

OUSD Legislative Coalition

September 6, 2023 – O.U.S.D. Board Room 3

Present: **Mariana Flores** (U.S. Representative Lou Correa); **Kimberly Rangel** (U.S. Representative Lou Correa); **Brendon Moeller** (U.S. Representative Young Kim); **Matt Kern** (State Senator Dave Min); **Tina Arias Miller** (State Assemblyman Avelino Valencia); **Elena Rodriguez** (OUSD); **Dr. Ken Miller** (OUSD); **Eddie Angel** (OUSD); **Ana Page** (OUSD Board); **Andrea Yamasaki** (OUSD Board); **Whitney Amsbary** (OUEA); **Joseph Wilhelm** (OUEA); **Nisha Verma** (Chapman Hills ES); **Wendi Forrest** (McPherson K-8); **Beth Brunett** (Nohl Canyon ES/Cerro Villa MS); **Lindsay Whiddon** (Serrano ES); **Wendy Wolf** (Villa Park ES); **Eileen Hartfelder** (Canyon HS); **Neda Karam** (Canyon HS); **Kim Van Der Hoek** (El Modena HS); **Nicol Jones** (Villa Park HS); **Annette Cambiaso** (At Large); **Jolin Lang** (At Large); **Kathy Moffat** (At Large); **Kathryn White** (At Large); **Sandy Davidson** (Guest); **Amy Wang** (Guest-Irvine U.S.D.); **Thao Nguyen** (Guest-Irvine U.S.D.). Quorum was established.

Call to Order: Kathryn White, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:00am. She introduced Elena Rodriguez, who will be attending our meetings on behalf of OUSD. Elena is going to give her report now, since she has another commitment.

Elena Rodriguez, O.U.S.D.

- Elena greeted the group and said that she and Eddie Angel will be attending our meetings going forward and sharing news from the District.
- September is Attendance Awareness Month. Our district has over 22,000 kids, and every day matters. We averaged around 96% attendance before Covid. Last year was 92%. Each percentage point drop is equal to \$3 million dollars of lost funding per year in overall revenue. So that drop is \$12 million dollars lost to our district. They are trying to get the word out to parents to plan appointments around school hours, or have the child come for part of the day, since we can still get credit for partial attendance.

Kathryn White, Chair

- Kathryn shared that the intent of the group is to gather information and learn from our legislative representatives and OUSD. This group is non-partisan and we need to be respectful. If you have individual issues you can share them outside of this meeting. We will try to keep to our 1 hour and fifteen minute meeting time out of respect to our legislative representatives and members.
- Kathryn introduced herself to the group, and we went around the room and made introductions.

Secretary: Nicol Jones presented the June 2023 minutes for review and approval. Joseph Wilhelm moved to approve the minutes and Beth Brunett seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer: Eileen Hartfelder presented the Treasurers Report. There was no change during May, so our account balance is still \$1,362.92.

Mariana Flores, U.S. Representative Lou Correa

- At the last meeting we discussed HR 2802, the “Improving Mental Health Access for Students Act” that will add suicide prevention resources to student identification cards. There has been no movement on this bill.
- The two OUSD student interns from Villa Park High School and Canyon High School just finished and they are writing their letters of reference.
- Mariana is very excited to share the news of the various youth programs offered by the Congressman’s office:
 - The Young Congressional Leaders Program meets once per month with the Congressman. These

young people also have the opportunity to meet other elected officials, visit non-profits, etc. Please go on their website to enroll. The student does not have to reside in the Congressman's area. The fact that they attend school in his area qualifies the student to enroll. (Flyer is attached to these minutes.)

- Congressional Art Competition - Students submit artwork, and if they are selected their art can hang for one year in the Capitol. (Flyer is attached to these minutes.)
- The Congressional App Competition - This competition is open to middle and high school students, and the deadline is November 1st.
- Service Academy Nominations - They are hosting an information night tonight regarding our nation's Service Academies. You can apply to get a nomination from their office, and the Congressman gives out approximately ten nominations per year.

Brendon Moeller, U.S. Representative Young Kim

- The Congresswoman is obviously running a lot of the same Congressional programs for youth, so this report may be a little repetitive.
- Their fall internship program starts next week, and applications will be opening in spring for the summer internships.
- They hosted a Service Academy Night a couple weeks ago.
- They are also hosting the Congressional App Challenge, and the deadline is coming up this November 1st. (Flyer is attached to these minutes.)

Matt Kern, State Senator Dave Min

- Last week most bills were released from appropriations.
- All of their office's bills got out, but not all are related to education.
- Their bill SB381 regarding how e-bikes should be regulated was released as well.
- They are currently offering paid 3 month internships. You must be 18 or over, so this would be for our students' older siblings. Google "California Senate jobs" and look for their district office.

Tina Arias Miller, State Assemblyman Avelino Valencia

- Last night AB721 got out of the Senate and is headed for the Governor's desk. This would allow school districts to post their budgets on their school's website homepage instead of in the newspaper. This will take full effect in 2027 if signed, and will save \$400,000 state wide.
- They are in the development stages of their Young Legislators Program, so that will be coming soon.

Kathryn White, Chair

- Kathryn sent out a link to the California State PTA website and a link to Education Code for the State of California so we can stay informed on upcoming legislation.

Ana Page, OUSD Board of Education

- There is a Board meeting tomorrow night and the agenda is out.
- Ana discussed the difference between a first reading and a second reading, since many of the District's Bylaws and policies have been up for edit by both administrators and Board members, which is unusual. Andrea Yamasaki added that she encourages everyone to do their research on these items.
- Ana said that there have been some changes to the parent notification policy presented at the last Board meeting. One change is that the notice is given to the student's counselor, and the counselor notifies the parent.
- The City of Garden Grove has been short on open park space, so the District is working on a Joint Use Agreement with the City to use school grounds as park space. There is a particular emphasis on soccer in that area.

Andrea Yamasaki, OUSD Board of Education

- They have a Board meeting tomorrow night at 7:00pm. Closed session begins at 5:30pm. Everyone is free to submit public comment. Typically speakers have three minutes to speak, but it could be 1-2 minutes if there are a lot of speakers.
- There were some issues with the HVAC at Crescent, which went out at the hottest time a week or so ago. Portable air conditioners were brought in. They will be replacing a lot of the HVAC system with our ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds from Covid) funds.
- We did lots of work over the summer on our HVAC systems and shade structures with our ESSER funds, which will be expiring soon.
- OUSD has girls flag football now, so go out and support these athletes!
- We have a new Superintendent! Ernie Gonzalez was voted in at the last Board meeting. A contract is in the works.
- The City of Anaheim is considering a new bike trail by Canyon High School.
- Andrea stated that a recall has been filed against two of our School Board members. This is for informational purposes only, and no stance is taken for or against the recall at this meeting.
- Andrea was asked about Dr. Miller's new job. Dr. Miller is Acting Executive Director of Secondary Education. Craig Abercrombie will be taking that position once a new Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum is found. We have some movement in our upper administration since Joe Erven left as well. In addition, we also lost 9 -10 principals in our district over the summer. We do not yet have a permanent principal for Canyon High School either.

Kathryn White, Chair

- Please take a look at the Board agenda for tomorrow. If you have questions on an item, and the supplemental documents are not attached, you can ask the District for them. This is a great opportunity to dive in!
- Old business - none
- New business - we have several housekeeping issues.
 - Officer eligibility - Article V, Section 1:5 states, "Publicly elected officials shall not serve as officers." Nicol Jones is a member of Villa Park City Council and is our Secretary. We can either make a motion to make an exception to the Bylaws to allow her to serve for this year, or someone can take her place on the Board. Hearing no volunteers, Kathryn White made the motion that Nicol Jones be permitted to serve as Secretary for the 2023-2024 year and waive Bylaw Article V, Section 1:5 in this instance. Jolin Lang seconded the motion. The motion passed almost unanimously, with only Nicol Jones abstaining.
 - Kathryn stated that we have not updated our Bylaws since 2018, and the Executive Board has started looking at them. Right now the Bylaws only require 72 hours notice for Bylaw changes, but we will give more.
 - Kathryn White made the motion that a Bylaws Committee be convened with the following members: Annette Cambiaso, Eileen Hartfelder, Nicol Jones, Jolin Lang, Kathy Moffat, Kathryn White, and Wendy Wolf. Joseph Wilhelm seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
 - We need a Parliamentarian. Please email Kathryn or Wendy if you are interested.
 - Please notify Kathryn one week in advance if you would like to place an item on the agenda.
 - Kathy Moffat suggested that Members at Large pay the \$35 fee as well.
- Open discussion:
 - Kathy Moffat shared that she has been a part of an eleven member Orange County committee that advises on school district boundaries and voter boundaries. Recently, the Orange County Board of Education (OCBE) petitioned the State to absorb this committee into the OCBE. This is unique, as other counties work the same way ours does. The State Board of Education will take up this issue at their November meeting which will be held November 8-9. The County wanted it heard in September, but our Orange County committee asked for a longer lead time. You are allowed to call in for public comment if you are interested.
 - Annette Cambiaso wanted to give her thanks to the District for the many teachers who came to the

funeral for one of our former students. He attended OUSD for K-8, but went to Servite for 9-12. But all of his K-3 teachers attended his funeral. She knows that they had to take time away to do this, and she really appreciates the support that these teachers and the district showed to this student's family and friends. Whitney Amsbury will share this with other teachers.

- Andrea has an update on the parent notification policy mentioned earlier. Rob Bonta, the State Attorney General, has filed an injunction against Chino Hill's similar parent notification policy and it was granted by a judge today, so they cannot implement the policy. This could have consequences for our proposed policy tomorrow evening. Rob Bonta has a hearing scheduled for October 13.
- Wendi Forrest announced that the Orange Unified Public Schools Foundation (OUPSF) is having their very first car raffle! It will go until the end of October and all the money comes back to our schools.
- Andrea Yamasaki wanted to add that our Measure S Phase II projects are coming along well. We will be having a "topping off" ceremony at Orange High School on September 19 at 4:00pm.

Meeting was adjourned by Kathryn White at 12:01pm.

ATTACHMENTS:

Report of Financial Activity, August 2023

Congresswoman Young Kim-Congressional App Challenge flyer

Congressman Lou Correa-Congressional Art Competition flyer

Congressman Lou Correa-Young Congressional Leaders flyer

Next meeting date is Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 11:00am – O.U.S.D. Board Room 3

For future meetings and locations, go to <https://www.orangeusd.org/departments/board-of-education/legislative-coalition>

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REPORT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
Wednesday, September 6, 2023

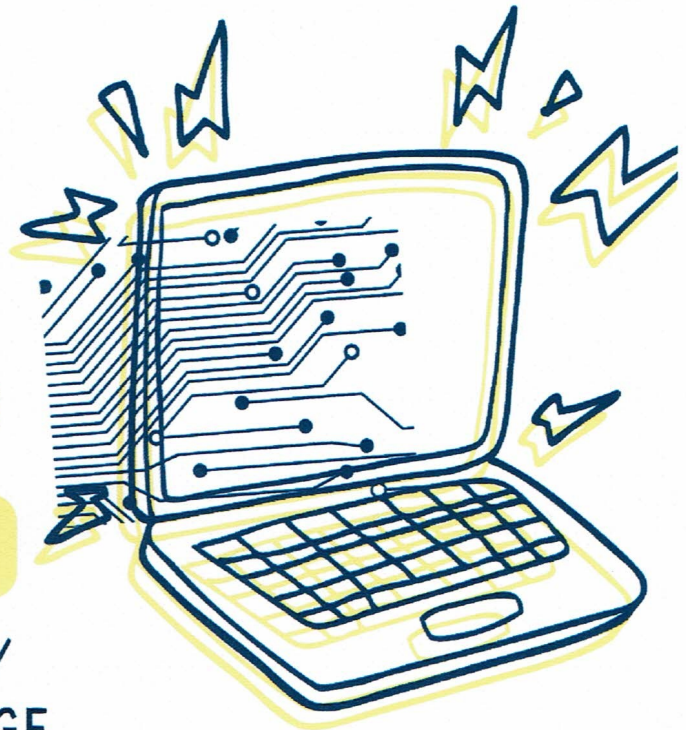
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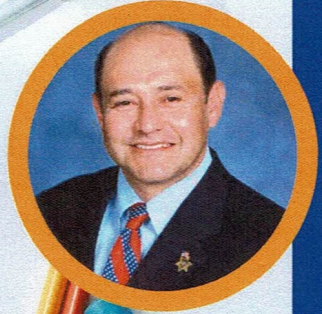
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