

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013, 6:00 P.M.

Oakdale City Council Chambers  
277 N. Second Avenue, Oakdale, CA

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| CALL TO ORDER              | 1.1 | The meeting was called to order at 5:21 P.M. by Board President Mike Tozzi.   |
| TRUSTEES PRESENT           | 1.2 | Bill Dyer, Diane Gilbert, Tina Shatswell, and Mike Tozzi. Student representative Madison Lane was present for Open Session.   |
| LATE ARRIVALS              | 1.3 | None  |
| TRUSTEES ABSENT            | 1.3 | Mike House  |
| VISITORS PRESENT           | 1.4 | Jeff Aprile, Maggie Banducci, Pat Bicknell, Larry Bonds, Claudia Cabral, Michael Espinosa, Martin Fauria, Jennifer Harris, Dee Hawksworth, Jessica Jackson, Kathy Jenkins, Linda Kraus, Jill Mansfield, Karyn Miller, Mark Mutoza, Diane Noon, Joe Peterson, Charles Shetron, Dave Snyder, Terry Trowbridge, Gillian Wegener. |
| CLOSED SESSION             | 2.0 | Board President Mike Tozzi adjourned the meeting into Closed Session at 6:21 p.m., and reconvened Open Session at 6:31 p.m.   |
| PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE       | 3.0 | Trustee Tozzi introduced Fair Oaks Elementary students: Jack Healy, Grade 4, Sophie Buzzini, Grade 5, and Bethany McKinstry, Grade 6. These students led the Pledge of Allegiance and were awarded Certificates of Appreciation for their participation.  |
| ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION | 4.0 | President Tozzi reported that the Board voted 4-0 to approve the stipulated expulsion agreement for student: <b>#13-14-01</b> for Violation of Education Code 48900 (a)(1), 48900 (a)(2), 48900 (k), 48915 (b)(1), and 48915 (b)(2) for Fall semester 2013 and Spring Semester 2014;  |
| PUBLIC COMMENTS            | 5.0 | President Tozzi opened the Public Comments portion of the agenda at 6:34 p.m.   |
| PAT BICKNELL               |     | Pat Bicknell addressed the Board with concerns she has about Common Core. She stated that she feels parents in the community don't have a good understanding or background information on Common Core, that a   |

lot of people think Common Core standards were state led but they were funded and developed by two Washington D.C. trade organizations, the Council of Chief State School Officers and National Governor's Association. She also felt schools had been bribed with "Race to the Top" grants by the current administration and states threatened with the loss of NCLB waivers which would have been a loss of financial support were influenced in their decision to adopt standards. She also felt that Common Core limits local control of education, questioned the constitutionality of Common Core, and expressed concerns about the collection of extensive data on students and teachers that would be made available to government agencies and private corporations.

LINDA GOODEN

Linda Gooden addressed the Board with concerns related to the people involved in developing Common Core, stating that Bill Gates put \$5 million into developing it and didn't feel it is right that he has this power to put Common Core standards into our educational system. She stated the UNESCO agreement with Microsoft would help develop global education and when we become global citizens we lose constitutional rights. She also stated environmental education will be incorporated into education, they will start gathering information, there will be new testing protocol, informational texts will be used and classic literature won't be taught. She quoted that schools should last 12-14 hours a day and students would be served 3 meals a day, and related that to communism. She also quoted Mark Tucker who says we need to do away with all local control, and there would be no more school boards. She doesn't think people know they are developing a communist Marxist program that will manipulate our children, and feels that Common Core will destroy our schools, our kids and eventually our country.

JESSICA JACKSON

Jessica Jackson addressed the Board as a parent concerned about Common Core standards for ELA and Math. She stated that she was appreciative of her Oakdale education grade 2-12, graduated with honors from UC Davis, and that her child will be impacted by Common Core standards. She feels we will be implementing unconstitutional standards which will be costly, and Common Core standards will negatively impact language arts and math curriculum, classical literature will not be taught, our students will be behind by two years in Math, and is concerned we are accepting a one-size fits all educational standard.

JOHN LANE

John Lane addressed the Board with concerns about district Science curriculum. He feels it does not get the attention it should, citing recent STAR testing information that we have schools that excelled in English and Math but science was ignored. He commented that Cloverland does not participate in the Science Olympiad and questioned whether the junior high participated in Science Olympiad. He also commented on not having an AP science course at OHS, and that if current staff is not equipped to teach AP science we should hire someone who can. He also

stated that freshmen are automatically put into earth science which is not recognized by the UC system as Science, and students with an interest in STEM should have Biology opened to them. He shared that they tried to get their 9<sup>th</sup> grade child into Biology this year and were not able to; and for those students reaching for top schools it is a wasted opportunity.

## DAVE SNYDER

Dave Snyder, Oakdale Music Boosters, addressed the Board to report they had an instrument rental night for elementary students last week and loaned 177 instruments. He reported they have 201 elementary students participating in elementary band this year, 83 from Cloverland alone, 2 junior high classes with 76 kids, 60 kids in marching band last Friday night, 41 in jazz band, and 16 in drum line. He also thanked the board for hiring the new elementary band teacher which has made a difference for the program.

Public Comments closed at 7:02 pm.

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.

RECOGNITION,  
FFA FAIR AWARDS

- 7.1 Oakdale FFA members were presented with certificates recognizing 1st–3rd place awards won at the 2012 Stanislaus County Fair, and Beef and Meat Goat Chapter Group Awards:
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| - Dalton Crawford  | - Madison Morgan  |
| - Logan Douglas    | - Tanner Morgan   |
| - Amie Dunlop      | - Megan Rivera    |
| - Zane Gookin      | - Denise Thompson |
| - Caitlyn Hartzell | - Emily Traub     |
| - John Lutz        |                   |

OHS ORGANIZATION  
REPORT, OTA

- 8.1 OTA President Linda Kraus reported they had their first site rep council meeting and formed committees, they have a new Facebook page, she worked with Danesa Jepson to help with her technology project through CTA, and Negotiations Team includes: OHS - Marty Fauria, Chair, Lance Campbell, Lauren Tanis (alt.) OJHS - Maggie Banducci, Dee Hawksworth (alt.) Elementary – Karyn Miller, Rhonda Duarte, Claudia Cabral (alt.) She met with Assistant Superintendent Taylor and lead negotiator Fauria to Sunshine a month sooner than requested to allow the negotiations team to prepare for negotiations. She reported she has monthly meetings with Superintendent Malone and Assistant Superintendents Taylor and Rapinchuk, and appreciates the way they have communicated that their doors are always open.

Lead Negotiator Marty Fauria and Linda Kraus formally exchanged contract openers with Assistant Superintendent Terri Taylor.

ORGANIZATION  
REPORT, CSEA

- 8.2 Mark Mutoza had nothing to report at this time, but will have a report next month.

- ORGANIZATION REPORT, STUDENT
- 8.3 Student representative Dylan Lawksworth-Lutzow reported that elementary sites have gotten API scores back and are all over 800, sites held their Jog-a-thon kick off last week for the event scheduled Oct. 11, sites held successful Back to School Nights, sites will be kicking off Homework and Attendance Campaigns and implementing IS<sup>4</sup>.
- Fair Oaks held a Kindergarten orientation, Back to School Night, Student Council elections, GATE living museum, band, recycling and trash clean up. Magnolia held a successful school supplies drive with 1,400 tissue boxes donated, all pro dads meeting, student council election, ASPIRE, EL boot camp, monthly character trait of friendship, and citizen of the month. Sierra View will focus on the character trait of responsibility, homework help, and a student reward program. OHS held a Club Rush Day, have held the first meetings of school clubs, have started homecoming preparations, and freshmen will have a 100 foot long ice cream Sundae this Friday.
- 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/Shatswell)** to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all board members voting in favor.
- ADOPT MINUTES OF 8/12/13 AS PRESENTED 9.3.1 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board adopted minutes of its regularly scheduled meeting held Monday, August 12, 2013, as presented.
- APPROVE INTERDISTRICT & ALLEN BILL REQUESTS, 2013-14 9.4.1 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved interdistrict attendance transfer or Allen Bill requests, 2013-14 school year, as presented.
- ACKNOWLEDGE STUDENT DISCIPLINE REPORT, 8/13 & 2-YEAR COMPARISON 9.4.2 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board acknowledged the Student Discipline Report for the month of August, 2013, and Prior Two-Year Comparison, as presented.
- APPROVE CONTRACT, INTERQUEST DETECTION CANINES 9.4.3 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Contract with Interquest Detection Canines, as presented.
- APPROVE OUT OF STATE CONFERENCE, D. HITCH 9.4.4 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Out-of-State Conference attendance request for Denise Hitch to attend the Renaissance Planning Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 26-27, 2013, as presented.

- APPROVE WARRANTS  
THRU 8/28/13, & CYCLE I & II  
PAYROLL FOR AUGUST 2013
- 9.5.1 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved district warrants prepared for payment through August 28, 2013, and Cycle I and II Payroll for August 2013, as presented.
- APPROVE CONSULTANT  
AGREEMENTS
- 9.5.2 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Consultant Agreements, as presented.
- APPROVE ASB ACCOUNTS,  
OHS, JULY 2013
- 9.5.3 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Student Body Accounts, Oakdale High School, July 2013, as presented.
- APPROVE ASB ACCOUNTS,  
OJHS, JULY 2013
- 9.5.4 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Student Body Accounts, Oakdale Junior High School, July 2013, as presented.
- APPROVE RESOLUTION  
#13-14-02, GANN LIMIT  
APPROPRIATIONS
- 9.5.5 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Resolution #13-14-02, Gann Limit Appropriations, as presented.
- APPROVE EMPLOYMENT
- 9.6.1 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved employment, as presented:  
Lindsey Everett, Kindergarten Teacher, Fair Oaks
- APPROVE EMPLOYMENT
- 9.6.2 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved employment, as presented:  
Sarah Alsey, ASPL-2, Cloverland, effective 8/19/13  
Katelyn Hunter, ASPL-1, Fair Oaks, effective 8/23/13  
Chrys Stimson, Noon/Yard Duty Aide, Sierra View, effective 8/28/13  
Katie Tucci, Noon/Yard Duty Aide, Sierra View, effective 8/28/13
- ACCEPT RESIGNATION
- 9.6.3 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board Accepted resignation, as presented:  
Ashley Baldwin, ASPL-1, Fair Oaks, effective 8/16/13
- APPROVE UNPAID LEAVE
- 9.6.4 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved unpaid leave of absence, as presented:  
Melodie Everson, Library Technician, Fair Oaks, for eleven days, Oct. 11-23 and Nov. 12-13, 2013  
Michelle Frias, Resource Inst. Aide, Oakdale High, for three days, Oct. 2-4, 2013
- DISPOSITION OF ITEMS  
REMOVED FROM CONSENT
- 10.0 None
- REPORT, FOLLOW-UP  
REPORT ON OUTDOOR ED
- 11.1 Kristi Rapinchuk, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, presented a follow-up report on

Outdoor Ed, noting at the last Board meeting she'd presented a report on the Outdoor Ed Program which included increasing costs of the current 4-day program as well as costs if we were to reduce to fewer days, and fiscal impact on PTC's with the primary fundraising activity being Jog-a-Thon. She reported that the district plans to continue to provide a 4-day program this year at a cost of \$234/student, with Magnolia scheduled to attend in November, Cloverland in January, Fair Oaks in March, and Sierra View in April/May. It was noted that sites may want to investigate potential funding sources, options, and costs of a 3-day or 2-day program in the future.

Trustee Shatswell thanked everyone who came forward at the last meeting to share their concerns. Trustee Dyer noted that at one time the Board was going to eliminate Outdoor Ed and the PTC's stepped up to ask the Board to keep the program; he stated that if there are some concerns he would like hear input from PTC's and asked that they be contacted to let them know they should come forward before a recommendation is made to the Board next April. Trustee Gilbert commented that the district had provided \$50/student until 2009-10, asked how much costs have risen since that time, and if it is out of the question to consider whether we can fund \$50/student this year. Trustee Shatswell agreed it would be a huge help to PTC's if that is an option, and noted some elementary schools have already been doing fundraisers. Assistant Superintendent Rapinchuk indicated program costs were \$221/student in 2010-11 and has increased to the current \$234/student, and we can look at whether the district can put money toward Outdoor Ed this year.

## REPORT, COMMON CORE

- 11.2 Superintendent Malone reported that since 2010, 45 states have developed state standards in English and Math, California developed standards in 2010, and California Education Code mandates its implementation. He noted there is some concern about Common Core but believes the root of concern is for potential new texts. He explained that all textbooks will go through a piloting process and any texts adopted will be consistent with the values of community and state standards. It was noted that textbook adoption has been suspended until 2015, and until that time we will teach out of existing curriculum. He also noted current legislation to suspend STAR tests this year and if passed, we will use this year and next year to establish baseline data. It was reported that the California Department of Education's plan is for each

school district to develop a plan to transition to CCSS by the 2014-15 school year, and school districts will receive implementation funds for developing and adopting a plan.

Assistant Superintendent Kristi Rapinchuk reviewed the “six shifts” in math and English language arts and the building of skills upon one another, depth of knowledge, and shared sample test questions to demonstrate the need for skill building. She also noted that Common Core does a better job of identifying rigor between grade levels than previous standards. Ms. Rapinchuk reported that she plans to present a budget for implementation of CCSS by May 2014.

Gillian Wegener and Lissa Jones, district Instructional Intervention Specialists, both addressed the Board about Common Core State Standards. Ms. Wegener stated that literacy texts are not going away, but informational texts will be greater for more balance, and they will shift focus on text or sources. Ms. Jones explained that state testing only asked for recall from students and that CCSS injects study, rigor, and conversation in the classroom.

Ms. Rapinchuk reported that teachers who highly value literature are helping us transition to CCSS, and CCSS applies literacy standards to teach. She noted Grade 7-12 English teachers do not want to give up classics or other important reads they feel impact students, and literacy skills will be shared across disciplines. The expectation is Common Core standards will be implemented by 2014. The transition plan is for elementary ELA and Math beginning January 2014. In Phase 1, 2012-13, teachers participated in training, formed K-6 and 7-12 Curriculum Councils, identified topics in 2012-13 CCSS workshops, and Curriculum Council members would become district trainers. Phase 1 focus is on literacy instruction within existing ELA, History, and Science curriculum and we are applying standards to existing curriculum now. We had an August 6, 2013 launch date of our new website which has information on CCSS. In Phase 2, K-12 Math will need to focus on first adoption and is looking for bridging materials to supplement existing core math material, and Curriculum Council is charged with identifying bridging material this year.

In response to a question from Trustee Gilbert about adoption of new curriculum and whether the district will have to provide iPads or some form of electronic books or if there will be regular textbooks, Superintendent Malone responded that we haven't gotten a clear indication yet whether we will

have hardbound or electronic books or some combination of the two, but we will be able to take a look at this and could choose to pilot different texts at sites, and when we get a list of choices we will make available to the public. Ms. Gilbert also asked if we would be teaching students to type because students will need to type to respond to test questions, and Assistant Superintendent Rapinchuk responded that she met with our Tech Director and County Technology staff to brainstorm our Technology Plan and the need for keyboard fluency or some people can go just as fast with the two-finger texting approach, and the Tech Committee's plan is to identify keyboarding fluency by grade-span.

Trustee Dyer commented that the transition to Common Core is going on all over the state and nation and we seem to be ahead of other districts, and asked for a ballpark figure of how much we've spent to get to where we are now. Assistant Superintendent Rapinchuk stated she did not have the budget with her but costs so far include release days for teachers, bringing in substitute teachers for K-6 and 7-12 Curriculum Council and Technology Committee and teacher meetings, some teacher stipends, Boot Camp Training and Dive Deeper Into Common Core training registrations; these have been funded by categorical Title II funding that has to be used for opportunities for staff development and some other funds. It was noted this is a good investment to train our own staff internally so it fits Oakdale. Trustee Dyer indicated that he'd like to know how much we have spent.

Trustee Tozzi noted there is a lot of information about Common Core on the district website, the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents are embracing this, and he is hearing very positive things from people who care for kids.

**PUBLIC HEARING, PRESENT  
INITIAL PROPOSAL TO MODIFY  
OTA AGREEMENT**

12.1 Board President Tozzi opened the Public Hearing to present information on the initial proposals to modify the Agreement between the Oakdale Teachers' Association and the Oakdale Joint Unified School District at 8:02 p.m. There being no public comments, the public hearing closed at 8:02 p.m. Assistant Superintendent Taylor exchanged initial proposals with OTA Chief Negotiator Marty Fauria and OTA President Linda Kraus.

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR YEAR  
FINANCIAL REPORT**

12.2 Susan Dyke, Chief Business Officer, presented a report on the district's unaudited actuals for the period ending June 30, 2013. She reported on Estimated vs.



Unaudited Actuals, Expenditures by Operational Area (82% directly related to instruction), and a Fund Balance of \$14.4 million, with cash balance of 8,063,616, and a 5% reserve of \$2,078,214. She also noted the district has a 21.9% reserve, and we are in a much better position than last year and can start to look at replacing those things that were lost or cut or set aside funds for textbook adoption.

It was **M/S/C (Shatswell/Gilbert)** to Approve Prior Year Financial Report – Unaudited Actuals. Passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING, APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #13-14-01, PROVISION OF SUFFICIENT TEXTBOOKS & MATERIALS

12.3 / Board President Tozzi opened the Public Hearing on  
12.4 Approval of Resolution #13-14-01, Provision of Sufficient Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials at 8:10 p.m. There being no public comments, the public hearing closed at 8:10 p.m.

Assistant Superintendent Rapinchuk reported that each year the Board must certify that every student has sufficient textbooks/instructional materials aligned to the adopted content standards and/or Common Core standards which are consistent with the content of the adopted curriculum frameworks in Math, Science, and English/Language arts, and asked the board to waive reading of the resolution.

It was **M/S/C (Gilbert/Shatswell)** to approve Resolution #13-14-01, Provision of Sufficient Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all board members voting in favor.

ADOPTION, BP/AR 1312.3, UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

12.5 Larry Mendonca, Assistant Superintendent, presented this revised board policy/administrative regulation for second reading and adoption, noting revisions reflect new legal requirements included in Assembly Bill 1575 and Ed Code 234.1 and clarifies language from previous policy.

It was **M/S/C (Gilbert/Shatswell)** to approve the Second Reading and Adoption of BP/AR 1312.3, Uniform Complaint Procedures. All Board members voted in favor.

APPROVE RESOLUTION #13-14-03, E9270, REVISIONS TO CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE DESIGNATED POSITIONS

12.6 Superintendent Malone presented a revision to Conflict of Interest Code Designated positions, which is the promotion of Larry Mendonca from Director to Assistant Superintendent.

It was **M/S/C (Dyer/Gilbert)** to approve Resolution #13-14-03, E9270, Conflict of Interest Code, Revisions to Designated Positions. A Roll Call Vote was taken and all Board members voted in favor.

Trustee Dyer asked about the Board Bylaws heading on the second page. It was noted that this comes from Board Policy (Board Bylaws are the 9000 Series).

## INFORMATION

- 13.1 K-12 Minimum Day/Staff Development, September 11
- 13.2 EL Parent Night, Magnolia, September 17, 6-7 pm
- 13.3 Gifted Learner Back to School Night, Cloverland, September 18, 7-8 pm
- 13.4 OEF Dinner/Dance, Oakdale Golf & Country Club, September 28, 5:30-11 pm
- 13.5 OHS Drama Production of "Pocahontas", OHS Theater Friday, October 4 & Saturday, October 5, 7:00 pm Sunday, October 6, 2:00 pm
- 13.6 K-12 Minimum Day/Staff Development, October 9
- 13.7 Elementary Jog-A-Thon, October 11
- 13.8 OHS Homecoming Week, October 14-18

## ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- 14.1 2012 Accountability Progress Report
- 14.2 Facilities Update
- 14.3 Superintendent Malone offered to meet with Mr. Lane and Assistant Superintendent Rapinchuk to have a conversation about OHS Science Curriculum and will report back to the Board.
- 14.4 Trustee Shatswell commended administration, faculty and staff for the schools for their API scores. She congratulated Principal Dennis Hitch in particular for his impressive increase at the alternative Ed sites.

## ADJOURNMENT

- 16.0 The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.