

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2013, 6:00 P.M.
Oakdale Joint Unified School District
Technology & Staff Development Center
331 Hinkley Avenue, Oakdale, CA

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| CALL TO ORDER | 1.1 | The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. by Board President Mike Tozzi. |
| TRUSTEES PRESENT | 1.2 | Bill Dyer, Diane Gilbert, Mike House, Tina Shatswell, and Mike Tozzi. Student representative Dylan Hawksworth-Lutzow was present for Open Session. |
| LATE ARRIVALS | 1.3 | None |
| TRUSTEES ABSENT | 1.4 | None |
| VISITORS PRESENT | 1.5 | Larry Bonds, Caryn Cummins, Linda Kraus, James Markel, Penny Munian, Megan Reisz, Adrienne Scott, Barbara Shook, Marlo Smith, David Snyder |
| CLOSED SESSION | 2.0 | Board President Tozzi adjourned the meeting into Closed Session at 6:03 p.m. Open Session reconvened at 6:33 p.m. |
| PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | 3.0 | Board Member Shatswell introduced Cloverland Elementary students: Jax Jaramillo, Grade 4, Hannah Guthrie, Grade 5, and Faith Smith, Grade 6. These students led the Pledge of Allegiance and were awarded Certificates of Appreciation for their participation. |
| ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION | 4.0 | Board President Tozzi reported that the Board discussed labor an item in closed session but no action was taken. |
| PUBLIC COMMENTS | 5.0 | Board President Tozzi opened the Public Comments portion of the agenda at 6:40 p.m. |
| PAT BICKNELL | | Pat Bicknell addressed the Board to express opposition to the implementation of Common Core, cited names of key proponents and funding for Common Core, and noted that parents can opt out of all assessments including data collection. |
| JESSICA JACKSON | | Jessica Jackson also expressed opposition to the implementation of Common Core, and asked the board not lower its standards by accepting Common Core. |

MEGAN REISZ

Megan Reisz, a teacher at Fair Oaks, addressed the Board regarding a \$200,000 Safer Schools grant opportunity that Fair Oaks has applied and been nominated for. The grant is awarded through a public voting process and anyone may vote for Fair Oaks to win by going online to *stanleysaferschools.com* or by texting *Fair Oaks Oakdale* to 99222. Voting starts tomorrow and runs through December 13.

Public Comments closed at 6:56 p.m.

APPROVE ORDER 6.0
OF AGENDA

It was **M/S/C (Dyer/Shatswell)** to approve the order of agenda items for this meeting. All members voted in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS,
ROTARY DONATION

7.1 Derek Nan, President of Oakdale Rotary, along with several other club members, presented the district with a donation of \$10,000 for the Drive to Survive program. It was noted that Oakdale Rotary has been supporting this program since 2006, and that the next annual *Lobsterfest* fundraiser is scheduled May 10, 2014. Superintendent Malone expressed appreciation for this donation which allows the Driver's Education program taught by Mike Riley to continue. Trustee Shatswell shared that her youngest child had an opportunity to participate in this program, and they actually have parents come in to be a part of this amazing program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS,
RECOGNITION OF
BILL DYER

7.1 Board President Tozzi presented a plaque to outgoing Board member Bill Dyer recognizing his twelve years of service on the Board, noting Mr. Dyer has been a consistent contributor and valuable voice on the Board for this community, teachers and kids. He also announced that board members and the Superintendent made a donation in his name to the California State Railroad Museum Foundation. Board members expressed appreciation for his service, the standards he has set, and his focus on what is in the best interest of students. Mr. Dyer thanked members of the Board and Superintendent Malone for their kindness and thoughtfulness, noted the Board is the epitome of educational leadership; he noted accomplishments, community support, and family sacrifices, and introduced members of his family in the audience.

ORGANIZATION
REPORT, OTA

8.1 Linda Kraus reported several OTA members attended a regional conference with sessions on retirement, teacher-driven change, LCFF, budget, and legal issues; and two members participated in the CTA State Council Sesquicentennial in Los Angeles. She reported OTA negotiators met in a full-day session last Friday to continue the collective bargaining process and that momentum continues to build for settlement sooner rather than later.

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| ORGANIZATION
REPORT, CSEA | 8.2 | Marc Mutoza reported CSEA will start negotiations November 15 and he is looking forward to working with Ms. Taylor and the Board on collective bargaining. He also wished board candidates luck in the elections. |
| ORGANZIATION
REPORT, STUDENT | 8.3 | Dylan Hawksworth-Lutzow reported on activities at Cloverland, Fair Oaks, Magnolia, Oakdale Junior High, and Oakdale High which included Red Ribbon Week activities, Canned Food Drives, Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences, Book Fairs, 4 th Grade Salmon Field Trips, Spelling Bees, Magnolia Morning News, Plastic Bag Campaign for Community Sharing, and OJHS sports. He also reported on OHS Homecoming Week which included the football game and well-attended dance, upcoming Winter Formal with a Roaring 20's theme, and Boys Soccer and Girls' Tennis have made playoffs. |
| 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 (Dyer/House) to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented. Passed unanimously. |
| ADOPT MINUTES OF
10/14/13 AS PRESENTED | 9.3.1 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board adopted minutes of its regularly scheduled meeting held Monday, October 14, 2013, 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, 2013-14 or 2014-15 school year, as presented. |
| ACCEPT DONATION,
INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS | 9.4.2 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board accepted donation of instructional materials to Oakdale elementary schools from Dollar Tree, as presented. |
| APPROVE WARRANTS THRU
10/25/13, & CYCLE I & II
PAYROLL FOR OCTOBER 2013 | 9.5.1 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved district warrants prepared for payment through October 25, 2013, and Cycle I & II Payroll for October, 2013, as presented. |
| APPROVE ASB ACCOUNTS,
OHS, AUG. & SEPT. 2013 | 9.5.2 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Student Body Accounts, Oakdale High School, August and September, 2013, as presented. |
| APPROVE ASB ACCOUNTS,
OJHS, SEPTEMBER 2013 | 9.5.3 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Student Body Accounts, Oakdale Junior High School, September, 2013, as presented. |
| APPROVE EMPLOYMENT | 9.6.1 | To approve employment, as presented:
Jessica Carwin, Cafeteria Server, OJHS, Eff. 10/16/13 |

- ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS 9.6.2 To accept resignations, as presented:
Kendra Curtis, ASPL-2, OJHS, effective 12/13/13
Darci Tienken, Psychologist, OHS, Effective 10/16/13
- DISPOSITION OF ITEMS 10.0 None
REMOVED FROM CONSENT
- REPORT, PARENT REQUESTS 11.1 Kristi Rapinchuk, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum
FOR SPECIFIC TEACHER/CLASS & Instruction, presented a report on parent requests for
PLACEMENT teacher/class placement, noting that at the last Board
meeting parent Rickie Daley had addressed the Board
about the teacher placement process during public
comments. She explained that several things need to be
discussed in development of class rosters, all school sites
must adhere to Education Code and Board Policies as well
as practices neither defined by Education Code or Board
Policy. She noted that we try to have equitable practices
across all sites; it is site principals' responsibility to
develop class rosters and they consider several factors
such as class size, mainstreamed students, Gifted Learner
and English Learner clusters, gender balance, student
discipline profiles and interpersonal conflicts.
- Ms. Rapinchuk explained the school district's practice is
that we want parents to be able to provide input to site
principals that is specific to their students and we want
parents to know they have a right to be heard; however, it
is the principal's responsibility to develop rosters that
adhere to Education Code and Board Policy and when it
comes down to being able to honor parent requests it can't
be a part of district practice. She further explained that we
cannot have a practice that cannot ensure equitable
placement and we cannot say a parent can select specific
teachers because we can't ensure we can do this for every
family in the school district; parents can provide input and
principals will listen and consider in development of class
rosters, but to be equitable to all families we cannot
guarantee the right to teacher selection to all parents.
- In response to a question from Trustee Dyer about the
number of requests made each year, Ms. Rapinchuk
explained that requests come to principals rather than the
District Office so she does not have that information.
Karyn Cummins, Magnolia parent, asked what the
percentage is of parent requests for teachers, and stated
that this year site principals asked that no requests be
submitted to them. Ms. Rapinchuk explained the

development of class rosters falls under her responsibility and if principals did not adhere to district practice it falls on her shoulders, and if there was any inequity it is because she did not clearly communicate our practice. She also stated it is a fairly common practice for teachers to be involved in developing class rosters, but the ultimate responsibility to finalize is up to principals.

Ms. Rapinchuk noted neither Education Code or Board Policy define parent requests for teacher placement, and this gave the district an opportunity to clarify what district practice should be, and we can't establish a practice that can't be afforded to every family in the district. She noted parents may choose to talk with principals about their child's learning style and can include a request for teacher placement when they talk to principals, but we cannot guarantee that request will be honored.

Ms. Daley stated that she appreciated this item being placed on the agenda so this issue can be discussed and would just like to have the opportunity to have the principal listen to her input. She noted Board Policy 6020, Parent Involvement, states that the board recognizes that parents are their children's first and most influential teachers and should be involved as advisors and in decision-making. She stated that she believes that as parents we know our children the best, know their personalities, know socially how they behave, and want to be able to have that input. It was noted that parent input is one piece that should be considered when developing rosters; the schools have asked for parent involvement and it is a great opportunity for parents to see what teachers are like. Ms. Daley noted the need to have an equal partnership and that she talked with a few individuals from a different school district about how they do teacher requests and was told they do allow but take Education Code into consideration and try to honor as many requests as possible. Ms. Daley stated she has written a letter of request for the past five years except this past year when she was told she could not.

Ms. Daley stated that Oakdale is a wonderful community, we all need to work together, their taxes fund our schools and that is a big part of why they feel parents should be able to have input into requesting specific teachers for their children. She also stated that she has heard that teacher placement is a privilege given to staff and

administrators and asked if that is true. Ms. Rapinchuk stated that as a Cabinet member, she has never requested a particular teacher because she believes in the quality of all our teachers. Ms. Daley shared a letter from Sara Fox, a parent who had to leave the meeting early, who wrote that this year she was not able to request teachers for her three children and the teacher her daughter got was not the right teacher for her. Her daughter did not want to go to school anymore and last week was transferred into her new class of the teacher she initially requested, and that sometimes it is detrimental for our students to be placed with the wrong teacher. It was noted that if parents have already met with teachers and still have concerns they should ask to meet with the VP or Principal to talk with them about concerns; the district protocol is talk to the teacher first, then site administrator, and if they need to go further they can contact the District Office to voice concerns.

JAMES MARKEL

James Markel addressed the Board to say that he has a son who graduated from Oakdale High and a child at the junior high and as parents they sometimes wanted to get a specific teacher and didn't, but still were involved and active with the school, and sometimes it worked out better because those teachers challenged their children in areas in which they were weaker. He also noted teachers can use more support and more volunteers to help and encouraged parents to keep active and make the best of the situation.

Superintendent Malone noted this is our district policy and practice and as we move forward if it is not being followed he asked that it be brought to our attention so we can address it sooner as opposed to later.

DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION TO OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAM

- 12.1 Susan Dyke, Chief Business Officer, provided background on the district's contribution to Outdoor Ed until the state implemented mid-year budget cuts in 2008-09. In response to that the district had to reassess district priorities, and a Budget Advisory Committee and administration created a list of prioritized district budget cuts of \$2.4 million which was approved by the Board, most of which remain cut from the budget. The district's contribution toward Outdoor Ed was one of the items eliminated.

Ms. Dyke explained that 2013-14 is the first year we are able to reassess priorities of the district, with the LCFF funding reform model we will move toward full restoration of cuts back to 2007-08, but it may take seven years, and the district will need to take a measured approach to

restoration as well. Of the \$2.4 million cut, we have only restored about \$900,000; last year we were able to restore some of the school days (2 out of 5) that had been cut. We can reassess every year whether we restore every year or on an on-going basis. With the Outdoor Ed commitment for the 2013-14 year, there are 329 contracted students at a cost of \$234 per student which will cost \$75,816; if the district contributes \$50 for each of those 329 students it will cost slightly over \$16,000. She stated we have some one-time funding sources that could be used such as lottery funds we were notified about in September, or unrestricted Tier III categorical funds, and the Board has options and needs to be aware that ongoing commitments need to be weighed.

Linda Kraus addressed the Board to say she was at the Board meeting when this situation was presented when the parent group said they would take this (Outdoor Ed) on, we have been fighting to get every dollar we can with the budget from the state, staff has taken cuts year after year, students have taken cuts in educational days, and thinks we need to give to the whole student population first in restoring student days, and if it means we need to put off Outdoor Ed for a bit because the bill is too great, that is what we need to do. She also felt that making a decision to expend this money now when we are in the middle of 3-year contract negotiations and talking about restoring student days would be unwise.

James Markel addressed the Board to say he had been at the meeting when the PTC group said they would step up and pay for it (Outdoor Ed), and thinks it would be fiscally intelligent not to allocate to Outdoor Ed at this time.

Adrienne Scott, Magnolia PTC, asked the Board to reconsider what qualifies students to go to camp, noting it is difficult when the board sets rules of who goes to camp and sibling after sibling will catch on that if they don't pay someone else will cover costs for them. She felt the program needs to be re-evaluated and we need to reconsider students having to qualify for the program.

Melanie Shatswell, Sierra View PTC Treasurer, addressed the Board to say she understands we have lost school days with budget cuts and their point as PTC members is that they are trying to do everything they can to raise money for our schools but there are some things that can't be done alone. She noted that Sierra View is fortunate that they have raised money but it is getting tighter.

Student Board representative Dylan Hawksworth-Lutzow provided input as someone who went through the Outdoor Ed program, explaining it is a 4-day field trip to Foothill Horizons which allows 6th grade students to experience sciences related to astronomy, forestry, ecology, and wildlife, and in his opinion it is an important program to round out the educational program for students.

Melissa Gibson, Cloverland PTC member, felt that Outdoor Ed should be gone and that if students are going to participate they should have to write a report to show what they learned. She stated that their PTC is taking this burden on because their students go to camp in January and their 6th graders have only brought in a few thousand dollars and may not be able to raise the full amount. She also did not understand why she should have to raise funds for students who don't contribute and felt that everyone who attends camp needs to be accountable.

Larry Mendonca, Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Services & Facilities, clarified that under free and appropriate public education we cannot restrict or stop students from going to Outdoor Ed and we cannot deny students from going due to inability to pay. Superintendent Malone stated that their frustration is understood and heard, but under the free and appropriate education we are hindered about what we can do. He also stated that the district will take a comprehensive look at the Outdoor Education Program in April to see what we can do to help our parent groups, but we have legal limitations we have to work with and under to provide to students. He reiterated that at the September 9 Board meeting Kristi Rapinchuk had presented a report and intent to investigate program options prior to April 2014.

Trustee Dyer stated that we have had two staff reports that generated a lot of interest and concern, and he thought we had decided at the time the Master Agreement was approved that we were going to review things we had to cut, including Outdoor Ed, but that it has to be in a timely and fiscally prudent manner, and that in April we will have an opportunity to look at other options including shortening the days the program is offered. Board President Tozzi called for a motion and a second to get discussion going on a district contribution toward funding \$16,000 to Outdoor Ed.

It was **M/ (Shatswell)** that the district make a \$50 contribution for each student attending Outdoor Ed this year. Motion died for lack of a second.

Trustee Gilbert stated she would be more comfortable tabling this to the next meeting. It was **M/ (Gilbert)** to table to the next meeting. Trustee Dyer called a point of order that the motion (Shatswell) had died for lack of a second and therefore could not be tabled. Board President Tozzi stated this could be discussed if the Board would like to bring back.

Trustee Shatswell stated that if the district does have funds they could contribute to Outdoor Ed that could mean PTC's money could go toward classroom supplies or other teacher needs instead of toward Outdoor Ed.

INFORMATION

- 13.1 Grade 1-6 Min. Day/Parent Teacher Conferences, Nov. 4-8
- 13.2 Veteran's Day Holiday Observed, Monday, November 11
- 13.3 Oakdale FFA "Let it Roll" Dinner, Bianchi Center, November 13, Dinner @ 5:30; Game @ 6:30 pm
- 13.4 OHS Drama Two-Man Scene Night, OHS Gym, 6:00 pm
- 13.5 OHS Winter Formal, Modesto Centre Plaza, 9 pm – Midnight, November 16
- 13.6 Oakdale Community Education Council, OJUSD Tech/Staff Development Center, November 20, 6:00 pm
- 13.7 No School – Sites Closed, November 25-27
- 13.8 Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday–Friday, November 28-29
- 13.9 Elementary & OJHS Band Concert, Magnolia, December 10, 6:00 pm
- 13.10 OEF Grant Awards Reception, OHS Library, December 11, 3:30 pm
- 13.11 OHS Band and Jazz Band Concert, Magnolia, December 12, 6:00 pm
- 13.12 OHS Drama Production of "Scrooge Has Left the Building" & "A Christmas Carol", Dec. 13 & 14, 7:00 p.m., Dec. 15, 2:00 pm
- 13.13 OHS/OJHS Holiday Choir Concert, OHS Theater, December 17, OJHS @ 6:00 p.m. and OHS @ 7:30 pm

- 13.14 Elementary Choir Concert, Magnolia, December 19,
6:00 (Grade 3) & 7:30 pm (Intermediate)

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- 14.1 Annual Organizational Meeting/Board Member Election
- 14.2 First Interim Financial Report
- 14.3 Report on Title I and Title III Plan Progress
- 14.4 Report on Social Media Responsibilities and Liabilities
- 14.5 Trustee Tozzi requested a future report on the effect of local farming and impact of unhealthy air on student health and process for handling. He suggested having Supervisor O'Brien and someone from environmental services address what the county or city can do about dust that hits campuses. Superintendent Malone explained we do receive air quality notifications and have a flag system in place at all elementary sites
- 14.6 Trustee House noted that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and November is Prostate Cancer Awareness month, and encouraged people to take the opportunity to get checked and treated in time.
- 14.7 Trustee House also noted tonight is the last time our Volleyball team will play Sonora in league play.
- ADJOURNMENT
- 16.0 The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.