of Board Policy 5141.52: *Suicide Prevention* [Second Reading]
- It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees adopt Board Policy 5141.52: *Suicide Prevention* [Second Reading], as presented.

## 14. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration of Approval of Lease Agreement and Maintenance Agreement of New Copier Equipment for School Sites, Utilizing the County of Los Angeles Piggyback Contract #MA-IS-214251-1

*Approved*

B. Consideration of Adoption of Resolution No. 22-44 Proclaiming October 2022 as Filipino American History Month

*Approved*

C. Consideration of Approval of Request for a Waiver Pursuant to Education Code §44253.3 Certificate or Credential to Provide Instruction to Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students for Aaron Lewis, Grades 9-12 at Frontier High Schools, Assignment-CTE: Agriculture and Natural Resources

*Approved*

D. Consideration of Approval of Request for a Waiver Pursuant to Education Code §44253.3 Certificate or Credential to Provide Instruction to Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students for Diana Lopez, Grades 9-12 at Channel Islands and Hueneme High Schools, Assignment-CTE: Health Science and Medical Technology

*Approved*

E. Consideration of Approval of Request for a Waiver Pursuant to Education Code §44253.3 Certificate or Credential to Provide Instruction to Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students for Ayna Scamardo, Grades 9-12 at Oxnard High School Assignment-CTE: Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation

*Approved*

Motion: Trustee Herrera moved to approve the lease agreement and maintenance agreement of new copier equipment for school sites, utilizing the County of Los Angeles Piggyback Contract #MA-IS-214251-1, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Sher and carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

Motion: Trustee Herrera moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-44 proclaiming October 2022 as Filipino American History Month, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Edmonds and carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

Student Trustee Advisory vote: aye.

Trustee Botello requested that Filipino initiatives, awareness and celebrations take place at school sites as there is a large Filipino community across our campuses.

Motion: Trustee Sher moved to approve the request of waiver pursuant to EC §44253.3 Certificate or Credential to Provide Instruction to Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students for Aaron Lewis, Assignment-CTE: Education, Child Development, and Family Services, 40% FTE, Grades 9-12 at Frontier High School, assignment-CTE: Agriculture and Natural Resources, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Botello and carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

Motion: Trustee Botello moved to approve the request for a waiver pursuant to Education Code §44253.3 Certificate or Credential to Provide Instruction to Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students for Diana Lopez, Grades 9-12 at Channel Islands and Hueneme High Schools, Assignment-CTE: Health Science and Medical Technology , as presented. Seconded by Trustee Herrera and carried by a vote of 5:0.

Motion: Trustee Herrera moved to approve the request for a waiver pursuant to Education Code §44253.3 Certificate or Credential to Provide Instruction to Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students for Ayna Scamardo, Grades 9-12 at Oxnard High School Assignment-CTE: Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Edmonds and carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

F. Consideration of Selection of Members to the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization

*Approved*

G. Consideration of Approval of 2022-2023 District Vision and Mission Statement and Board Goals

*Approved*

H. Consideration of Revision of Board Policy 5141.21: *Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions* [First Reading]

*Approved*

Motion: Trustee Sher moved to select Terri Lisagor as a member of the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Hall and carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

Motion: Trustee Hall moved to support the remaining two candidates up for election as a member of the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Botello and carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

Motion: Trustee Sher moved to approve the 2022-2023 District Vision and Mission Statement and Board Goals, with the request to move the last line of Board Goal 1 up on the page and remove Board Goal 6 with the option to expand it out in the future. Seconded by Trustee Hall and carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

Motion: Trustee Sher moved to approve the revision of Board Policy 5141.21: *Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions* [First Reading] and waive the second reading with the addition of Trustee recommendations. Seconded by Trustee Botello and carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

- Trustees requested to revise the gender pronouns from his/her to them/their.
- There are currently multiple individuals at each site that would like to be trained in administering Narcan. Ventura County Behavioral Health would train district nurses. Nurses would then be able to train administrators and other interested employees.
- Mr. Adams stated the revision of this Board Policy would allow OUHSD to purchase the medication which would allow for development and implementation of a plan to train as many employees as possible to treat a student, if needed.
- The Good Samaritan Law protects trained volunteers, through OUHSD, against any liabilities since this standing order has come from the state Department of Public Health so the district is following the protocol as set.
- Trustees requested to add language as to the location of the key stations.
- Mr. Gonzales and Ms. Wyrick are hoping to have the Narcan kits on campuses by early November.
- Dr. McCoy added that staff can create an administrative regulation for this Board Policy to speak to how to implement it.
- Dr. McCoy noted this Board Policy would be implemented in the 2023-2024 student handbook.

President Hall called for a break at 8:06pm and resumed at 8:13pm.

## 15. STAFF REPORTS and BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Special Education Work Plan

Staff communicated about the planning, implementation, and progress of special education within OUHSD. OUHSD's Special Education Department provides special education services to more than 2,600 students with Individual Education Plans. The department continues to provide a full continuum of program options to meet the educational and service needs of individuals with exceptional needs in the Least Restrictive Environment.

- Trustee Herrera would like to hear from the Special Education (SpEd) team as to what is working within the Special Education Department.
- Mr. Adams will send Trustees a copy of the SpEd plan, via Friday Update, that would be developed for OUHSD with the help of CDE and SELPA regarding the CIM Report.
- SpEd students' Individual Education Plans (IEPs) are reviewed annually to write goals and every three years, triannual, a SpEd student is assessed to determine eligibility.
- Mr. Lawrence stated the district received a SpEd grant and a portion of this can be used to possibly fulfill the wish list item of having two SpEd vans and one sensory room at each site.
- Co-teaching is voluntary and training to provide resources for co-teaching is available. Co taught classes are at all of the comprehensive sites and FHS. These classes are built based on the services written in student IEPs.
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- Program Specialists develop teams to train staff. Training would be available to Special Education (SpEd) staff at the Professional Development day on Monday, October 17, 2022. Teams also attended the HHS Parent Conference to train parents regarding IEPs, services and resources available to them.
- A case manager's case load varies by the students' program they're in.
- Additional staff requirements at district sites depend on the case manager ratio going over its cap; ED Program caps at 12, SDC caps at 18 and Resource caps at 28.
- SpEd students are welcomed at the Wellness Centers and are assisted in attending, if needed.
- The parent advisory meetings are going to be scheduled quarterly and would be available both in person and virtually.

Trustees thanked the SpEd staff for their report, the data provided and commended the staff and teachers for their hard work.

#### B. Del Sol High School Update #3

- Facility
- Start Up Fund
- Leadership Team Selection
- Instructional Program
- Community Meetings

Staff shared ongoing updates of DSHS which is scheduled to open in the fall of 2023. Updates included but were not limited to facilities for year one (1), the start-up fund, leadership team selection, instructional programs and community meetings.

- The estimated cost to get DSHS started was based on the comparison of what it cost to open PHS and RCHS. \$1.5 million from the existing summer school balance was transferred to the DSHS start-up fund.
- The LCAP Chromebook budget would cover the cost of Chromebooks for freshmen at DSHS in the 2023-2024 school year.
- Textbooks would be moved from some district sites to DSHS as the student count decreases at other sites.
- Specific information about the Braille Program won't be available until Dr. Leon has a chance to review the IEPs for incoming students. She plans to work with the program specialist, nurse and director to make sure she has what's needed for SpEd students at DSHS.
- Dr. Leon stated the construction technology program would be finalized after she meets with MC3 so she can understand the needs of the community and the program.
- Dr. Leon has reviewed the speech facilities to know what the Speech Language Therapists would be in need of at DSHS.
- The DSHS November update would include members of the leadership team, action from Trustees on the academic CTE and Special Education programs to confirm the plan for the first two years and the CTE Pathways.
- A majority of the CTE equipment can be included in the FF&E budget, but Ms. Phillippe also has general CTE Program grants that would fund equipment once the pathways have been selected.
- The goal is to install an all-weather track at DSHS. There would be refillable water bottle stations, HVAC, gender neutral restrooms and a music program, but it may not start until year two or three due to lack of facility availability.

President Hall called for a break at 10:05pm and the meeting resumed at 10:09pm.

#### C. High school Attendance Area Update #4

As OUHSD prepares to open DSHS next fall, 2023-2024 school year, the attendance area boundaries for all OUHSD comprehensive sites need adjustment to create an attendance area for DSHS and to balance the enrollment across the seven comprehensive high schools. Staff presented updated information on the process, timeline for approving new attendance area boundaries and the outcome of the attendance area boundary community meetings held October 11 and 12, 2022 by Cooperative Strategies at ACHS, HHS, PHS and the District office. The updated attendance area boundaries take effect one grade level at a time, beginning with 9<sup>th</sup> grade students in the 2023-2024 school year.

- Dr. McCoy stated the best decision for the district as a whole, at this point, would be to leave the lemonwood housing area in the DSHS attendance area, and offer transportation.
- Dr. McCoy noted the new boundary scenario two (2) would be posted on the district website, attendance area boundaries, Thursday, October 13.
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- The community survey would be sent out one more time to acquire as much community input as possible.
- Trustees would consider the recommended boundary scenario at the October 26 Board meeting.

Trustees thanked Ms. Banuelos, Cooperative Strategies, for her report.

## 16. BOARD REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Hall

- No report.

Trustee Herrera

- No report.

Trustee Sher

- Read a statement submitted by Councilmember Gabe Teran, attached.
- Thanked OFTSE and Superintendent McCoy for rescheduling the unit share presentation as it coincided with a Jewish Holiday.
- Thanked Dr. McCoy for his informative unit share presentation.
- Attended the swearing in of the new County Supervisor, Vianey Lopez, with Trustee Botello
- Attended the NAACP annual awards celebration Saturday, October 8.
- Reminded the public of the celebration of Life for the late County Supervisor, Carmen Ramirez, on Saturday, October 15 at PHS, 2:00pm.
- Thanked the public for their faith and trust in her service as a Trustee. She is looking forward to serving another four years on this Board as they move forward to a powerful future for every child.

Trustee Edmonds

- No report.

Trustee Botello

- No report.

## 17. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

- Trustees reviewed the items for future consideration.

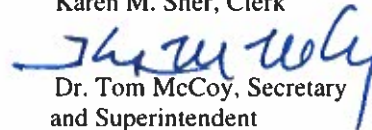
## 18. ADJOURNMENT

President Hall adjourned Open Session at 10:35 p.m.

Approved, as presented  
October 26, 2022

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

  
Karen M. Sher, Clerk

  
Dr. Tom McCoy, Secretary  
and Superintendent

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Good evening President Dr. Hall, Vice President Botello, and Trustees.

I hope this message finds you all well. My apologies that I could not join you in person for the October 12, 2022 Board Meeting. I would like to provide this written comment for the public record regarding Agenda Item 14-H.

I am emailing you about a very important local, regional, and national issue that I worry may land on our school campuses - the potential for an opioid overdose.

The misuse of opioids and other prescription painkillers continues to occur at elevated rates. As another layer of risk, the now-common presence of fentanyl-laced substances exponentially raises the potential for unintentional overdose. Additionally, overdose can lead to permanent injury or death, with a negative ripple effect on the larger student body, on staff, families and communities.

In my nearly 20 years in substance use prevention, education, and community health advocacy, I have seen substances cycle in and out of popularity. However, today's proliferation of opioids and the potential for overdose is incredibly concerning to me - as a behavioral health professional, as an educator, and as an elected official in the City of Oxnard.

I would like to commend OUHSD staff in reviewing a policy to allow for the presence of Narcan/Naloxone (Naloxone) on OUHSD campuses. Naloxone works to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose - allowing the person to temporarily return to a regular respiratory rate and regain consciousness, and they can receive medical treatment from emergency services.

CA Education Code 49414.3 allows school districts to elect to make emergency Naloxone available on campuses and to train personnel for administration. Your school nurses and health techs are natural personnel for training, but anyone can be trained to administer this medication - which is often administered intranasally. Additionally, the County of Ventura may be a resource for obtaining Naloxone, as well as a potential provider of training at low-to-no cost to the District. Longterm, if OUHSD determined that they would like to adopt such a policy, I would imagine that any staff person who is trained in basic first-aid, CPR, or use of an AED, likely has the skill sets and judgment to be trained in Naloxone administration.

Just as we do with First Aid Kits, Epi-pens, and AEDs, Naloxone should be available in multiple, key locations on campuses in the event of a student, staff, or visitor exposure to opioids that leads to an overdose situation. I am of the mindset that it is better to "have it and not need it" rather than "need it, and not have it."

Please feel free to reach out to me directly if you have any questions at all. Again, please accept my commendations to you and your staff for bringing this item forward.