

## **APPROVED MINUTES Special Board Meeting (Wednesday, December 13, 2023)**

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### **Members present**

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

### **1. OPENING ITEMS**

#### **Procedural: A. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 PM

#### **Procedural: B. Establish Quorum**

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

#### **Procedural: C. Pledge of Allegiance**

**Procedural: D. 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 closed session item only.**

Mr. Ledesma arrived at the start of public comments.

Trustee Erickson stated she disagreed with how the meeting was called. The Esplanade community should be included.

Andrea Smaaladen, OUSD student: SpecEd students need special services. Don't take spaces away.

Gabriel Bermudez, OUSD student: Don't close the school.

Yaden Garcia, OUSD student: Don't let OCCA take over the school.

Gabriel Gonzalez, OUSD student: The teachers helped him with his speech delay. Urges the board to make the right decision. Quinn Holtz; Ashlyn McGrath; Joelle Contreras; Katherine Trask; Samuel Trask; Ariana Casillas: Want to continue education at OCCA.

Sofia Ball: Expand OCCA for more families.

Chloe Barley; Carly Kosell: Approve property share.

Joshua Vargas: OCCA will not take over Esplanade.

Rosa Otero; Lorrie Kaylor: Approve the proposal. Esplanade needs the money.

Kerri Edlund: SpecEd at OCCA worked hard with her son and addressed his needs.

Dan Rothenburg, OUSD parent: Frustrated about the special meeting. Lack of transparency. The proposal looks like a takeover.

Mike Davis; Kim Trask; Rebecca Holz: OCCA needs to continue for high schoolers.

Semi Park: Agree on the proposal. Will benefit both parties.

Rachelle Casillas: OCCA is an outstanding school.

Jennie Sloan: The president rushed the meeting. Not a moral choice.

Michelle Canto, OUSD teacher; Ingrid Shine, OUSD teacher: Concerned about the OCCA deal. Not in the best interest of OUSD students.

Darshan Smaaladen, OUSD parent: SpecEd students need the extra help and extra space.

Lynn Marie Frediani: Appalled as a citizen. The emergency meeting is completely serving the entitled elite.

Lewis Livingston: It is hard to trust the trustees to make the decision. This only benefits one member of the board.

Lisa Mote: OCCA is not taking over Esplanade. They want to work together.

Elizabeth Heim: Is impressed by OCCA.

Graciela: Trustee Miner is not here to serve OUSD students.

Ana Galeana: Yes on the recall.

Nancy Albeno, OUSD student: Is concerned. Esplanade students have a second home/community in the school. Listen to your community.

Sandra I, OUSD parent: Leave our students alone. This will close Esplanade. Trustee Miner should not vote.

#### **Procedural: E. Adjourn to Closed Session**

Adjourned to Closed Session at 5:25 PM

### **2. CLOSED SESSION**

#### **2A: Conference with real property negotiators - Government Code Section 54956.8**

PROPERTIES: 381 N. Esplanade Street, Orange, CA 92869 and 2190 North Canal Street, Orange, CA 92865

AGENCY NEGOTIATORS: Orange Unified School District (Owner)

REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS: Ernest Gonzalez, Superintendent; David A. Rivera, Deputy Superintendent/CBO; Spencer Covert, Parker & Covert, LLP, District Legal Counsel; and 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. OPEN SESSION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION**

Open Session was called to order at 6:54 PM

#### **Procedural: A. Report of Closed Session Decisions**

There is no report out of closed session.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Procedural: A. Meeting Adjourned by Call of the Chair at 6:54 PM