

MINUTES
 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021, 6:30 P.M.
 Oakdale Joint Unified School District
 Technology & Staff Development Center
 331 Hinkley Avenue, Oakdale, CA

ATTENDANCE WAS LIMITED TO ESSENTIAL PARTICIPANTS WHICH INCLUDED BOARD MEMBERS AND CABINET MEMBERS

On March 17, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Executive Order allows state bodies covered by the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act to hold public meetings covered by the Act via web and/or audio teleconferencing. As such, the January OJUSD Board meeting was held as an audio/video teleconference with a live webcast : <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZdB-OF9xQSDVe3Csc84K0w>

The meeting held at the OJUSD Technology & Staff Development Center was closed to the public.
 THIS MEETING WAS WEBCAST LIVE : <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZdB-OF9xQSDVe3Csc84K0w>

PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE ABLE TO BE TAKEN VIA PHONE BY CALLING (209) 848-4205, Ext. 106
 Members of the public were able to view the live-stream of the meeting and call in during public comments.

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| CALL TO ORDER | 1.1 | The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Board President Barbara Shook. |
| TRUSTEES PRESENT | 1.2 | Larry Betschart, Diane Gilbert, Mike House, Tina Shatswell and Barbara Shook. |
| LATE ARRIVALS | 1.3 | None |
| TRUSTEES ABSENT | 1.4 | None |
| VISITORS PRESENT | 1.5 | |
| CLOSED SESSION | 2.0 | None. |
| PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | 3.0 | Trustee Shatswell led the pledge of allegiance. |
| ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION | 4.0 | None |
| APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA | 5.0 | It was M/S/C (Betschart/Shatswell) to approve the order of agenda items for this meeting. Passed unanimously. |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | 6.0 | None |
| ORGANIZATION REPORT, OTA | 7.1 | None |
| ORGANIZATION REPORT, CSEA | 7.2 | None |
| ORGANIZATION REPORT, STUDENT | 7.3 | Student representative Caroline Krum called in to report she sent out her first survey of the second semester, and there is a lot of input about prom and graduation. She commented that now that we are starting second semester seniors are starting to realize there is a good chance we won't go back and a lot are stressing about graduation and prom. She noted last year was |

hectic with graduation and people would like to stay informed. Students also commented they don't want to go back too early and risk putting themselves or families in a dangerous situation, especially AP students who can't afford to do independent study. She commented on making students choose between risking family members or having to go back and not being able to do independent study.

She noted sports conditioning started but education hasn't, so some kids feel the school board is prioritizing sports more than education. She has received comments on both sides with some kids saying they need sports to go back and some kids saying sports should be the last priority and getting kids back in school should be first priority. She reported another district has been sending updates to students about their positivity rate and where they are. She thought that would be a good idea because there has been some concern about there not being a lot of communication between the district and families. She thought it would be a good idea to keep up the communication to let people know where we are and what our target goal is to get to.

She also commented on grades, with kids not doing as well as they usually do and their grades are a lot lower.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

8.0 Board President Shook opened the Public Comments portion of the agenda at 6:37 p.m.

KATHRYN ROGERS

Kathryn Rogers called in to say she is the parent of several OJUSD students both at the elementary and junior high level and echoed comments that Caroline mentioned. She commented that when we switched over to the hybrid model and choosing between hybrid and independent study, the information that was given to us was that we would be signing up for this method of education through January. Things changed with numbers in our County but there was no communication with parents of students who chose hybrid model about what would be happening when we came back in January. Independent study families received a letter saying they needed to choose to continue the school year, but Hybrid model parents received nothing. She stated there was no communication from their principal or the district. She thinks this has been a constant and consistent failure throughout the entire process; the communication from the district to the parents about what is going on. She recognized that the district cannot predict COVID numbers, but felt it would be beneficial to have some sort of communication about where we are now and where we need to be for this step to happen. She feels that had we known as parents this Hybrid model would continue through the end of the school year we may have communicated our desires more clearly when the district was choosing what method to do. She has a nephew at Sylvan School District and he is in class 5 days a week, they gave kids the chance to go in-session 5 days a week or go on distance learning, and they let their teachers make those same choices, and then they shifted kids around. Her nephew is now set for the rest of

the school year to be either in person 5 days a week or virtual learning 5 days a week, getting face-to-face education 5 days a week. She feels our district in a rush to get kids back as quickly as possible was short-sighted in the potential that this could last the rest of the school year, and she feels this is being treated like we're just giving up and considering the year a lost cause. She didn't know if it's too late to reassess and choose different options, but her elementary school child has an extraordinary teacher that has gone above and beyond in so many ways, but she is not getting the same education she was getting when she was 5 days a week Distance Learning. With two days a week Hybrid, two days a week independent work and one day virtual learning they are simply not able to cover the same amount of material as when they were in Distance Learning 5 days a week.

Public Comments closed at 6:44 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 M/S/C (House/Betschart) to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented. Passed unanimously.
ADOPT MINUTES OF 12/14/20 AS PRESENTED	9.3.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board adopted minutes of its regularly scheduled meeting held Monday, December 14, 2020, 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 & ALLEN BILL REQUESTS	9.4.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved interdistrict attendance and Allen Bill transfer requests, 2020-21 or 2021-22 school year, as presented.
APPROVE SARC PUBLICATION	9.4.2	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Student Accountability Report Card (SARC) Publication, as presented.
APPROVE WARRANTS THRU 12/18/20, CYCLE I AND CYCLE II PAYROLL FOR DECEMBER 2020	9.5.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved district warrants prepared for payment through December 18, 2020, and Cycle I and Cycle II Payroll for December, 2020, as presented.
APPROVE ASB ACCOUNTS, OHS, DECEMBER 2020	9.5.2	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Student Body Accounts, Oakdale High School, December 2020, as presented.
APPROVE ASB ACCOUNTS, OJHS, DECEMBER 2020	9.5.3	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Student Body Accounts, Oakdale Junior High School, December 2020, as presented.
AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL, OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS	9.5.4	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board authorized Disposal of Obsolete Equipment & Materials, as presented.

- APPROVE AWARD OF BID & E-RATE AGREEMENT FOR INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE 9.5.5 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved award of bid and agreement of E-Rate, Year 24 (2021-22) for Internet Access Service, as presented.
- APPROVE 20% LEAVE OF ABSENCE, J. HAMMOND 9.6.1 On adoption of the consent calendar, the Board approved 20% Leave of Absence for Jamie Hammond, History Teacher, Oakdale High, for the 2021-22 School Year, as presented:
- ACCEPT RESIGNATION 9.6.2 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board accepted resignation, as presented:
Theresa Barnes, Yard Duty Aide, CLOV, eff. 1/8/2021
Haley Garza, ASPL-1, FO, eff. 1/8/2021
Ian Miller, Instructional Aide – Title I, CLOV, eff. 12/10/20
- APPROVE EMPLOYMENT 9.6.3 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved promotion, as presented:
Brooke Baley, Short-Term Health Clerk, DW, eff. 12/16/20
Jacob Diemer, Short-Term Campus Monitor, SV, eff. 1/5/2021
Paloma Herrera, Bilingual Inst. Aide, CLOV, eff. 1/5/2021
Kimberly Olsen, Inst. Aide – Resource, MAG, eff. 12/14/20
- DISPOSITION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT 10.0 None
- REPORT, CALIFORNIA BLUEPRINT FOR A SAFER ECONOMY 11.1 Superintendent Malone presented an update on California Blueprint for a Safer Economy. He addressed several points from public comments, the first being communications, noting there has been a communication on our website about our plan and the Board's plan since our previous board meeting and based on the board's actions tonight there will be a follow-up letter that will be posted. He noted communication has been posted on our website since the December meeting and based on conversation tonight there will be further information to the community posted. Communication has been posted on our website after every single board meeting, so that communication has been consistent, it has been posted on the district website and in many instances e-mailed to parents. He noted this is the 3rd Board meeting in a row where we have gone over the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, and information has been posted on the district website after every board meeting.
- He addressed Graduation, reporting we will assign graduation dates (to Board members). Because of the uncertainty associated with numbers, it would be wise to plan on executing graduation on the assigned dates. There was a comment that there was no plan last year for graduation, but that was not the case. Last year we delayed graduation to do our best to meet the desire of last year's graduates for a traditional graduation. We delayed our graduation in the hope that numbers would come down

to provide full graduation, but we got to mid-summer and numbers spiked, that is why we gave them an alternative. Because we don't know what numbers are, we will stay true to graduation dates and whatever the county allows us to do will be what we do at that time. With school not in session Prom will not be able to take place because of social distancing and safeguards involved.

He addressed Sports, noting our district worked with a sense of urgency to provide our students with all of the opportunities we can. Sports guidelines are provided by the California Department of Public Health and in December they issued new guidance regarding youth sports, which includes high school sports. In those guidelines they are allowing conditioning activities outdoors with the use of masks and social distancing taking place. There are some situations where masks aren't worn as long as social distancing taking place, such as swimming and cross country. He noted that it is not a matter of this board or this district prioritizing sports over regular education, it is a matter of this district being proactive and providing every opportunity we can afforded to us by the California Department of Public Health or Stanislaus County Department of Public Health.

Regarding comments about our educational methods, we determined that we did not desire nor did our partners in education want our teachers to be behind a screen. We wanted them, in order to teach students both virtually and live, we choose to prioritize our in-person instruction. That was the basic premise of our whole model; we believe our teachers do best and our students learn best when they are in-person, live with our teachers. For our teachers to be fragmented and spend time behind a screen and do due diligence to students that are live is problematic. It is really problematic when we start to elevate into grades 7-12 with some of the classes that require direct supervision. In that regard, our method was communicated to the community, it was based on the base premise we are not going to ask our teachers to do both.

He addressed a comment about Sylvan, and he explained that Sylvan has a Virtual Academy, which allows them to have fewer students in person; some of their plan was executed because some of their teachers will do split instruction live and virtually. We determined that was not the best case for our students and that was negotiated with MOU with our teacher partners. That was the decision that we made for our students and we believe that was the best decision then and now.

He reiterated this is the 3rd Board meeting in a row we have talked about the Blueprint for a Safer Economy. He noted people want to know about markers, and those are viewed in this document for the 3rd Board meeting in a row. This is a public document; the public can go on this document and it will show them exactly where we are at; currently we are in the Purple Tier which is more than 7 cases per 100,000 and 8% positivity rate. To move to Red Tier, we have to be below 7 cases per 100,000 and 8% positivity rate. Until we get there, we cannot re-open grade 7-12 until we get in to Red Tier. When we get the numbers down, we have to meet numbers of Red Tier for 2 weeks and then maintain those numbers for 2 weeks so we are 4 weeks out before we ever get to numbers we are able to re-open grades 7-12 under current guidelines in Blueprint.

The Governor released a plan to reopen but it does not really apply to us because his plan is to reopen TK-2 and we are already open TK-6, so some of the phased approach doesn't apply to us. We are waiting for more information so if there is a change in this Blueprint we would be able to move to whatever the change is. He would not be surprised if we don't see some of the numbers in the blueprint adjusted in the coming weeks, particularly for education. They are finding the spread is not occurring among students in school, so he would not be surprised if we see numbers being adjusted for schools.

He also noted Questions and Answers people can refer to in the Blueprint, and that schools in widespread purple tier are not permitted to re-open for in-person instruction. That means it is not up to the district or this Board as to when we can reopen; it is up to public health. This Board has stated all along we are going to follow guidance of the public health officer at the state and county level. We have followed county public health, we put our waiver together, and when we put that waiver together our educational plan is specific for our district, and that activity is what is approved for OJUSD. He noted data for Stanislaus County, we are currently 55 cases per 100,000 and 15.7% positivity rate which puts us in the Widespread Risk Level Purple Tier; we need to be at 7 cases per 100,000 or 8% positivity rate to move to Substantial Risk Level Red Tier. He noted we will continue to follow the guidance of state and county public health, this is the safest course of action for our district, students and staff. At this point he would recommend the Board make a motion that we will not re-open grade 7-12 until we are to Red Tier. Once we are in Red Tier we will be able to communicate what options will be, which include in-person, as well as Edgenuity for independent study.

We will re-evaluate and reassess in February, and we may be able to bring some kids back in February for some credit recovery. If interpretation of blueprint changes we will look at that and adjust if needed, and we will open when we are able to.

Larry Betschart asked why we need to make a motion as he feels it's a moot point. Superintendent Malone noted that we have seen some criticism from the community that we haven't been communicating when in fact we have been. He noted we are not watching a date, we are watching actual numbers. Everyone can look at the Blueprint, numbers are updated every Tuesday, and people can follow data for themselves. Larry Betschart noted Superintendent Malone has done an excellent job of communicating this over the past 3 months.

It was **M/S/C (Shatswell/House)** to delay grade 7-12 re-opening until we are in Red Tier. Passed unanimously.

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| FIRST READING,
BP/AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11,
SEXUAL HARASSMENT | 11.2 | Deputy Superintendent Kline presented this revised BP/AR for first reading; it will be brought back for second reading at the next meeting. |
| FIRST READING, AR/E
4119.12/4219.12/4319.12, TITLE IX,
SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMPLAINTS | 11.3 | Deputy Superintendent Kline presented this revised AR/E for first reading; it will be brought back for second reading at the next meeting. |
| FIRST READING,
BP/AR 4157/4257/4357,
EMPLOYEE SAFETY | 11.4 | Deputy Superintendent Kline presented this revised BP/AR for first reading; it will be brought back for second reading at the next meeting. |
| FIRST READING,
AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11,
WORK RELATED INJURIES | 11.5 | Deputy Superintendent Kline presented this revised AR for first reading; it will be brought back for second reading at the next meeting. |
| FIRST READING,
BP 5146/5246/5346
MARRIED/PREGNANT/PARENTING
STUDENTS | 11.6 | Assistant Superintendent Mendonca presented this revised BP for first reading, noting it has been revised to include new requirements under Education Code 46015. He noted this revision is intended to support married and expecting students in order to complete their education for a high school diploma and prevent dropouts. It will be brought back for second reading at the next meeting. In response to a question from Trustee House, Mr. Mendonca explained married and expecting students includes the father's rights, including leave to bond with the child. |
| APPROVAL OF SECOND QTR.
DEVELOPER FEES REPORT | 12.1 | Chief Business Officer Cassandra Booth presented the Quarterly Developer Fee Report noting there was some collection of \$283,000 which includes 4 homes in East Oakdale, 4 homes in Bridle Ridge, 4 homes in River Pointe, but the largest collection was the senior citizens' facility which they are finally starting to build. |

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

- SECOND READING/APPROVAL: 12.2 Assistant Superintendent Mendonca presented this revised BP/AR for second reading and approval, noting it has been revised to comply with new federal regulations and details extensive procedural changes on the investigation and resolution process for.
 BP/AR 5145.7, SEXUAL HARASSMENT & AR 5147.71, TITLE IX SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMPLAINT PROCEDURES
- It was **M/S/C (House/Shatswell)** to approve BP/AR 5145.7, Sexual Harassment & AR 5147.71, Title IX Sexual Harassment. Passed unanimously.
- INFORMATION 13.1 K-12 Minimum Day / Staff Development, January 14
 13.2 Martin Luther King Birthday Holiday, January 18
 13.3 Lincoln's Birthday Holiday/Schools Closed, Feb. 8
 13.4 President's Day Holiday/Schools Closed, February 15
 13.5 K-12 Minimum Day / Staff Development, February 23
- ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA 14.1 Superintendent's Mid-Year Evaluation
 14.2 Adoption of 2021-22 Board Meeting Calendar
 14.3 Report on First Semester Grades
- ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: 15.1 Assignment of Commencement Appearances
 15.2 Trustee Gilbert requested brainstorming ways to help OHS students with the college application process, college search, etc. She noted her experience working with her son last year and another student this year, and the importance of making them aware of an early action process. She feels it would help students get ahead of deadlines because a lot of deadlines hit seniors in November, and it would be helpful to have information to juniors so they are ahead of the game and this would give students an opportunity to visit schools in the summer and then submit applications in the Fall. Superintendent Malone indicated we could put on a future agenda and have a representative from the OHS counseling department attend to talk about processes they have in place. It was noted that opportunities for college scholarships have been communicated to seniors by the site.
 15.3 Superintendent Malone noted the community can plan on graduations being executed on the communicated dates and the configuration will be determined by social distancing protocols at that time.
- ADJOURNMENT 16.0 The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.