

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023, 5:45 P.M.
Oakdale Joint Unified School District Office
Technology & Staff Development Center
331 Hinkley Avenue, Oakdale, CA

THIS MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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CALL TO ORDER	1.1	The meeting was called to order at 5:06 P.M. by Board Clerk Clayton Schemper.
TRUSTEES PRESENT	1.2	Diane Gilbert, Clayton Schemper, and Terri Taylor; student board member Grace Miller was present for Open Session.
LATE ARRIVALS	1.3	None
TRUSTEES ABSENT	1.4	Bill Duvall and Tina Shatswell
VISITORS PRESENT	1.5	
CLOSED SESSION	2.0	Board Clerk Schemper adjourned the meeting into Closed Session at 5:06 p.m. Open Session reconvened at 6:30 p.m.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	3.0	Trustee Taylor introduced students from Cloverland Elementary School who led the Pledge of Allegiance: Jayden Cline, Grade 4, Hayden Felt, Grade 5, Adelaide Crowe, Grade 6. These students were awarded Certificates of Appreciation for their participation.
ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION	4.0	<p>Item 2.2- Board Clerk Schemper reported the Board voted (3-0) to approve stipulated expulsion of students for Fall 2023 and Spring 2024: Student #22-23-02 for Ed Code violations 48900 (c), 48900 (j), 48900 (k), 48915 (a)(2), 48915 (b)(1), 48915 (b)(2). Student #22-23-03 for Ed Code violations 48900 (c), 48900 (h), 48900 (j), 48900 (k), 48915 (a)(2), 48915 (b)(1), 48915 (b)(2).</p> <p>Item 2.3 – Board Clerk Schemper reported no action was taken.</p> <p>Item 2.4 – Board Clerk Schemper reported the Board took action and voted (3-0) to reject a claim.</p> <p>Item 2.5 – Board Clerk Schemper reported no action was taken.</p>
APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA	5.0	It was M/S/C (Gilbert/Taylor) to approve the order of agenda items as presented. Passed unanimously.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	6.0	None

ORGANIZATION REPORT, OTA	7.1	Omar Salinas, OTA President, reported the secondary level are heading into the final month of the first semester and are getting ready for finals. Elementary sites are in their second trimester; and teachers are getting students ready to learn. He re-emphasized Kindergarten teachers are feeling the excitement but some anxiety setting up all day Kindergarten, and noted the importance of having teachers involved in the decision-making.
ORG. REPORT, CSEA	7.2	None
ORGANIZATION REPORT, STUDENT	7.3	Student representative Grace Miller expressed thanks to all Veterans. She congratulated the Boys' Cross Country team on winning the Section Championship; they will go on to compete at the State meet November 25. The football team advanced to playoffs with a game against Grant Union High School this Friday. She reported the Leadership Class will be hosting a "Holiday Week" December 4-8. She also asked the community to come together to support Noah Mayfield and his family; Noah is in critical condition in the hospital, and there is a "Go Fund Me" that she would be happy to share the link with anyone interested.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	8.0	Clerk Schemper opened the Public Comments portion of the agenda at 6:41 p.m.
CINDY TOSTE		Cindy Toste addressed the Board regarding Kindergarten Paraprofessionals. She noted a shortage of behavioral paraprofessionals for Kindergarten teachers. She works at Fair Oaks, and they will be getting 2 positions for 4 Kindergarten classes; these 2 permanent paras would be shared by 4 Kindergarten classes. She stated that she was a Paraprofessional for a Kindergarten class and she was needed the whole time, but the most important time is in the morning, and feels two teachers will be gyped out of time. She feels each Kindergarten teacher needs a para from 8-2. She knows they need help to help the kids with bathroom breaks, they need help opening their milk, they need snacks, and the teachers need bathroom breaks. She stated it will be crazy next year going full time.
JAMES OLIVEIRA		James Oliveira addressed the Board regarding three issues: 1) College Access for OHS Students – He is pleased to see the UC Merced Admissions Program on the agenda tonight; it is a great school for kids and it would be great if OHS sent kids to UC Merced each year. 2) Dual Enrollment – He stated the high school has been working on setting up for a while; that should be a program on top of the Board's agenda in terms of getting things done. UC School Admissions Programs brings up dual enrollment all the time. It allows high school kids to take college courses. At the recent OHS Career Night, a question was asked about whether they are doing dual enrollment. His family is in regular communication with a college consultant, and he says if OHS wants to be treated seriously with UC admissions programs, they need to be doing dual enrollment, as it is a way they evaluate for OHS students; it would go a long way to improving the numbers of admissions.

3) A-G Task Force – He stated the Task Force has met several times, and it would be great if it was on the next agenda and the public got an update on what they have accomplished, and who is on the Task Force.

MICHAEL NESSL

Michael Nessler addressed the Board regarding the Healthy Kids Survey. He stated that his 7th grade daughter brought home a paper about participating in the Healthy Kids survey, and that parents could check out information on the website. He expressed concern about several of the questions:

#3 – *What is your gender? Male, Female, Nonbinary, Something Else*

#4 – *Are you transgender? No, Yes, Not Sure, Decline to respond*

#5 – *Which best describes you? Straight, Lesbian or Gay, Bisexual, Something Else, Not Sure, Decline to respond*

He is concerned because it is a Healthy Kids Survey; the rest of the survey seems appropriate, but he feels questions #3, 4, and 5 are inappropriate. He elected to have his daughter not do the survey and encouraged more parents to opt their children out or asked that we revise the survey to be more like the elementary survey.

Trustee Taylor suggested he contact Armida Colon; she is in charge of this survey. It was noted it is a survey we get from the State and we cannot revise, and the parent may opt out or students may choose not to answer specific questions.

Public Comments closed at 6:49 p.m.

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 (Taylor/Gilbert)** to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented. Passed unanimously.

ADOPT MINUTES OF
10/09/23 AS PRESENTED

9.3.1 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board adopted minutes of its regularly scheduled meeting held Monday, October 9, 2023, as presented.

APPROVE INTERDISTRICT
TRANSFER REQUESTS

9.4.1 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved interdistrict attendance transfer requests, 2023-24 or 2024-25 school year, as presented.

ACKNOWLEDGE STUDENT
DISCIPLINE REPORT, 10/23
& 2-YEAR COMPARISON

9.4.2 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board acknowledged the Student Discipline Report for the month of October, 2023, and Prior Two-Year Comparison, as presented.

APPROVE SCHOOL SITE
SAFETY PLANS

9.4.3 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Comprehensive School Site Safety Plans, Cloverland and Magnolia, as presented:

APPROVE WARRANTS THRU
10/31/23, & CYCLE I & II
PAYROLL FOR OCTOBER 2023

9.5.1 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved district warrants prepared for payment through October 31, 2023, and Cycle I & II Payroll for October, 2023, as presented.

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| APPROVE CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS | 9.5.2 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Consultant Agreements, as presented. |
| APPROVE ASB ACCOUNTS, OJHS, OCT. 2023 | 9.5.3 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Student Body Accounts, Oakdale Junior High School, October, 2023, as presented. |
| APPROVE ASB ACCOUNTS, OHS, OCT. 2023 | 9.5.4 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Student Body Accounts, Oakdale High School, October, 2023, as presented. |
| APPROVE CAFETERIA AGREEMENT, EAST VALLEY EDUCATION CENTER | 9.5.5 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Cafeteria Agreement with East Valley Education enter, as presented. |
| AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL, OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS | 9.5.6 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board authorized Disposal of Obsolete Equipment and Materials, as presented. |
| ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS, CERTIFICATED | 9.6.1 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board accepted certificated resignations, as presented: Ryan Berg, Social Science Teacher, OHS, eff. 10/16/23
Vincent Fauria, 3 rd Grade Teacher, FO, eff. 10/20/23 |
| APPROVE EMPLOYMENT, CERTIFICATED | 9.6.2 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved certificated employment, as presented: Amanda Vieira, Temp. Social Science Teacher, OHS, eff. 10/17/23 |
| ACCEPT RETIREMENT, CLASSIFIED | 9.6.3 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board accepted classified retirement, as presented: Chris Bonson, Maintenance Technician, M&O, eff. 10/13/23 |
| ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS, CLASSIFIED | 9.6.4 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board accepted classified resignations, as presented: Brittneay Burket, Yard Duty Aide, Magnolia, eff. 10/17/23
Kathryn Cederlind, L.V.N, SV/District Wide, eff. 10/30/23
Bree Goglio, Secretary II, Sierra View, eff. 11/17/23
Caitlin Johnstad, Behav. Program Para 1:1, CLOV, eff. 10/10/23
Ricardo Lopez, ELP Aide, Sierra View, eff. 10/6/23
Paige Rodrigues, ELP Aide and Inst. Aide, FO, eff. 12/15/23
Danielle Sederquist, Behav. Program Para 1:1, OHS eff. 10/17/23
Rosa Suarez, ELP Aide, Fair Oaks, eff. 10/31/23
Melissa Welch, Instructional Aide, Sierra View, eff. 10/4/23 |
| APPROVE EMPLOYMENT, CLASSIFIED | 9.6.5 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved classified employment, as presented: Ashliegh Allan, Yard Duty Aide, Fair Oaks, eff. 10/30/23
John Creech, Groundsworker, M&O, eff. 10/24/23
Jennifer Harris, Cafeteria Assistant, OHS/CK, eff. 11/1/23
Brenda Kindred, Before School Prog. Leader, SV, eff. 10/16/23
Jennifer Mckimmie, Yard Duty Aide, SV, eff. 10/20/23
Allisen Murphy, Instructional Aide–Title I, SV, eff. 10/19/23
Linda Nuno Saucedo, Yard Duty Aide, SV, eff. 10/31/23 |

- APPROVE TRANSFER,
CLASSIFIED
- 9.6.6 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved classified transfer, as presented: Wyatt Casey, from Custodian III 7-12, OJHS, to Maintenance Technician, M&O, eff. 11/6/23
- DISPOSITION OF ITEMS
REMOVED FROM CONSENT
- 10.0 None
- REPORTS,
SBAC SCORES
- 11.1 Assistant Superintendent Gillian Wegener presented a report on SBAC scores, focusing on English Language Arts, math, and science scores at elementary and secondary sites. She reported that SBAC is the big test we take every spring. The 2023 SBAC was given toward the end of what was a relatively normal year in education after the disruptions of the pandemic. Students took the test in school, and though it was still the shortened version of the test and still no claim or target data was made available for the students who did take the test, the whole experience was the closest to pre-pandemic test taking that we've had. The lack of claim or target data limits the information schools and teachers have about their students' areas of strength or weakness, but we do have overall percentages and scale scores that are very comparable to the 2022 scores.
- After reviewing SBAC scores comparisons and Site SBAC scores for ELA, Math, and Science (CAST), she reviewed next steps at the elementary and secondary levels, as well as State/County/Unified Districts comparison.
- She noted that once again, OJUSD has earned the top scores in Stanislaus County in ELA, Math, and Science. The District's overall scores for 2023 have remained within a percentage point of last year's in all three subjects, but a few individual sites have experienced significant drops in their scores despite the dedicated work of staff, students, and administration. There is clearly work to be done at all sites. This has already been a source of concern and conversation at district and site level meetings, and will continue to be a major area of focus throughout the rest of this school year.
- In response to a question from Trustee Taylor about whether sites are looking at data for cohorts, or whether individually students can be looked at by teachers, Dr. Wegener responded that the CAASP site makes it difficult for teachers to look at students scores from last year.
- There was a question about *iReady* diagnostics teachers use in classrooms and what we are doing moving forward. We use in the Learning Lab, but it is not just for intervention, and they have had huge success. We are trying to move away from using in classrooms because it is very expensive and we are getting away from having kids on the computer and having more teaching done. Dr. Wegener noted that

iReady is a terrific program and she thinks we can leverage for the whole district, especially when we adopt Math curriculum in a couple of years. Trustee Taylor understands the cost; but if it is effective, we could look at that.

Superintendent Mendonca stated when Principals do analysis, they have honest discussions with staff about cohorts and see how data shakes out. He noted it is evident the effect that learning loss has had across our district and the state. It was noted that actions being taken, work that happens with teachers, when they analyze data and have conversations that are very powerful, that good work is happening. The passion they have, the work our coaches are doing and that teachers are getting in training sessions, make effective use of it and have fierce conversations.

Trustee Gilbert asked Dr. Wegener to expand on the effect of non-participation. Dr. Wegener responded we had way fewer opt outs last year, but if a student opts out, they are assigned the lowest possible scale score. If we have 100 students who take ELA SBAC, and 5 opt out, each is assigned the lowest possible score and it pulls down scores of the district. We had over 300 students who didn't participate; when you look at that, it is a big hit.

Trustee Gilbert asked if we did anything this year to encourage students and families to participate. Dr. Wegener responded she is not sure what we did last year, but this year they are thinking of a number of incentives: gift cards, parking spots, food truck lunch, extended lunch (would have to take minutes from brunch and move to extended lunch), music during lunch, and a brunch award. They are considering a student survey to see what incentives students would like. Trustee Gilbert would be interested in what incentives we are providing, and in making families aware of consequences of not participating.

Trustee Schemper noted we had a new curriculum in science, and asked if there are any curriculum changes in other areas. Dr. Wegener responded there have not been other ELA or Math curriculum changes. It was noted that we are still dealing with post-pandemic issues.

REPORTS,
FIRST READING: BP 6170.1,
TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

11.2 Assistant Superintendent Gillian Wegener presented first reading of revisions to this board policy which include changes to age eligibility, hours, and cleanup of language to reflect the most current TK policy provided by CSBA.

She reported current policy states that TK students must turn five between September 2nd - December 2, but that is no longer the case as each year between 2021-22 and 2025-26 that age eligibility increases by two months,

eventually allowing students who turn five between September 2 of one year and September 1 of the next year to enter TK. Current policy also states that TK must have the same number of hours as the Kindergarten program, something we can create flexibility for in the updated policy, allowing the Board to decide the hours of the TK and K classes. It is not feasible to have full-day TK in our district because of the age expansion requirements and current limitation on facilities. These changes will be reflected in the updated policy.

She reported the most significant changes include the list of students eligible for TK in the five years of the TK expansion, which moves to include all students the year they turn five. It also includes updated language regarding the preschool foundations and curriculum frameworks that structure the TK program, language that will allow the Board to determine the length of the TK school day (strongly recommended to remain half-day at this time), language regarding the expanded day offerings, updated language regarding credentialing for TK teachers that took place when TK expansion started in 2022, and updated language regarding Kindergarten Continuance forms. This policy will be brought back to the next meeting for second reading and adoption.

APPROVAL OF MAAP
(MERCED AUTOMATIC
ADMISSIONS PROGRAM)
FOR OHS

- 12.1 Assistant Superintendent Gillian Wegener presented this agreement which allows eligible students to apply early to UC Merced and to be guaranteed admission to the school. OHS students will have their transcripts evaluated twice a year to determine their eligibility and provide the opportunity to support students in being UC-ready. Students must apply to the MAAP Program, and then to the UC school/s of their choice. Students who are accepted into the MAAP program have early access to scholarships, access to campus events and tours, and access to college mentors, but are not locked in to attending UC Merced if they choose to attend elsewhere.

She reviewed Student Requirements:

- Complete 15 yearlong A-G courses (admissions requirement)
- Weighted GPA 3.5
- No grade lower than a "C" in A-G courses (unrepeated)
- Completed 3 of 4 required Area B 9 (English) courses by Spring Term Junior year
- Completed Area C (Math) by Spring term junior year
- Complete eligibility requirements senior year

Steps for MAAP Applicants:

- Free MAAP application by July 31 starting senior year; submit UC Freshman Application (Oct. 1 – Nov. 30)
- Early preliminary review of admissions (Summer)
- Proactive Concierge application support (Fall)

- Priority review (Winter)
- Early notification (Early Spring)
- Enrollment Coaches (Spring to Fall Enrollment)

Partner Requirements:

- Transcript Evaluation Service User
 - o No cost to Oakdale if part of program
 - o Regular evaluations of all transcripts
 - o No outside use of information
- MAAP MOU
- Data sharing Agreement
- Co-Promote Program

She noted there is no downside to this. It pulls people in who may not have seen themselves going to college or to a UC at all. We sign the agreements: MOU with UC Merced, Transcript Evaluation Service run by UC, Data Sharing Agreement with UC Merced, and agree to co-promote the program.

Trustee Schemper asked about the slide that listed no repeated courses, and if it would eliminate you if you had ever retaken a course. Dr. Wegener responded that is what they are saying, but she will check. It doesn't mean they can't apply; but they may not automatically admit.

In response to a question from Trustee Schemper if there is a negative consequence to Data Sharing, Dr. Wegener responded they were very open that this is a safe procedure.

Trustee Gilbert asked if there are other UC's that have similar automatic admissions programs. Dr. Wegener responded CSU Sonoma is doing something similar. She has not heard if Stanislaus State is doing something similar but will look into it.

Trustee Taylor commented on a trip to UC Merced. It was noted there was a trip to CSU Fresno through the Peer Mentor Program. We are trying to increase field trips to college because we want them to have that experience. Superintendent Mendonca noted that is part of the discussion of the A-G Task Force.

It was **M/S/C (Taylor/Gilbert)** to approve MAAP (Merced Automatic Admissions Program) for Oakdale High School. Passed unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION TO
PURCHASE SCHOOL BUSES

- 12.2 Chief Business Officer Cassandra Booth presented this item to approve purchase of 6 new school buses in the amount of \$211,824 each. She explained that it has been determined that the district may purchase school buses that other public agencies went out to bid on; the South County Support Agency went out to bid to purchase school buses, and the lowest responsible bidder was

Creative Bus Sales. Over the years the district has set aside funds to replace aging school busses, and California Air Resources Board strict pollution limits and the Governor's approval of a bill signed to limit gas and diesel vehicles purchases starting in 2024, these will likely be the last diesel bus purchases made by the district for the foreseeable future. With this purchase, the District will be able to eliminate old Blue Bird busses.

In response to a question from Trustee Taylor about the ages of the busses, Director of Transportation Kat Songer explained we will be replacing 1998 – 2004 models with the newer models; the oldest in our fleet will be 2005. This will be a great start for us and will hold us over until we give the Electric Vehicle world time to evolve; the EV world needs a little more time to evolve and then we can weigh our options. We would have to completely remodel the infrastructure of our bus yard to go EV. She noted with EV busses, the charge is being sold as able to go 125 miles, but typically drivers are getting anywhere from 35 – 70 miles, and some of our routes are beyond that mileage. These busses will be identical to the Special Ed busses we have purchased the last couple of years, just a little bigger. The new busses will carry 76 students and will have Air Conditioning. Trustee Schemper noted it's easier to buy all of the same model for parts and repair.

It was **M/S/C (Gilbert/Taylor)** to authorize Purchase of School Busses. Passed unanimously.

INFORMATION

- 13.1 Fall Broadway Choir Concert: OJHS & OHS Choirs, OHS Theater, Nov. 15, 6:00 & 7:30 pm. *(Parent Michael Nessl commented that choir performances are 5:30 & 7:00; to be confirmed.)*
- 13.2 Sierra View Winter Festival in Café, Nov. 16, 5-8:00 pm
- 13.3 K-12 Minimum Day, Friday, November 17
- 13.4 Schools Closed / Thanksgiving Holiday, Nov. 20 – 24
- 13.5 OJUSD Board Meeting, OJUSD Technology & Staff Development Center, Dec. 11, 6:30 pm
- 13.6 Sierra View Winter Performance, TK-2, Nov. 29, 6:00 & 7:00 pm
- 13.7 Oakdale Christmas Parade, OHS & OJHS Bands & Drumlines, Poplar Street, Dec. 2, 4:30 pm
- 13.8 Holiday Showcase OJHS & OHS Choir Concert, OHS Theater, Dec. 4, 6:00 & 7:30 pm. *(Parent Michael Nessl commented that choir performances are 5:30 & 7:00; to be confirmed.)*
- 13.9 Sierra View Elementary Choir Winter Concert: Int. Choir, Cafe, Dec. 5, 6:00 pm

- 13.10 OJHS Band, Drumline and Jazz Concert, OJHS Gym, December 6, 6:30 pm
- 13.11 FFA Winter Banquet/Greenhand Degrees, Bianchi Center, December 7, 6:00 pm
- 13.12 OHS Fall Formal, Assyrian American Civic Club of Turlock, December 9, 8-11 pm
- 13.13 OHS Band, Drumline and Jazz Concert, OHS Theater, December 8, 6:30 pm
- ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA
- 14.1 Annual Organizational Meeting/Board Member Election
- 14.2 First Interim Financial Report
- 14.3 Report on Bus Right Routing System
- 14.4 Approval of 2024-25 School Calendar
- ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA
- 15.1 OJUSD Annual Dashboard Accountability Update (Jan.)
- 15.2 Board Study Session – Superintendent Mendonca announced a Board Study Session will be scheduled Wednesday, November 15, 4:00 p.m. District legal counsel will be reviewing legal requirements; it will be a 2-3 hour session and will be open to the public.
- 15.3 Trustee Schemper would like to bring up a possible Board Policy issue on parent notification when secondary students check out certain books with adult content.
- 15.4 Trustee Gilbert stated she was disturbed about the Healthy Kids Survey content, that we can't choose the questions, and that we may want to tell the state we can't use the test. Armida Colon, Director of State & Federal Programs, explained the survey is completely optional. Once the survey starts, if a student doesn't want to answer questions, they have the right to do so. They can opt out before or during the survey. She noted the gender questions have been around for some time, and were on the last survey. Trustee Gilbert stated there may be a time when we say we don't want to use the survey because it doesn't reflect the values of the community.
- 15.5 Trustee Gilbert is interested in the college selection issue, noted college affordability is a huge issue, and community colleges have established transfer paths that might make the most sense to some students. They also have free tuition and books, and sometimes provide a rent subsidy.
- ADJOURNMENT
- 16.0 The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.