

## **Approved Minutes Regular Board Meeting (Thursday, November 16, 2023)**

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### **Members Present**

Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

### **1. OPENING ITEMS**

Information: **A. Call Meeting to Order at 5:32 PM**

Procedural: **B. Establish Quorum**

Six members present for a quorum: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Procedural: **C. Public Comments on Closed Session Agenda Items**

Public comments on item 2A. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release - Government Code 54957

Lorrie Kaylor: Talked about staff turnover. Recall people say employees are leaving the district because of the board majority. Six large districts were surveyed. Regular turnover is 35%. We have 25%.

Kim Flint: Talked about staff turnover. There was never talk about the reasons why people leave. It could be retirement or more money. All districts have problems filling positions.

Rosa Otero: Talked about staff turnover. Who is leaving? Liberal views? Are they leaving because they can get away with anything at other districts?

Public comments on item 2D. Conference with Real Property Negotiators - Government Code Section 54956.8

Andrea Smalaaden, OUSD student: The unused space is used for physical therapy, speech, etc. It's not an unused space. She advocates for the most vulnerable students.

Gabriel Bremudez, OUSD student: He does not want his school to close. He is worried about where he has to go and being separated from his friends. The staff and teachers are kind.

Elmer Novda, OUSD student: What about him when his school is closed? Please make the right choice and don't do this.

Joseph R., OUSD student: He feels bad for his sibling. They should be able to go to Esplanade too and have what he has. He doesn't want to change schools.

Jessie A., OUSD student: Do not close his school. All his friends are there and his teacher is the best. He wants to graduate from Esplanade.

Cortes: Good memories. He wants his brother to experience the same. They have good programs.

Gabriel Gonzalez, OUSD student: His friends and teachers are at Esplanade. It's his home school. He learned a lot. OCCA needs to leave Esplanade alone.

Gershwin Rodriguez, OUSD student: He wants to finish the school. He has great teachers and great times. OCCA needs to leave Esplanade alone.

Joshua Vargas: Has lasting relationships at OCCA. Has helped him as a student and a person. OCCA needs to grow as a school. This will create a better future for all.

Carly Rosell: Great experience at OCCA. There is a rich curriculum and she has many friends. They need more kids to experience this too and that's why they need to grow.

Levi Helwig: Has been at OCCA for four years. Has helped him with his learning.

Duncan Helvig IV: OCCA has done well. It's a great school that needs to keep growing for him to be in High School at OCCA.

Joel Sanchez: 3 years OCCA. wonderful teachers and education. Needs to return for high school.

Lucas Garcia: Loves OCCA. He is thankful for all his experiences and he is thriving at his school. He is pushed to work hard. It's a blessing for him and his family.

Skylar Mundy: OCCA has a classical education that is great and exciting. It's all about being honest and doing the right thing. It's like a big family.

Ariana Castillas: OCCA learning and character. And do the right thing. We need to expand. Moral will be taught.

Sarah Helwig: Her child has grown so much at OCCA and no longer needs an IEP.

Kate T: Very disappointed that no action has been taken against people who lie about OCCA. Approve the sharing plan.

Joel Contreras: OCCA is very enriching, kind, welcoming, and a great learning environment. Share a space to get an equal chance to learn. Wants to go to High School at OCCA.

Erinne Mejia: Esplanade is her home school in her neighborhood and she is your constituent. There are zero classrooms available. Trustee Miner needs to recuse herself from voting as her kids attend OCCA.

Abigail H: Thanked OCCA for the success of her 4th-grade students as they reached a superior level in reading and writing.

Beth Cipres: Works at Esplanade. It is a community school with extra services for the community like a food pantry, and community space. Families depend on the support they receive at Esplanade. This is a closure plan. Every room is being used, with services required by the law. This board is chosen for OUSD students, not charter students.

Kassie: Trustee Miner should not vote since she has kids who attend OCCA. OCCA parents are leaking information. Esplanade is a second home to students and you are taking it.

Conception Beltran: Do not sell or rent Esplanade. Why so many lies? What is the intention behind this? Think about the children that will be affected. Trustee Miner should not vote.

Craciara: Do not take Esplanade. 342 signatures of those that oppose. Esplanade serves the community. Keep the school intact.

Claire Cipres: Esplanade is a community school. Don't take it.

Sandra I, OUSD parent: It is disgusting to push students out. Where will the students go? OCCA wants the space for high school, not for more elementary. Be ashamed of yourselves. Make the right decision.

Veronica Cisneros: OUSD parent: Has been with Esplanade for over 30 years. Trustee Ledesma lied about closing the school. Esplanade will defend itself.

Following the public comments, Trustee Yamasaki expressed her concern that the board did not increase the time for public input so that all speakers could be heard.

Procedural: **D. Adjourn to Closed Session at 6:22 PM**

## 2. CLOSED SESSION

### A. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release - Government Code 54957

### B. Public Employee Appointment - Government Code 54957

DESCRIPTION: Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, Principal, Elementary School (3)

### C. Conference with Labor Negotiators - Government Code Section 54957.6

DESCRIPTION: Conference with Labor Negotiators - Government Code Section 54957

AGENCY NEGOTIATOR: John Rajcic, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Rudd and Romo

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS: Orange Unified Education Association and Classified School Employees Association

### D. Conference with Real Property Negotiators - Government Code Section 54956.8

DESCRIPTION: PROPERTY: 381 N. Esplanade Street, Orange, CA 92869

AGENCY NEGOTIATORS: Orange Unified School District (Owner) Real Property Negotiators: Ernest Gonzalez, Superintendent; David A. Rivera, Deputy Superintendent/CBO; Davina Harden, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, District Legal Counsel

NEGOTIATING PARTY: Orange County Classical Academy

UNDER NEGOTIATION: Instruction to negotiators will concern both price and terms of payment

## 3. CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR SESSION - 8:08 PM

Procedural: **A. Pledge of Allegiance**

Procedural: **B. Report of Closed Session Decisions**

The Board of Education is pleased to announce the following appointments: Matthew Strickland, Dustin Saxton, and Jacqueline Barry to the position of Principal, Elementary School. The vote was 6-0-1

In a separate vote, Ms. Tracy Knibb was appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources. The vote was 6-0-1

Action: **C. Adoption of Agenda**

Public comment:

Alex Brewsaugh, OUSD parent: Item 8A Recall. The recall was organized and should have been on the agenda for a vote on setting the election date.

Item 13H: SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD (SARC) FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR, will be moved to a future meeting.

Approval

Motion by John Ortega, second by Madison Miner.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

## 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Information: **A. School Spotlight: Emma Hoffmann - El Modena High School**

Trustee Ledesma introduced El Modena High School student Emma Hoffmann. Emma was accompanied by her ASB Class, ambassadors, Principal Preciado, and Activities Directors Vicki Mull and Lori Rivera, and dance teacher Kelly Hesp.

Ms. Hoffmann shared some on-campus activities that allow for our students to actively engage with ASB and other parts of the Orange Unified School District: ASBrew and Frontline Thrift booths. ASBrew booth was created last year and serves morning coffee, tea, and donuts to students before zero period on Wednesdays. All the funds generated from the sales are directly given back to two seniors in the form of a scholarship to be used for the continuation of their education. Additionally, Frontline Thrift Store is another fundraiser that directly benefits the students. At lunch, students can purchase donated clothes, and funds are donated to the journalism program. She also presented on Dancing with the Teachers, an event organized by the dance program. This show allows students to engage with their teachers and coaches outside of the classroom while raising funds for the dance team. Thanks to the varsity dance team's new coach, Miss Kelly Hesp, this program further expanded to elementary schools within the District. Jordan and Prospect elementary students learned dance routines that they performed at Dancing with the Teachers.

The performance in its entirety allows the varsity team to spread their passion for dance with others while also creating a sense of community throughout our school's campus. The funds raised from Dancing with the Teachers will allow the team to buy costumes for their spring concert. A video on the Dancing with the Teachers event was shown.

Information, Reports: **B. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Gonzalez provided an update on Measure S Phase II. A video was shown. Mr. Gonzalez asked Mr. Rivera to give an update on information that was just received from the county. The district had a \$29 threshold under the bond and it's far below that amount with a year-to-date savings for the taxpayers in the amount of a little over \$25 million.

Information, Reports: **C. Board President's Report**

Public comments:

Alex Brewsaugh, OUSD parent: Object to Ledesma using this time to spew political agenda and not report on the state of OUSD. He used this time to attack other trustees. He should celebrate achievements and talk about education, not personal political opinion.

Jolin, OUSD parent: Hoped for an apology for the way they were spoken to in the previous meeting by Mr. Ledesma. He called them liars. She is disgusted by his behavior.

JJ Meiss, OUSD parent: This is supposed to be an opportunity for the president to highlight what is going on in OUSD instead of politicizing. He should give back his time. Earlier in the year, we had Esplanade parents who expressed their concerns about the school. He lied to the people. The current item proved the rumors to be true. He lied to parents and everyone attending the board meeting. Eliminate the report.

Mr. Ledesma made a brief statement following the public comments. He stated that he was not lying and that a proposal had not been accepted. Legal counsel confirmed that Mr. Ledesma was allowed to make a brief statement.

Mr. Ledesma did not give a Board President's report for the sake of time.

Information, Reports: **D. Board Recognition of Students, Staff and Community**

Mrs. Moffat: Brought the recent passing of a veteran teacher of VPHS who recently passed away to the attention of the board. Mr. Barrett was an important person to her children and important to the history of Villa Park. She asked for a moment of silence.

**Student Board Member Alex Tran** from Villa Park High School shared that in honor of Thanksgiving, the school has a Wall of Thanks where students can leave postcards with notes that mention what they are thankful for. He also mentioned that the student section was chosen as fourth fourth-best student section in the county. He stated that the Winter Formal Dance will be held on January 20th. He also mentioned that Friendsgiving was held on the day of the board meeting and that he attended the Measure S Phase II topping-out ceremony.

**Student Board Member Nancy Albano** from Orange High School stated that she is proud of the diversity on campus. She mentioned that the Holiday Season started with a Halloween costume contest and the Dia de los Muertos celebration. She explained that a lot of families came and decorated the campus with altars and that there was dance and music during lunch breaks. Nancy shared that there was a college week and that all seniors had time to start college applications. She mentioned that Orange High ASB, sports captains, and the cheer team visit feeder schools like West Orange Elementary and Portola Middle School to explain the importance of staying involved on campus and getting good grades. Nancy talked about the Pom Team going to Disneyland for a workshop to learn a dance and that the school is hosting Panther Wishes, which is an opportunity for staff, community, and students to donate clothes/blankets/gift cards to help struggling families, as well as a canned food drive.

**Student Board Member Emma Hoffmann** from El Modena High School mentioned that they had similar events to Orange High School like the Dia de los Muertos celebration. Emma talked about the Mentor Club's annual movie night, and the Midnight Madness assembly in the gym, a night assembly to honor winter sports. She explained that the PTSA hosted a meeting with parents and students about safe driving and that it is currently International Week which is filled with dance, food, and an assembly. Emma also mentioned that the Cheer and Pom teams will start their competition season. Other events she talked about were Senior Sunrise, the Christian Club having their annual set-free event, and the Varsity girls and boys soccer teams teaching middle schoolers about soccer.

**Student Board Member Jiya Patel** from Canyon High School talked about the Week of Thankfulness where students can write what they are grateful about on a leaf for the Thankfulness Tree. She mentioned that the students collected almost 1000 cans of food for the annual canned food drive. Jiya shared that Boys' Water Polo made it to the CIF finals for the first time and that she was proud of the spirit during football games as the school was chosen as second second-best student section in Orange County.

**Trustee Angie Rumsey** shared that she met with Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Abrcrombie regarding district actions taken to increase math scores and that she attended West Orange Elementary, a school that is focused on math and raising test scores by changing the mindset towards math, a positive outcome and making math fun. She explained that students can earn tickets and she was walked around the school by principal Murray and a first-grade student who used her tickets to be principal for the day. She stated that math scores were raised by 9% in math compared to last year and 10% in reading. Ms. Rumsey also mentioned that Ms. Hoffmann showed her the Nature Center which she was very impressed with. She thanked all who took time out of their day to give her tours.

**Trustee Madison Miner** mentioned that she visited Fairhaven Elementary and was given a tour by very excited students. She talked about the topping-off ceremony at Villa Park High School where she signed the beam and watched as it was lifted. She explained that she was able to tour the construction site as well. She also talked about the Nohl Canyon jog-a-thon and that she was able to jog with the students. Trustee Miner enjoyed the Marine Corps birthday celebration with the Orange High School Cadets where she learned their stories and she explained how inspired she was by the students. She thanked OUSD leadership for moving funds toward added security and another interventionist for academic support at the high schools to fill the need for better safety and promote academic success in the district.

**Trustee Ana Page** thanked Student Board Member Emma Hoffmann for the tour of the Jeanne Carter Nature Center before the agenda prep meeting. Ms. Page talked about her visit to Richland High School where she met the new principal and learned about his great ideas on partnering with the other high schools. She also mentioned that she enjoyed seeing the English Learner students interact with the teacher and how she talked to the counselors about engaging students and working together with Santiago Canyon College. Ms. Page also visited West Orange, watched the math rotations, and discussed attendance strategies with the principal. She enjoyed her visit to Cerro Villa Middle School where she toured the Chinese Dual Immersion classroom, the wellness center, and the new music program. Trustee Page explained how she did a school tour for Read for the Record, the largest shared reading experience that celebrates and supports children's early language and emotional development. She read the book "With Lots of Love". Other events Trustee Page attended were the fall festival at Fletcher, Dia de los Muertos at Jordan. many trunk-or-treat events, jog-a-thons, the Orange Public Library Event, and the Topping-off ceremony at Villa Park High School.

**Trustee Andrea Yamasaki** shared that she attended the Orange High School JROTC Marine Corps birthday celebration. This thriving program has over 170 cadets and she was honored to give her OUSD Challenge Coin to Colonel Tull. She thanked the principals of Lampson and Olive Elementary schools for showing her around their schools. Trustee Yamasaki also shared that she attended the Teacher of the Year event, various Trunk or Treats, Jog-a-Thons, and the Topping-off ceremony at Villa Park High School as well as the Circle Dinner organized by Dr. Kim, President of Santiago Canyon College. SCC is a top community college in California and Dr. Kim is supportive of Orange Unified.

**Trustee John Ortega** wished everyone a blessed and happy Thanksgiving. Trustee Yamasaki acknowledged all students in this college application time.

**Information: E. Proclamation: National School Psychology Awareness Week November 6-10, 2023**

Board President Ledesma introduced Administrator of Special Education Loren Pazdzior. Dr. Loren and her team received a proclamation to highlight the important work school psychologists and other educators do to help all students thrive.

**Information: F. Board Recognition - "YOU'VE GOT THE EDGE" - Employee of the Month Recognition**

Assistant Superintendent Human Resources Ms. Tracy Knibb presented the item.

This month, Tracy Mc Millen, Teacher at Handy Elementary School, and Lauren Volcan, School Office Manager at Canyon Rim Elementary School were recognized. Principal Erika Krohn had this to say about Tracy: "Tracy Mc Millen currently serves as a Resource Teacher delivering effective reading and math interventions and English Learner support to our 1st-3rd graders. Her integrity and commitment to excellence are shown in her work with the student success team and working with staff and families to ensure the process is addressing student needs. All of her work is completed with a focus on excellence and with a focus on providing the best service possible to all students and their families. Handy Elementary is fortunate to have Tracy Mc Millen's expertise and dedication to students! Her impact is endless!" Principal Bree Tibbets had this to say about Lauren: "Lauren Volcan has an outstanding commitment to integrity and excellence in all that she does. Her unwavering dedication to upholding our school's values and consistently delivering exceptional customer service to our students, staff and families does not go unnoticed. Her integrity shines through in every decision she makes and her interactions with our families and school community. Her ideas and contributions truly have a profound impact on our school community. Thank you Lauren for being an inspiration to all of us here at Canyon Rim. Your hard work and integrity are truly appreciated!"

## **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action: **A. Approval of minutes from the October 19, 2023 Meeting**

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the minutes as presented and reviewed.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Madison Miner.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Absent: Kris Erickson

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Procedural: **A. Public Comment**

## **7. ACTION ITEMS**

## **8. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Discussion: **A. CERTIFICATES BY THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS AS TO VERIFICATION OF SUFFICIENT SIGNATURES, PETITION FOR RECALL OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER RICK LEDESMA AND PETITION FOR RECALL OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER MADISON MINER**

Public comments:

Kim Flint: OUEA and recall people only care about power, not about teaching kids. They indoctrinate the kids. Recall is about an agenda set by the teachers union.

Graciella, OUSD parent: Support the recall. Trustees are supposed to be here for all students. If you are not, you should not be here.

Soren W., OUSD parent: This is the 15th board meeting since the new board majority was sworn in and every meeting had divisive topics: firing the superintendent, online library, not starting a sup search, anti-LGBTQ policies, OCCA. Nothing that helps our students. Vote these people out.

Michelle Weisenberg: The recall people are not radical. They don't want fiscal waste, all students should have the same opportunities. She wants to see ethics and integrity within the board members. She hopes that the recall will be on the ballot on March 5th.

Darshan Smaaladen, OUSD parent: Thanked the community for signing the petition. A date will be set by ROV. There is no stopping the recall.

Jolin, OUSD parent: Supports the recall because Ledesma only lets people talk that agree with him. Only OCCA people have no recall signs. It's all the same people.

John Sanks, OUSD parent: This item should have been an action item. The election should be held on March 5. He looks forward to March so that we'll have a board that is responsive to our community.

Bill Klovstad: Talked about BB 9270. Trustee Page attended a strategy meeting with the union president and vice president about the recall in April 2023. Trustee Page has a lot to gain from this vote since she's up for reelection. She should recuse herself.

Rachel Davis: Amazing to listen to kids speak about their schools and it showed the difference between the two schools. They lie to get what they want just like they lie to parents during the recall. They also lie about school closing.

Lorrie Kaylor: The recall is heavily supported by OUEA. The money is also coming from the California Teacher's Union. The recall will cost the taxpayers an extra \$500,000. There was no Brown Act violation by Ledesma and Miner, only by Erickson. Page should recuse herself from voting since she has the financial gain.

Rosa Otero: The recall people lied. They said the pool was approved while it wasn't even voted on. Recallers were paid per signature.

Coleen: Is appalled by the inappropriate actions of the Recall group. They lied for signatures and paid signature collectors.

Anita Huinds: The foundation is the main part of the house. A good foundation for our children as well as moral values, discipline, honesty, responsibility, punctuality, and respect. Ledesma and Miner work in favor of education. No on recall.

Florita: Recall is a step backward from the pivotal adoption of the parent's Bill of Rights. We will potentially lose two anchors of the school board who protect rights.

Alex Brewsaugh, OUSD parent: Ledesma and Miner are anchors. They are taking the district down. The ROV will schedule an election and we will vote you out.

Michelle Stephens: The recall is fake. It's an attempt to overturn a free and fair election. The recall was not made up of concerned community members but outsiders who were paid.

Legal counsel Mr. Covert stated that the item is presented according to the election code. He explained that the Registrar of Voters follows a strict procedure whereby an analysis is made of the sufficiency of the signatures which was determined in writing by the Registrar of Voters and provided to the district following the last board meeting. The Election Code specifies that this information will be presented at the next regular meeting which is this evening. The board can then schedule a special meeting within 14 days to set a date for the election. Should the recall election not be scheduled by the Board of Education, then per elections code section 11241, the Registrar of Voters shall schedule the election. The Registrar of Voters, in correspondence to the district, which has been made public by this matter, has specifically referenced the date of March 5th, 2024, the presidential election that will occur on that date in the State of California as a permissible date for the election to be held. Trustee Yamasaki asked for clarification on what happens if a date is not scheduled at this meeting. Mr. Covert explained that he believes that the Registrar of Voters signaled what they would do when they advised that the March 5, 2024, election falls within the scheduled parameters for conducting an election. Since this is the least expensive method, he forecasts that that date will be called.

Information: **B. DISTRICT-WIDE SCHOOL SAFETY MEASURES AND INITIATIVES**

Executive Director Student and Community Services Heriberto Angel, and Deputy Superintendent Dave Rivera. Some questions were answered.

Public comments:

Lorrie Kaylor: Trustee Miner is the only board member to host a town hall where the community learned about fentanyl and how to stay safe. Rick and Madison proposed and passed the parental notification policy while the board minority abandoned their post. The teachers' union instructed the schools to lock away records from parents to hide gender identities. Who's interest are they protecting? The students or the Union?

Rosa Otero: Talks about safety issues. The shooter training was done after Madison Miner was voted in. Making good staffing changes to keep students safe. Cerro Villa is a good example. Changes are happening. The principal makes great changes. Thanked Miner for Fentanyl training. These are items that keep us safe. Thanked Rumsey for her critical thinking and analytical skills.

The board voted on extending the meeting until 11:30 PM.

Motion by Angie Rumsey, second by John Ortega.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

**9. CONSENT ITEMS**

Action (Consent): **A. Consent Items** are acted upon by one motion. However, any such item can be considered separately at a Board member's request and will be acted upon following approval of the Consent Items.

Public comment on 11M. AMENDED AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL LITIGATION SERVICES WITH THE LIBERTY JUSTICE CENTER:

Jolin, OUSD parent: States that it's bad planning to go into a plan that you know is going to run into the law. We should have other districts fight this battle first and see the results of those court cases. It's not free. When we lose, it's going to cost the district money. It's not in court yet, because it has to affect a student first.

Item 13 H. SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD (SARC) FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR was pulled from the agenda and will be brought back to a future meeting.

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the board agenda item as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

**10. CONSENT ITEMS - MEASURE S**

Action (Consent): **A. BID NO. S2223-001 VILLA PARK HIGH SCHOOL: NEW CLASSROOM BUILDING & BUILDING 100/200 MODERNIZATION- PINNER CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INC, AMENDMENT NO. 1**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the board agenda item as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **B. BID NO. S2223-002 ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL 2-STORY CLASSROOM & STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING - PCL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INC, AMENDMENT NO. 1**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the board agenda item as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **C. BID NO. S2223-003 EL MODENA HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS MODERNIZATION - BERNARD BROS., INC., AMENDMENT NO. 1**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the board agenda item as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.



Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

## **11. CONSENT ITEMS - BUSINESS SERVICES**

Action (Consent): **A. GIFTS**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education accept these donations and that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to the benefactors.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **B. PURCHASE ORDERS LIST**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Purchase Order List dated September 24, 2023 through October 22, 2023.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **C. WARRANTS LIST**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Warrants List dated September 25, 2023 through October 22, 2023.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **D. BID NO. 2223-883 INSTALL CFCI RUBBER SURFACING & OFCI PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT MULTIPLE SITES- R.E. SCHULTZ, INC CHANGE ORDER NO. 1**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the board agenda item as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **E. BID NO. 2223-891 INSTALL OFCI SHADE STRUCTURES & RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS FOR GROUP 1- CHANGE ORDER NO. 2**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the board agenda item as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **F. BID NO. 2223-893 INSTALL OFCI SHADE STRUCTURES & RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS FOR GROUP 3- CHANGE ORDER NO. 1**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the board agenda item as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **G. BID NO. 2324-905 INSTALL OFCI SHADE STRUCTURES & RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENT**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the award of Bid No. 2324-905 Install OFCI Shade Structures & Related Site Improvements to Corner Keystone Construction Corporation, in the amount of \$288,770.00.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **H. PBK ARCHITECTS-DESIGN AND DSA PLANS FOR SHADE STRUCTURES, AMENDMENT NO. 4**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the board agenda item as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **I. PBK ARCHITECTS - DESIGN AND DSA PLANS FOR SHADE STRUCTURE AT PARKSIDE EDUCATION CENTER**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the board agenda item as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **J. UTILIZE THE CDW GOVERNMENT LLC CONTRACT WITH THE IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PURCHASE OF GATEKEEPER CAMERA EQUIPMENT**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the board agenda item as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **K. ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETED CONTRACTS AND FILING OF NOTICES OF COMPLETION**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the notices of completion for the below-listed contracts.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **L. AUTHORIZATION TO DECLARE OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, MATERIALS AND OTHER DISTRICT ITEMS**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the board agenda item as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action: **M. AMENDED AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL LITIGATION SERVICES WITH THE LIBERTY JUSTICE CENTER**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the board agenda item as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

## **12. CONSENT ITEMS - HUMAN RESOURCES**

Action (Consent): **A. PERSONNEL REPORT**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action: **B. ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE ORANGE UNIFIED EDUCATION ASSOCIATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT**

Action (Consent): **C. TEACHER ASSIGNMENT/CONSENT – VARIABLE OR SHORT-TERM WAIVER**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the variable term waivers as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

## **13. CONSENT ITEMS - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

Action (Consent): **A. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DISCOVERY CUBE AND THE ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the district to enter the Memorandum of Understanding with Discovery Cube for the provision of services to students during attendance at various CARES programs in the Orange Unified School District.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **B. UNIFORM COMPLAINTS FIRST QUARTER REPORT OF 2023-2024 AND ANNUAL REPORT, 2022-2023 FOR THE WILLIAMS CASE SETTLEMENT**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education receive the Report of Uniform Complaints and the Annual Report as mandated by the Williams Case Settlement.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **C. CONSULTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHILD CREATIVITY LAB, INC. AND CHAPMAN HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the consulting agreement between the Child Creativity Lab, Inc. and Chapman Hills Elementary School as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **D. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OLIVE CREST AND THE ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the District to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with Olive Crest for the provision of services to students during attendance at various preschool programs in the Orange Unified School District.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **E. KIDS CONNECTIONS DEVELOPMENTAL THERAPY CENTER, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION**

Resolution: It is recommended the Board of Education approve entering into a contract for the 2023-24 school year.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **F. AMENDMENT OF ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION INSIDE THE OUTDOORS: AGREEMENT #16017, FIELD AND SCHOOL PROGRAMS 2023-2024**

Resolution: It is recommended the Board of Education approve to amend the agreement as requested.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **G. APPLE EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve this item as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action: **H. SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD (SARC) FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR**

This item was pulled from the agenda and will be brought back in a future meeting.

Action (Consent): **I. BOOSTER CLUBS**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the request for the Booster Club as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **J. RESOLUTION NO. 12-23-24 - CONTINUED FUNDING APPLICATION FOR 2023-24 CALIFORNIA STATE PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS (CSPP)**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education enter into a continued funding agreement with the California Department of Education for part day preschool services for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **K. NATALIE HIGGINS DBA HARMONY AUDITORY-VERBAL THERAPY**

Resolution: It is recommended the Board of Education approve entering into contract for the 2023-24 school year.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **L. REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DBA UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO HEALTH SCIENCES**

Resolution: It is recommended the Board of Education approve entering into contract for the 2023-24 school year.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **M. STUDENT ID # 375813**

Resolution: It is recommended the Board of Education approve the item as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner



Action (Consent): **N. STUDENT ID #415295**

Resolution: It is recommended the Board of Education approve the item as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

#### **14. CONSENT ITEMS - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES /STUDY TRIPS**

Action (Consent): **A. ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL – FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA – IRVINE RANCH OUTDOOR EDUCATIONAL CENTER – DECEMBER 1-2, 2023**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the study trip as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **B. CANYON HIGH SCHOOL – VARSITY GIRLS WATER POLO TEAM – SAN DIEGO, CA - DECEMBER 1-2, 2023**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the study trip as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **C. CANYON HIGH SCHOOL – VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM – PALM SPRINGS, CA - DECEMBER 15 - 17, 2023**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the study trip as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **D. VILLA PARK HIGH SCHOOL - BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM - RANCHO MIRAGE, CA - DECEMBER 27-30, 2023**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve this study trip as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **E. CANYON HIGH SCHOOL - GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM - SAN MARCOS, CA - DECEMBER 27-30, 2023**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the study trip as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **F. CANYON HIGH SCHOOL – JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS WATER POLO TEAM - SAN DIEGO, CA - JANUARY 5-6, 2024**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the study trip as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **G. CANYON HIGH SCHOOL – BASEBALL TEAM – LAS VEGAS, NV – JANUARY 12 - 14, 2024**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the study trip as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **H. SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY - 6TH GRADE CLASS - THREE OAKS OUTDOOR SCIENCE SCHOOL - LAKE ARROWHEAD, CA - JANUARY 16 - 19, 2024**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve this study trip as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **I. MCPHERSON MAGNET SCHOOL– 6TH GRADE CLASS – FAWNSKIN, CA – MARCH 11 - 13, 2024**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve this study trip as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

Action (Consent): **J. VILLA PARK HIGH SCHOOL - VOCAL MUSIC HONORS CHOIR - ORLANDO, FL - APRIL 26-30, 2024**

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve this study trip as presented.

Motion by John Ortega, second by Angie Rumsey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Ana Page, Rick Ledesma, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Madison Miner

## **15. CONSENT ITEMS - BOARD OF EDUCATION / SUPERINTENDENT**

## **16. PULLED ITEMS FOR ACTION/CONSIDERATION**

Action: **A. Agenda Items pulled for Consideration/Action**

## **17. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Procedural: **A. Public Comment**

Public comments:

Darshan Smaaladen, OUSD parent: She wants to increase transparency. Addressed Trustee Miner: tells her to stop the witch hunt, it was her that told staff about the OCCA town hall. Leave staff and parents alone, don't ask for their emails.

Michelle Weisenberg: Why do the needs of those who often don't even live in OUSD take precedence over existing residents? Is it because many Esplanade students are low-income and have limited English skills? Having two sets of rules for different people in the room is despicable and that's why you are being recalled.

Jolin, OUSD parent: There are two sets of rules. You have people shouting from the room and you listen to them. If they agree with the board majority, they get extra allowances. A school board member should be nonpartisan. If they say something you don't like, you threaten to clear the room. You need to treat individuals with respect.

Kim Trask: Served on the PTA of La Veta. Clarified that OCCA is public education and does not exclude populations. It's not a private school and it is not taking over Esplanade.

Lorrie Kaylor: Was with recallers and she heard them lie. Teachers were intimidated by the union and parents as well. The recallers bullied. The people they are trying to recall were elected. People wanted to see change. She doesn't want them recalled.

Florita: She found academic discrepancies in the Fair Act ed codes.

Rosa Otero: A grandmother who volunteered and supported Madison was pushed out by the OUEA. Yamasaki speaks in circles and complains. Erickson should help Yamasaki. She thanked Alex and hopes that he will go into politics. When Yamasaki was president, she left parents outside in the cold. Her niece was bullied by her teacher and her class because she didn't call a trans kid by the chosen name.

Alex Brewsaugh, OUSD parent: He has been coming to meetings for about a year. Since January 5th, Ledesma has treated one set of parents one way and one set another way. He threatens parents who don't agree with him. He should have more class than that. Trustees are also treated differently. Mr. Ledesma is in charge of whether or not other trustees can talk to the attorney.

The remainder of the public comment on item 1C. Public Comments on Closed Session Agenda Items, referring to item

2D: Conference with Real Property Negotiators - Government Code Section 54956.8

Alex Brewsaugh, OUSD parent: Ledesma wanted to listen to all parents speaking on the Parental Notification policy but he won't listen to Esplanade parents. They have to come back at night.

Soren W., OUSD parent: The board majority should recuse themselves from voting since their campaigns were funded by OCCA and Miner's kids attend the school.

Michelle Weisenberg: OCCA would like to expand but why should their need take precedence over OUSD residents? They are no less important or deserving than OCCA students.

Jolin, OUSD parent: Loved what the kids had to say, both Esplanade and OCCA. Esplanade kids don't deserve their school to be taken away. You are moving kids that are part of the mod-severe program.

Kim Trask: Approve the property agreement. This is prudent for both schools.

Kathy Moffatt: Esplanade is one of five schools that were updated and you are thinking of giving it away. It's a community school, it's our school. It belongs to our district and our students.

Maria Magana: Has great memories of Esplanade. It sounds like they can work together. There are not enough funds to sustain Esplanade and this can assist Esplanade in staying open.

Michelle Stephens: This is not racist. Esplanade is a school with declining enrollment and they are right next door. Shame on you for not wanting to share.

Alicia Helwig: Is a proud Mexican American. She wishes that all children can attend the school of their choice.

Lorrie Kaylor: Esplanade has lost more than 40% in the last 2 years. The board majority inherited this problem. What have they done to improve the school? The money that OCCA would pay will benefit OUSD.

Rosa Otero: Lease or lease to own is the fiscally responsible thing to do. You need to share state-owned property since they are all taxpayers.

## **18. OTHER BUSINESS**

Information: **A. Board / Staff Conference and Comments**

## **19. ADJOURNMENT at 11:02 PM**