

Approved Minutes Special Board Meeting - Work Study Session (Monday, December 4, 2023)

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Members Present

Kris Erickson, Madison Miner, Ana Page, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Andrea Yamasaki

1. CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR SESSION

Procedural: **A. Call Meeting to Order at 6:02 PM**

Procedural: **B. Establish Quorum**

Five members present for a quorum: Kris Erickson, Ana Page, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey, Andrea Yamasaki

Procedural: **C. Pledge of Allegiance**

Action: **D. Adoption of Agenda**

Approval

Motion by Angie Rumsey, Second by Kris Erickson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Andrea Yamasaki, Kris Erickson, Ana Page, John Ortega, Angie Rumsey

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Procedural: **A. Guidelines:** As required by the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54956, at special meetings/study sessions, members of the audience may only address the Board of Education on items that are agendaized. Public comments will be received on the facilities update study session.

Michelle: Spoke on the asset management plan and asked to share unused space with OCCA. OCCA receives less public funds because they are a charter. OCCA has double the number of students and half the space. She doesn't want to push students out but wants to work together. Anticipates 340 students for the high school total and that's the maximum.

Beth Cipres: OUSD employee: Spoke on the asset management plan. In determining surplus property, there should be minimal impact on the community or educational programs. Should not come at the expense of those who are the most vulnerable students. Look at empty and available spaces first. There are no empty spaces or classrooms at Esplanade.

Lorrie Kaylor: The board should look at how community taxes were insufficiently used by the previous superintendent on the Science Centers. It could have been used to enhance the high schools. OCCA wants to share the facility, and not take over. Make fiscally responsible decisions for the families.

Dawn D: Is in support of OCCA. Esplanade has extra space and it will bring more money to the district.

Jolin, OUSD parent: OCCA wants empty classrooms where there is only 1, but she hears 8. 340 students don't fit in 8 classrooms. They don't mind the mod severe students but do they know how many teachers they need? This is math. It does not make sense. Find other districts that have more space, if you want to open now.

Linda Cone: How are all classrooms filled when you only have half the number of students? Comments the board majority for fulfilling their number 1 priority: serving the community and being fiscally responsible. Keep doing the great work despite resistance from the Union. No on recall.

Florita Sheldon: Evaluation of the use of the facilities: consider the backgrounds of those that will be appointed to the committee. An alarming number of those are within the teachers union. Balanced representation is needed. Include those from within the community.

Frances Marshall: Supports speaker Michelle Stevens. Here to support and protect our children. Work together with the community. In LA there was a charter school, very successful and sought after. Encourage to work with the Charter School. The space belongs to the community. Work together with the community.

Rosa Otero: Mentioned that she is concerned about her property taxes. There is a high population of elderly and adding taxes to an already struggling community is not okay. Consider selling property.

3. WORK/STUDY SESSION

Discussion, Information: **A. Facilities Presentation**

Deputy Superintendent and Chief Business Officer Mr. Rivera presented the item.

Mr. Doug Yeoman, legal counsel, presented on legal issues involving the use of energy conservation contracts.

Mr. Gabriel Peredo, Senior Director of Los Angeles Operations from RHA, and Mr. Rivera presented on potential Energy Management Projects.

The Education Funding Services Team of the DLR Group presented on the Facility State Matching Fund Program and District Funding Eligibility.

Trustee Miner arrived at 8:00 PM, the start of the presentation on the Development of a District Asset Management Plan.

Mr. Doug Yeoman, legal counsel, and Mr. Dave Rivera presented on the development of a District Asset Management Plan.

Questions were answered for all presentations.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Procedural: **A. Meeting Adjourned by Call of the Chair at 9:16 PM**

