

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023, 5:00 P.M.  
Oakdale Joint Unified School District  
Technology & Staff Development Center  
331 Hinkley Avenue, Oakdale, CA

THIS MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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CALL TO ORDER	1.1	The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Board President Tina Shatswell.
TRUSTEES PRESENT	1.2	Bill Duvall, Diane Gilbert, Tina Shatswell; Board Member Clayton Schemper arrived at 5:25 p.m. Student Board member Jessica Birchall was present for Open session
LATE ARRIVALS	1.3	None
TRUSTEES ABSENT	1.4	None
VISITORS PRESENT	1.5	None signed in.
CLOSED SESSION	2.0	Board President Shatswell called the meeting to order and opened Public Comments on Closed Session Items at 5:05 p.m. There being none, public comments on Closed Session items Closed at 5:05 p.m.  Board President Shatswell adjourned the meeting into Closed Session at 5:05 p.m. Open Session reconvened at 6:40 p.m.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	3.0	The Pledge of allegiance was recited.
ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION	4.0	Board President Shatswell reported: 2.2.1 - The Board voted (3-0) to approve expulsion of student #22-23-05 for Spring 2023 and Fall 2023 for Ed Code violations: 48900 (b), 48900 (h), 48900 (k), 48915 (a)(2) and 48915 (b)(2).  2.3 – The Board met on mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent; no action was taken.
APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA	5.0	It was <b>M/S/C (Duvall/Schemper)</b> to approve the order of agenda items for this meeting. Passed unanimously.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	6.0	None
ORGANIZATION REPORT, OTA	7.1	Marjean Rath, OTA Treasurer, spoke on behalf of OTA President Omar Salinas who could not be here tonight. She reported teachers and students are back from Winter Break, elementary are heading into the last two weeks of the second

trimester, secondary are starting their second semester, teachers are incorporating IS<sup>4</sup> strategies into classrooms, and they are looking forward to getting back to the bargaining table.

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| ORGANIZATION REPORT, CSEA  | 7.2   | CSEA President Jake Cox reported they are also looking forward to getting back to negotiations with the district and to resolve the minimum wage issue.  |
| ORGANIZATION REPORT, STUDENT                                     | 7.3   | Student representative Jessica Birchall reported finals went well at OHS, Christmas activities went well, Winter Sports went on during Winter Break and Girls Soccer is doing well. Activities coming up include Winter Homecoming, Academic Decathlon, and Distinguished Young Women's competition. |
| PUBLIC COMMENTS  | 8.0   | Board President Shatswell opened the Public Comments portion of the agenda at 6:45 p.m.  |
| ERIC KJELDGAARD  |       | Eric Kjeldgaard addressed the Board regarding the upcoming Special Election, and asked at what point the Board will be able to reveal the cost of the Special Election to the district.  |
|  |       | Board President Shatswell and Dr. Kline noted that the district received election cost estimates, but will follow up and get back on this.   |
|  |       | Public Comments closed at 6:46 p.m.  |
| REMOVE ITEMS FROM CONSENT CALENDAR                               | 9.1   | There were no requests to remove items from the Consent Calendar.  |
| ADOPT CONSENT CALENDAR   | 9.2   | It was <b>M/S/C (Schemper/Duvall)</b> to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented. Passed unanimously.  |
| ADOPT MINUTES OF 12/12/22 AS PRESENTED                           | 9.3.1 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board adopted minutes of its regularly scheduled meeting held Monday, December 12, 2022, as presented.  |
| APPROVE QTRLY. REPORT, WILLIAMS COMPLAINTS                       | 9.3.2 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved the Quarterly Report on Williams Settlement Complaints, as presented.  |
| APPROVE INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS                          | 9.4.1 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved interdistrict transfer requests, 2022-23 and 2023-24 school year, as presented.  |
| ACKNOWLEDGE STUDENT DISCIPLINE REPORT, 11/22 & 2-YEAR COMPARISON | 9.4.2 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board acknowledged the Student Discipline Report for the month of November, 2022, and Prior Two-Year Comparison, as presented.  |
| ACCEPT DONATION TO OJHS ATHLETICS CLUB                           | 9.4.3 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board accepted donation to OJHS Athletics Club, as presented.   |
| APPROVE DRAMA/CHOIR TRIP TO ANAHEIM/DISNEYLAND                   | 9.4.4 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Drama/Choir Trip to Anaheim/Disneyland, March 31 – April 3, 2023, as presented.  |

- APPROVE SARC PUBLICATION 9.4.5 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Student Accountability Report Card (SARC) Publication, as presented.
- APPROVE WARRANTS THRU 9.5.1 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board  
12/15/22, CYCLE I AND CYCLE II approved district warrants prepared for payment  
PAYROLL FOR DECEMBER 2022 through December 15, 2022, and Cycle I and Cycle II  
Payroll for December, 2022, as presented.
- APPROVE CONSULTANT 9.5.2 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board  
AGREEMENTS approved Consultant Agreements, as presented.
- APPROVE AWARD OF BID & 9.5.3 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board  
E-RATE AGREEMENT FOR approved award of bid and agreement of E-Rate, Year 26  
INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE (2023-24) for Internet Access Service, as presented.
- AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL, 9.5.4 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board  
OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT & authorized Disposal of Obsolete Equipment &  
MATERIALS Materials, as presented.
- APPROVE EMPLOYMENT 9.6.1 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board  
approved employment, as presented:  
Emily Turner, Temporary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Magnolia,  
eff. 1/3/23
- APPROVE EMPLOYMENT 9.6.2 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board  
approved employment, as presented:  
Sara DeCavit, Bus Driver, Transportation, eff. 12/15/22  
Brandi Hardmann, Health Clerk, OHS, eff. 12/13/22  
Krissoula "Krissy" Lolonis, Behavioral Program Para 1:1,  
Sierra View, eff. 1/3/23  
Danielle Merritt, Campus Monitor, OHS, eff. 12/12/22  
Shannon Orr, Instructional Aide, Magnolia, eff. 1/3/23
- APPROVE PROMOTION 9.6.3 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board  
approved promotion, as presented:  
Karina Avila, from Instructional Aide – Title I, CLOV &  
Expanded Learning Program Assistant at MAG,  
To Bilingual Instructional Aide, MAG, eff. 1/9/23  
Elizabeth Close, from ELP Aide,  
to ELP Assistant, 12/12/22  
Louis Garcia, from Groundsworker / M&O,  
to Custodian III 7-12, OHS, eff. 1/2/23  
Joshua Gorman, from Expanded Learning Program Aide, MAG  
To Expanded Learning Prog. Asst., MAG, eff. 1/9/23
- ACCEPT RESIGNATION 9.6.4 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board  
approved resignation, as presented:  
Nicole Benbow, Library Technician 9-12, OHS, eff. 1/20/23  
Jordan Smith, Speech Language Paraprofessional,  
Cloverland/Sierra View, eff. 1/6/23

APPROVE TRANSFER	9.6.5	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved transfer, as presented: Eve Chavez, from Behavioral Program Para 1:1, SV To Instructional Aide – SDC, FO, eff. 1/3/23
DISPOSITION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT	10.0	None
REPORT, OJUSD ANNUAL DASHBOARD ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATE	11.1	<p>Assistant Superintendent Gillian Wegener presented this item, reporting the Dashboard was released December 15, and reflects data for 2022, which is already 7-8 months old. The Dashboard is part of a State and Federal accountability system including eleven local and state indicators that are usually compared to previous year's indicators to show growth or the lack of growth. She noted that because the Dashboard was suspended for the past two years, there is no comparative data, and this year establishes a new baseline for schools and districts. This year the data is indicated by bar graphs rather than the dials previously used.</p> <p>She reviewed the State/County Comparison and Local Indicators Met or Not Met, and that OJUSD is in line with State results and the results of other districts in the county. For the Local Indicators, which contain both quantitative and narrative data, OJUSD received Standard Met on all five indicators. Chronic Absenteeism is Very High for last year as COVID was still causing havoc as our families had to quarantine repeatedly, and Suspension Rate is High as behaviors at all levels were a challenge. The Academic Indicator, which includes English Language Arts and Math, are both ranked Low, in part because of the LOSS (Lowest Obtainable Scale Score) penalty applied to the District as we did not meet the 95% threshold of students needed to take the test. Two areas to celebrate are English Learner Progress which OJUSD ranked Medium, and Graduation Rate which OJUSD ranked Very High. A final indicator of College and Career Readiness is not on this year's Dashboard, but will likely be included next year.</p> <p>In response to a question about not meeting the 95% threshold, she reported that last year we had a lot of students who opted out of taking the test. There were about 290 students who opted out, and we usually don't have this many opt out. She explained how the LOSS penalty is calculated for not meeting the 95% threshold: if you need 10 more student to obtain threshold, the state gives the lowest possible scale score 10 more times to make up the difference. It is not reflecting students' academic ability; it is reflecting the number of students who take the test.</p>

It was noted that when this all started, some schools would tell their lower students not to take the test, they only want higher level students to take the test so only the highest performing students took the test to increase scores. We don't have control of who opts out or doesn't show up to take the test. Even with LOSS scores applied, we are doing ok; we are in range with everyone else.

Board Member Schemper asked if we have a plan to reach out to parents to explain the need for student to take the test. Dr. Wegener responded that we are thinking about it at sites and the district, and we have been talking with Curriculum Council since the beginning of the year about what sites can do to reach out to families. She will send a letter out about consequences of not taking the test, and hopes we will have more people take the test. She noted last year was an anomaly, this is the first year that LOSS score has been applied, and it was a tumultuous year. Scores don't affect funding, but they do get us into Differentiated Assistance which we are actually in with our high school Special Education. Being in Differentiated Assistance can happen in many areas; we are still waiting for outcomes of that.

With Academic Performance ELA Secondary, she noted that when there are fewer than 11 students, they don't list scores because of privacy issues. Chronic Absenteeism was high in California last year due to COVID, quarantine, and students out for a variety of reasons. When students miss 10% or more days they are considered Chronically Absent. The entire county was Chronically Absent last year, but we hope it will be better this year.

She noted our high school Graduation Rate is good, and AB 104 legislation that lowered the number of credits required to graduate has played a role in this last year and will play a role again this year. Eventually we will see drop in graduation rates but we are working on increasing for Special Ed students.

In reviewing Suspension Rate, she noted students were struggling last year and there were behavior issues at all levels. With the *Step Up* program in place, with schools back in session for a regular school year, we are seeing much better behavior.

In response to a question from Student Board Member Jessica Birchall about what College and Career Indicator is measured by, Dr. Wegener responded there are 8 different measures for meeting this requirement, including number of students completing A-G classes, and number of students completing CTE classes.

Board Member Gilbert noted it would have been helpful to see the presentation in advance in their binder as it is a lot to review in this way. Dr. Wegener responded that she will work on that in future; she didn't create the chart until yesterday, and was still revising earlier today.

Board Member Schemper noted that with the *Step Up* program being responded to well, he is waiting to see if the suspension rate drops with Conflict Resolution skills taught. Deputy Superintendent Larry Mendonca said to keep in mind that Suspension comparison sometimes can be skewed, just because suspension rate may be low, it is not necessarily indicative of behavior. Some districts may have lower stats by not suspending students, but OJUSD has a standard of conduct we expect and we hold our students accountable.

REPORT, PRESENTATION  
ON MEASURE 28

11.2 Assistant Superintendent Gillian Wegener and Chief Business Officer Kassandra Booth gave a presentation on Measure 28, which was passed in November, and provides a minimum source for annual funding to "supplement arts education programs" for pupils in K-12 public and charter schools. The general benefits of Arts Education were reviewed, and Arts Education in OJUSD which include: band and choir classes at the elementary level; band, choir, and visual arts at the junior high level; and band, choir, theater, and visual arts including painting, drawing, and ceramics at the high school.

Ms. Booth explained that funds will be received starting in 2023-24, distribution will be based on site-specific K-12 enrollment, annual funding will be equal to 1% of the Proposition 98 funding that K-12 school district received in the prior fiscal year, funds must be used to supplement existing funding for arts education programs, the district must post how funds are to be spent on the district website, and an annual report must be submitted to the Board.

Sites will report their funds through the yearly Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA), this is additional funding beyond LCFF (Prop 98) which must be spent in very specific ways, 80% must be used to employ employees to provide arts education, and 20% can be used for a variety of arts education support. Preliminary Amounts for each school site were reviewed, with a total of \$753,363 anticipated for the district and \$8,036 for Charter. OJUSD plans to spend these funds by hiring 2 additional elementary music teachers, 2 additional secondary music teachers -- one with a choir focus and one with an instrumental focus, and supplemental and support resources related to these classes.

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Craig Redman explained that we determined the Music Department would be our focus. There were discussions with 7-12 teachers and site administrators and elementary music teachers, we took into consideration our successful program which has the capacity to grow. We have facilities to place these four music teachers and they can successfully fit with our facilities and our existing program. He also explained that by adding a choir teacher, it allows Ms. Acker to teach 5-6 periods of drama instead of being split between drama and choir, and traveling between the junior high and high school for choir. They plan to bring new staff on for the beginning of the next school year.

In response to a question from Board President Shatswell about whether we still rent band instruments, Board member Clayton Schemper stated that as a parent, they rent an instrument through a local music store. Ms. Booth reported we have an Art and Music Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant that we can use to acquire instruments. Board Member Schemper noted COVID devastated the music program, and it's great we have this funding to boost the program.

ERIC KJELDGAARD

Eric Kjeldgaard addressed the Board with a question about allocation of funds, with \$753,000 allocation and 80% has to be spent on staffing, is that our normal salary of \$150,000 or are funds being reserved for future use? Ms. Booth responded that salaries and statutory benefits range between \$100,000 - \$150,000.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION  
#22-23-08, CRSIG AMENDED  
JPA AND BYLAWS

- 12.1 Chief Business Officer Cassandra Booth reported this is related to our CRSIG (Central Region School Insurance Group) JPA (Joint Powers Authority) agreement for our insurance, risk management, property and liability, workers' compensation, and vision and dental benefit pools. Changes to the CRSIG JPA Agreement and Bylaws were approved by the CRSIG Board at their Board Meeting on June 15, 2020, and it is recommended that our Board approve changes today. The changes include: cleanup of duplicate wording, replacing agency with Authority, establishing term limits on the President and Vice President officer positions, clarify what constitutes a quorum, and add language to remove members for non-attendance and filling vacancies. Prior to this there hadn't been many changes since 2009. CRSIG has undergone an audit by the California Association of Joint Powers Authority (CAJPA) accreditation, and it was noted that resolutions by members district were needed to finalize all documents.

## ERIC KJELDGAARD

Eric Kjeldgaard addressed the Board to state this topic seemed pretty important, and going back to the June 15, 2020 meeting minutes, our school district was absent from that meeting. He hopes going forward in future we try to have a representative at all meetings because it sounds like it is pretty important.

It was **M/S/C (Duvall/Schemper)** to approve Resolution #22-23-08, CRSIG Amended JPA and Bylaws. A Roll Call Vote was taken and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF SECOND QTR.  
DEVELOPER FEES REPORT

12.2 Chief Business Officer Kassandra Booth presented the Quarterly Developer Fee Report, reporting we collected in October and November this quarter, and nothing in December. Collections were for 12 new homes: 4 of those were in Carmel Ranch, 2 in Meadowland Homes, a new development off of Old Stockton Road for 5 new homes, and one in the East Oakdale area that was independent of any development. There was also an accessory dwelling unit, a replacement and an addition.

It was **M/S/C (Schemper/Gilbert)** to approve the Second Quarter Developer Fee Report. Passed unanimously.

## INFORMATION

- 13.1 Martin Luther King Birthday Holiday, Jan. 16
- 13.2 K-12 Minimum Day / Staff Development, Jan. 19
- 13.3 OJHS "Jeans & Bling" Crab Feed, Bianchi Center, Jan. 21, 6-9 pm
- 13.4 Stanislaus County Academic Decathlon, Saturday, Feb. 4
- 13.5 K-12 Minimum Day / Staff Development, Feb. 8
- 13.6 Lincoln's Birthday Holiday Observed/Schools Closed, Feb. 13
- 13.7 Schools Closed Monday, Feb. 13 – Monday, Feb. 20
- 13.8 President's Day Holiday/Schools Closed, Feb. 20

## ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- 14.1 Adoption of 2023-24 Board Meeting Calendar
- 14.2 Assignment of Commencement Appearances

## ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

- 15.1 Trustee Gilbert requested information on Special Election Cost

## ADJOURNMENT

- 16.0 The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.