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#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Ms. Monica Madrigal Lopez, President Mrs. Debra M. Cordes, Clerk Mr. Denis O'Leary, Member Mrs. Veronica Robles-Solis, Member Ms. Jarely Lopez, Member

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

Karling Aguilera-Fort, Ed.D.

District Superintendent

#### Vacant

Assistant Superintendent, Business & Fiscal Services

#### Vacant

Assistant Superintendent,
Human Resources & Support Services
Dr. Anabolena DeGenna

Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

## MINUTES SPECIAL BOARD MEETING Tuesday, July 14, 2020

4:00 p.m. Closed Session to Follow

SPECIAL (VIRTUAL) MEETING – ONLINE ONLY DUE TO COVID-19 SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER – VIA ZOOM

#### Section A: PRELIMINARY

## A.1. Call to Order and Roll Call (4:00 PM)

President Madrigal Lopez called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

**Present:** Trustees Monica Madrigal Lopez, Debra Cordes, Denis O'Leary, Veronica Robles-Solis and Jarely Lopez. Also in attendance were Superintendent Karling Aguilera-Fort, Assistant Superintendent Anabolena DeGenna, and Senior Executive Assistant Lydia Garcia.

## A.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Dr. Aguilera-Fort, Superintendent, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### A.3. District's Vision and Mission Statement

President Madrigal Lopez read the district's Mission and Vision Statement in English and Spanish.

## A.4. Adoption of Agenda (Superintendent)

The agenda was adopted as presented.

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

Mover: Veronica Robles-Solis

Seconder: Debra Cordes Moved To: Approve

Ayes: 5 - Debra Cordes, Denis O'Leary, Jarely Lopez, Monica Madrigal Lopez and Veronica

Robles-Solis

Motion Result: Passed

## A.5. Closed Session - Public Participation/Comment (Limit three minutes per person per topic)

There were no comments.

#### A.6. Closed Session

The Board convened to Closed Session at 4:08 p.m. to consider the following items:

- 1. Pursuant to Section 54957 of the Government Code the Board will consider personnel matters, including:
  - Public Employee Evaluation
    - Superintendent
  - Public Employee Appointment/Recommendation:
  - Interim Assistant Superintendent, Business & Fiscal Services
  - Interim Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

## A.7. Reconvene to Open Session

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 5:36 p.m.

#### A.8. Report Out of Closed Session

President Madrigal Lopez reported on the following actions taken in Closed Session:

Motion #20-01 Appointment of Janet Penanhoat as Interim Assistant Superintendent, Business &

**Fiscal Services** 

Mover: Debra Cordes

Seconder: Veronica Robles-Solis

Moved to: Appoint

Ayes: 5 – Jarely Lopez, Debra Cordes, Denis O'Leary, Monica Madrigal Lopez, Veronica

Robles-Solis

Motion Result: Passed

Motion #20-02 Appointment of Edd Bond as Interim Assistant Superintendent, Human

Resources

Mover: Debra Cordes

Seconder: Veronica Robles-Solis

Moved to: Appoint

Ayes: 5 – Jarely Lopez, Debra Cordes, Denis O'Leary, Monica Madrigal Lopez, Veronica

Robles-Solis

Motion Result: Passed

#### Section B: PUBLIC COMMENT/HEARINGS

# **B.1.** Public Comment (3 minutes per speaker) / Comentarios del Público (3 minutos para cada ponente)

- Stacie Thurman in support of continuing with distance learning.
- Scott McPherson in support of continuing with distance learning.
- Gabriel Teran in support of continuing with distance learning.
- Jabbar Wofford in support of continuing with distance learning.
- Pearl Ruiz in support of continuing with distance learning.
- Shelly Penner in support of continuing with distance learning.
- Julie Moreno in support of continuing with distance learning.
- Luz Chavez in support of continuing with distance learning.
- Jennifer Braun in support of continuing with distance learning.
- Julia Evins in support of continuing with distance learning.
- Anjanette Carrillo continue to plan for the hybrid when it is safe, but shift focus to PD for online learning.

Note: No new items will be considered after 10:00 p.m. in accordance with Board Bylaws, BB 9323 - Meeting Conduct

- Irma DeCandia in support of continuing with distance learning.
- Jenne Estes in support of continuing with distance learning.
- Mayra Sahagun in support of continuing with distance learning.
- Amanda Rodriguez in support of continuing with distance learning.

#### Section D: ACTION ITEMS

## D.1. Adoption of Instructional Model for Opening of School Year 2020-2021 (Aguilera-Fort/DeGenna)

Dr. Aguilera-Fort, Superintendent, opened the discussion regarding the model for re-opening of schools focused on instruction and safety. Two models are being prepared - hybrid model and 100% distance learning. Whichever model is implemented will have accountability and support, and he explained that the decision may change if needed. Dr. Ana DeGenna, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, continued the presentation with the background on the process that took place via the Re-Opening Schools Task Force with approximately 80 stakeholders. For TK-5, looking at a Hybrid model "AA-BB model". Cohort A students would attend school in the mornings on Mondays and Tuesdays. Required instructional minutes would be observed. In the afternoon teachers would connect with Cohort B students. Wednesdays would be 100% distance learning in order to allow staff time to work together on providing services, IEP's, SST's, and also for deep cleaning to happen before Cohort B students come to school on Thursdays and Fridays. On those days, teachers would connect with Cohort A students in the afternoon. For middle schools this would be a split-period model. Distance learning would need to include access to technology and devices; content must be aligned to grade level standards and at quality equivalent to in-person. Distance learning has been divided into three different spaces: synchronous, asynchronous, and independent. Social-emotional support will be provided for both students and staff. Masks, gloves, plexiglass, hand sanitizer, hand washing stations, thermometers, and disinfecting wipes have been purchased in preparation for students and staff returning to schools. Updates will continue to be posted on district webpage under "News" tab.

It was asked what type of student screening would be provided under these plans. Dr. DeGenna responded that it would be screening for symptoms, with the help of the 5 district nurses. The Superintendent is working with Public Health to explore what additional resources are available to have in place before the start of school. It was asked if schools would be closed down if any of the symptoms develop. Dr. Aguilera-Fort explained that the Public Health department would make those determinations, and that those instances would be communicated to parents. He added that the Board's vote today would authorize the administration to proceed with the planning process. All factors discussed by public speakers will be considered and a decision will be communicated by Monday, July 20th at the latest. It was asked that if a staff member decided not to report to a physical classroom, or on the computer, that would be placed in the employee's file or retaliated against. Dr. Aguilera-Fort explained the expectation that everyone

perform their job for the benefit of students, unless incapacitated and unable to do so. There will no be retaliation, but there will be follow-up through HR to investigate conditions preventing employees from performing their job duties. There was a suggestion from the Board to start with the distance learning model as a baseline, then progress to the cohort model and eventually back to full in-person learning, once it is safe. It was asked which items were nonnegotiable. Dr. Aguilera-Fort explained that they were: 1) meeting the mandated instructional minutes; 2) providing instruction (teaching); and 3) having interactive learning between teachers and students. Dr. DeGenna reported that it would most likely be October by the time all teacher and administrator trainings on the Canvas Learning Management System were completed, and parent/student trainings after that. It was requested that the information regarding that timeline be provided to the Board via the transmittal. Dr. Aguilera-Fort stated that Hueneme, Pleasant Valley, Ocean View and OSD are going with the two options presented today. He added that planning for the models will continue, but if the governor decides no one can attend school in situ, that decision will prevail. If the governor decides it is up to the districts, districts will collaborate with the department of health to determine the best and safest option. An emergency Board meeting could be called for this if needed. The Superintendent stated that parents would be notified that transportation would not be provided. Dr. DeGenna explained that instructional minutes requirements have been reduced during the pandemic. She added that if students return to school, there will still be an afterschool program under the ASES grant. Concern was expressed regarding reports of students being given assignments but not ever meeting with teachers. Following discussion, the Board authorized the administration to proceed with the planning process for both the hybrid and 100% distance learning models and to communicate a decision by July 20, 2021.

Motion #20-03 Adoption of Instructional Model for Opening of School Year 2020-21

Mover: Debra Cordes Seconder: Denis O'Leary

Moved To: Adopt

Ayes: 5 - Veronica Robles-Solis, Debra Cordes, Denis O'Leary, Jarely Lopez, Monica Madrigal

Lopez

Motion Result: Passed

#### Section F: BOARD POLICIES

## F.1. Approve 2nd Reading - BP 6157 Distance Learning and BP/AR 6158 Independent Study (DeGenna)

Dr. Ana DeGenna, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, presented revisions to BP 6157 and BP/AR 6158 for Second Reading and explained that the revisions were necessary in order to meet the needs of the community during COVID-19.

Motion #20-04 Approve Revisions to BP 6157 Distance Learning and BP/AR 6158 Independent Study (DeGenna)

Mover: Debra Cordes

Seconder: Veronica Robles-Solis

Moved To: Approve

Ayes: 5 - Veronica Robles-Solis, Debra Cordes, Denis O'Leary, Jarely Lopez, Monica Madrigal

Lopez

Motion Result: Passed

## **Section G: CONCLUSION**

## G.1. Superintendent's Announcements (3 minutes)

Dr. Aguilera-Fort:

• Thank you to the Board for their leadership.

• Thank you to everyone that participated in the Re-Opening Schools Task Force, including Dr. DeGenna, teachers, Facilites team, financial team, and safety & Risk team.

### G.2. Trustees' Announcements (3 minutes each speaker)

Jarely Lopez:

• Thank you to everyone for being patient and working with the Board on the re-opening process.

## Denis O'Leary:

Want to protect the health of every person that enters our schools. Hopes that we are
prudent - we need to protect our community. Need to be transparent and clear in reaching
the community about the events that happen.

#### Debra Cordes:

- Thanked everyone who has been working behind the scenes since March in order to get this plan in place.
- Extended condolences to Ruvalcaba family on their loss.
- Thanked everyone for their condolences in the loss of her father; would like to adjourn tonight's meeting in his honor.

#### Monica Madrigal Lopez:

- Thanked everyone for their efforts during the past 4 months.
- Encouraged everyone to stay safe during these trying times.

#### Veronica Robles-Solis:

unable to connect due to technical difficulties

## G.3. ADJOURNMENT

President Madrigal Lopez adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Motion: Motion to adjourn.

Mover: Debra Cordes Seconder: Jarely Lopez Moved To: Adjourn

Ayes: 4 - Debra Cordes, Denis O'Leary, Jarely Lopez, Monica Madrigal Lopez

Motion Result: Passed

Karling Aguilera-Fort, Ed.D.

District Superintendent and

Secretary to the Board of Trustees

By our signature below, given on this 20th day of October, 2021, the Board of Trustees of the Oxnard School District approves the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of July 14, 2020, on motion by Trustee ROBLES-SOLIS, seconded by Trustee MADRIGAL LOPEZ.
Signed:
Debra M Cordes
President of the Board of Trustees
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Member of the Board of Trustees
Member of the Board of Trustees
Patahra Martinez
Member of the Board of Trustees