

Oxnard Union High School District

Oxnard, California

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

August 12, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Oxnard Union High School District was called to order by President Sher on August 12, 2023 at 10:04 a.m., District Office Board Room, 1800 Solar Drive, Oxnard, California.

Trustees Present:

Karen M. Sher, President
Genevieve Flores-Haro, Vice President – absent, out of the country
Linda Baker Torres, Clerk
Dr. Steve Hall, Member
Elizabeth M. Botello, Member

Administration present:

Dr. Tom McCoy, Superintendent
Dr. Deborah Salgado, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources
Roger Adams, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services
Richard Urias, Assistant Superintendent Business Services
Sylvia M. Diaz, Executive Assistant

Translator:

Ana Rangel, Maria Uribe

Guests present:

KC Rodriguez, Karl Aldridge, Dr. Terri Leon, Chris Ramirez, Marianne Ramos, Michael VanAuker, Senerey De Los Santos, Brenda Bravo, Ron Briggs, Jeff Hoskinson, Al Velasquez, Matt La Belle and Dr. Shannon Scott.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Sher read the land acknowledgement.

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

President Sher asked Dr. McCoy to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Trustee Botello to adopt the agenda of August 12, 2023 Special Board meeting, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Baker Torres and carried with a vote of 4:0:1 as Trustee Flores-Haro was absent.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON OPEN SESSION ITEMS

KC Rodriguez asked for a moment of silence in memory of the anniversary of death for the late Supervisor Carmen Ramirez. She also spoke in support of the DSHS opening and thanked all that have worked on this project.

6. STAFF REPORT AND BOARD DISCUSSION

A. City of Oxnard/Del Sol HS Off Site Improvements

Dr. McCoy presented information on the city of Oxnard/Del Sol HS off-site improvements.

- California Division of the State Architect (DSA) is responsible for the approval of school construction. Contractors are limited to constructing anything without DSA approval.
- The on-site DSHS inspector of record (IOR) has recommended occupancy at this time.
- OUHSD received approval for occupancy at DSHS prior to Trustees taking any action on August 2, 2023.
- The DSHS off-site improvements are what's in question at this time. Trustees were appreciative of Mayor Zaragoza meeting with Dr. McCoy and staff on August 11, 2023 to move the off-site improvements issue along.
- On July 27, 2023 the City of Oxnard asked OUHSD to complete the installation of traffic signals, by August 4, 2023, and submit an amended traffic plan so the city would be able to provide provisional access to water and sewer once the city approved the amended traffic plan.
- OUHSD has submitted three revised traffic plans to the City of Oxnard, most recently on August 11, 2023. The city is due to receive a fourth revision on August 14, 2023 and it must confirm which striping is existing, new and deleted; must include specific information on how traffic signals will face and operate with the temporary lane

configurations; ensure appropriate street signs, with speed limits, and the positions of the street signs must be noted in the plans to a greater degree than currently noted and there must be greater detail on the signal heads, which are operational and which would be covered. If OUHSD can complete these issues, the city would allow conditional approval of access to the sewer and water.

- The city has other minor issues they would notify OUHSD of by the end of August 12, and is willing to work together with OUHSD to accomplish them.
- Dr. McCoy affirmed he is fully confident OUHSD would be able to implement the city's requests.
- If needed, as an alternative, OUHSD would work with a water company to use a sanitized and clean truck to acquire water from the Rio Mesa HS water wells to fill the truck daily with 4,000 gallons of water to be pumped into the system from a backflow device, to be installed at the corner of the campus near Camino Del Sol and Maulhardt Farm. This would be a daily process until the city gives OUHSD water access. The initial cost for this process would be \$55,000 for the first two months.
- For safety purposes at DSHS, Dr. Salgado is going to recruit 8-10 current employees, that don't have an eight hour position, to work as crossing guards for one hour prior to the start of school and one hour after school, times are flexible. Oxnard Police Department will train these crossing guards. Dr. McCoy noted the district was already planning to utilize crossing guards, at the recommendation of the construction team and the city, through the end of October. The crossing guards would be located in the driveway at Gibraltar Street, Rose Avenue and Camino Del Sol and Camino de la Luna and Jacinto. There may be some crossing guards at Cesar Chavez Drive and Rose Avenue, but if they aren't needed at that intersection they would be moved to Jacinto and Jaguar Drive.
- Dr. McCoy said a crosswalk was in place and a signal light was in use last week, Gibraltar and DSHS driveway, per existing plans but the city inspectors issued a "stop work order" and the district was asked to paint the crosswalk out and turn off the signal light. Dr. McCoy noted the district had approved stamped plans from the city for the crosswalk and the signal light.
- Dr. McCoy noted the challenges on this project have been unique and neither the construction team nor district staff have experienced this level of difficulty to this point.
- Dr. McCoy affirmed the city did provide the district access to the non-potable water which drives the fire, life and safety sprinkler system that are engaged and charged.
- Dr. McCoy recommended that Trustees take action to accept the occupancy recommendation from the DSA IOR and take action to authorize Dr. Kirschenstein, CDE Consultant, to send an amended Supercede letter, ratified by OUHSD Trustees.
- Dr. McCoy affirmed he is not recommending Trustees to ignore or take action on anything that would be a violation of a city ordinance, state law or anything illegal.
- Dr. McCoy affirmed the district has always planned to build DSHS in stages.
- Dr. McCoy affirmed DSHS will open on Wednesday, August 16, 2023.
- Dr. McCoy has not received any questions or comments from parents asking him not to open DSHS.
- Dr. McCoy spoke to Dr. Leon, DSHS Principal, and her team, on August 10 to update them on the condition with the temporary water, portable restrooms and not having access to their classrooms until Wednesday morning, August 16, and appreciates their patience and diligence. He also noted that Dr. Leon is in regular communication with her parent group.

Trustees thanked everyone in attendance for their support of Del Sol HS.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration of Approval of Interim Occupancy for Del Sol High School Under Temporary Conditions

Motion: Trustee Botello moved to approve the interim occupancy for Del Sol High School under temporary conditions, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Hall and carried with a vote of 4:0:1 as Trustee Flores-Haro was absent.

B. Consideration of Approval of a Supercede Request to the California Department of Education for Interim Occupancy for Del Sol High School Under Temporary Conditions

Motion: Trustee Baker Torres moved to approve a Supercede request to the California Department of Education for interim occupancy for Del Sol High School under temporary conditions, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Botello and carried with a vote of 4:0:1 as Trustee Flores-Haro was out absent.

C. Consideration of Approval of A-1 Water to Provide Services for the Temporary Water Condition at Del Sol High School - Del Sol Start Up Fund

Motion: Trustee Botello moved to approve the A-1 water to provide services for the temporary water condition at Del Sol High School - Del Sol Start Up Fund, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Baker Torres and carried with a vote of 4:0:1 as Trustee Flores-Haro was absent.

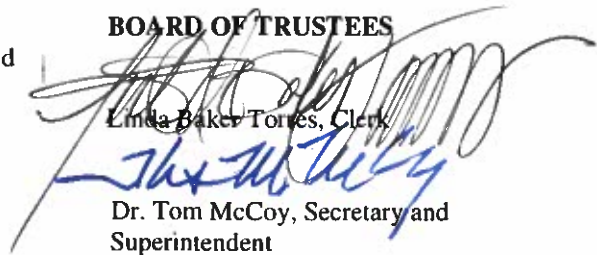
- Dr. McCoy stated the permanent bathrooms would be available once school begins, but there will be limited access to the sewer as there is no access to the city's sewer system. Portable restrooms would also be available for use. Drinking fountains will be charged, faucets, sinks and hot water to the kitchen would come from the A-1 water source.
- This item was approved on an as needed basis.

8. ADJOURNMENT

President Sher announced the meeting was adjourned in memory of the late Supervisor Carmen Ramirez at 11:16am.

Approved, as presented
August 23, 2023

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Linda Baker Torres, Clerk
Dr. Tom McCoy, Secretary and Superintendent

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