

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024, 5:30 P.M.
Oakdale Joint Unified School District
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 5:30 p.m. by Board President Tina Shatswell. |
| TRUSTEES PRESENT | 1.2 | Bill Duvall, Diane Gilbert, Clayton Schemper, Tina Shatswell, and Terri Taylor; Student Board member Grace Miller was present for Open session |
| LATE ARRIVALS | 1.3 | None |
| TRUSTEES ABSENT | 1.4 | None |
| VISITORS PRESENT | 1.5 | Stacy Graham, Whitney Wood |
| CLOSED SESSION | 2.0 | <p>Board President Shatswell called the meeting to order and opened Public Comments on Closed Session Items at 5:30 p.m. There being none, public comments on Closed Session items Closed at 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Board President Shatswell adjourned the meeting into Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. Open Session reconvened at 6:32 p.m.</p> |
| PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | 3.0 | Student Board member Grace Miller introduced students from Fair Oaks Elementary School who led the pledge of allegiance: Jameson Henley, Grade 3, Emily Kokologiannakis, Grade 2, Hartley Luz, Grade 1, Bailey Morgan, Grade K. These students were awarded Certificates of Appreciation for their participation. |
| ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION | 4.0 | <p>Board President Shatswell reported:</p> <p>2.2.1 - The Board voted (5-0) to approve expulsion of student #23-24-04 for Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 for Ed Code violations: 48900 (k), 48900 (t), 48900.4, 48915 (b)(1) and 48915 (b)(2).</p> <p>2.2.2 - The Board voted (5-0) to approve expulsion of student #23-24-05 for Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 for Ed Code violations: 48900 (c), 48900 (k), 48900.4, 48915 (b)(1), 48915 (b)(2), 48915 (c)(3).</p> <p>Item 2.3, Personnel Matters – The Board voted (5-0) to approve a resignation agreement with certificated district employee #003028.</p> <p>Item 2.4, Labor Negotiations – The Board received an update on labor negotiations.</p> <p>2.5 – The Board met on mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent.</p> |

APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA	5.0	It was M/S/C (Duvall/Schemper) to approve the order of agenda items for this meeting. Passed unanimously.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	6.0	None
ORGANIZATION REPORT, OTA	7.1	OTA President Omar Salinas reported OTA has 249 members, and they will keep working on 9 non-members to join and keep them strong. There is no update on negotiations, but they are eager to get back to the table January 19th. He shared a reminder of Kindergarten teachers' concerns that they would like input into and have their voices heard as we get ready to go to full-day Kindergarten.
ORGANIZATION REPORT, CSEA	7.2	CSEA President Jake Cox reported they are looking forward to challenges in the new year, including addressing the minimum wage issue which directly affects members; they look forward to meeting with Craig and Kasandra and hope to move forward.
ORGANIZATION REPORT, STUDENT	7.3	Student representative Grace Miller reported Winter Homecoming is January 22-26. She also shared that student Noah Mayfield has been battling a medical issue.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	8.0	Board President Shatswell opened the Public Comments portion of the agenda at 6:42 p.m.
WHITNEY WOOD		<p>Whitney Wood addressed the Board to state she has 2 children at 2 schools in Oakdale, and asked what the Board is doing to support individual schools in protecting our LGBTQ youth. She also heard there is a list of students requested who had checked out LGBTQ books at the library, and that, and a couple of other experiences her son and his friends have run into, have her concerned there is not enough support or protection for these kids.</p> <p>Board President Tina Shatswell thanked her for bringing that up and speaking this evening, and requested that she meet with somebody that has a better explanation for her. Superintendent Mendonca encouraged the public, if anyone has concerns or issues, whether it be an isolated case or about policies, procedures or practices, feel free to come to the District Office and make an appointment to meet with him or one of the appropriate Assistant Superintendents to make sure that their questions are answered.</p> <p>Public Comments closed at 6:44 p.m.</p>
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 (Schemper/Duvall) to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented. A Roll Call Vote was taken and passed unanimously.
ADOPT MINUTES OF 12/11/23 AS PRESENTED	9.3.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board adopted minutes of its regularly scheduled meeting held Monday, December 11, 2023, as presented.

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| APPROVE QTRLY. REPORT,
WILLIAMS COMPLAINTS | 9.3.2 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved the Quarterly Report on Williams Settlement Complaints, as presented. |
| APPROVE RESOLUTION
#23-24-08, EXCUSE ABSENCE
OF BOARD MEMBER | 9.3.3 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Resolution #23-24-08, to Excuse Absence of Board Member Diane Gilbert. A Roll Call Vote was taken and all Board members voted in favor. |
| APPROVE RESOLUTION
#23-24-09, EXCUSE ABSENCE
OF BOARD MEMBER | 9.3.4 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Resolution #23-24-09, to Excuse Absence of Board Member Terri Taylor. A Roll Call Vote was taken and all Board members voted in favor. |
| APPROVE INTERDISTRICT
TRANSFER REQUESTS | 9.4.1 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved interdistrict transfer requests, 2023-24 or 2024-25 school year, as presented. |
| ACKNOWLEDGE STUDENT
DISCIPLINE REPORT, 11/22
& 2-YEAR COMPARISON | 9.4.2 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board acknowledged the Student Discipline Report for the month of December, 2023, and Prior Two-Year Comparison, as presented. |
| APPROVE OUT OF STATE
PLC CONFERENCE,
MAGNOLIA STAFF | 9.4.3 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Out of State Conference Attendance for Magnolia Elementary Staff at PLC Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, June 4-6, 2024, as presented. |
| APPROVE DRAMA/CHOIR TRIP
TO ANAHEIM/DISNEYLAND | 9.4.4 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Overnight Drama/Choir Trip to Anaheim/Disneyland, to attend Disney-Immersive Story Telling Workshop, May 10–13, 2024, as presented. |
| APPROVE SARC PUBLICATION | 9.4.5 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Student Accountability Report Card (SARC) Publication, as presented. |
| APPROVE WARRANTS THRU
12/14/23, CYCLE I AND CYCLE II
PAYROLL FOR DECEMBER 2023 | 9.5.1 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved district warrants prepared for payment through December 14, 2023, and Cycle I and Cycle II Payroll for December, 2023, as presented. |
| APPROVE CONSULTANT
AGREEMENTS | 9.5.2 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Consultant Agreements, as presented. |
| APPROVE AWARD OF BID &
E-RATE AGREEMENT FOR
INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE | 9.5.3 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved award of bid and agreement of E-Rate, Year 27 (2024-25) for Internet Access Service, as presented. |
| AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL,
OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT &
MATERIALS | 9.5.4 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board authorized Disposal of Obsolete Equipment & Materials, as presented. |

- APPROVE EMPLOYMENT,
CLASSIFIED
- 9.6.1 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved classified employment, as presented:
Gabrielle Fenter, Behavioral Program Para – Bus Aide, Transportation, eff. 1/2/24
Abigail Morelli, Speech Language Pathologist Assistant, District-wide, eff. 1/4/24
Sonia Neubaum, Speech Language Paraprofessional, Magnolia, eff. 1/8/24
- APPROVE PROMOTION,
CLASSIFIED
- 9.6.2 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved classified promotion, as presented:
Robert Pamplona, from Groundsworker, M&O To Custodian II, Cloverland, eff. 12/12/23
- APPROVE TRANSFER,
CLASSIFIED
- 9.6.3 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved classified transfer, as presented:
Trisha Hynes, from Lead Cafeteria Assistant, CLOV To Lead Cafeteria Assistant, FO, eff. 12/11/23
Gina Quintoa, from Behavioral Program Para 1:1, OHS To Behav. Prog. Para ED/SH, OHS, eff. 1/2/24
- APPROVE RESIGNATION,
CLASSIFIED
- 9.6.4 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved classified resignation, as presented:
Rochelle Pitassi Henderson, Yard Duty Aide, MAG, eff. 12/8/23
Trina Zarzana, Behav. Prog. Para 1:1, CLOV, eff. 12/31/23
- DISPOSITION OF ITEMS
REMOVED FROM CONSENT
- 10.0 None
- REPORT, OJUSD ANNUAL
DASHBOARD ACCOUNTABILITY
UPDATE
- 11.1 Assistant Superintendent Gillian Wegener presented this item, reporting the Dashboard was released December 15, and reflects data for the 2022-23 school year. The Dashboard is part of a State and Federal accountability system including eleven local and state indicators that are usually compared to previous year's indicators to show growth or the lack of growth. She noted that the Dashboard was suspended in Spring 2020 and 2021, but was back in 2022 but with significant differences from pre-pandemic dashboards. Data was not compared to a previous year as it typically was on the Dashboard, so this formed the new baseline for schools and districts. For the 2023 Dashboard, the colors and gauges have returned for all but College/Career Readiness.
- She reviewed the State/County Comparison and Local Indicators Met or Not Met, and that OJUSD is in line with State results and the results of other districts in the county. For the Local Indicators, which contain both quantitative and narrative data, OJUSD received Standard Met on all five indicators. Chronic Absenteeism has shown a strong reduction this year, putting OJUSD in the Yellow/Medium category. Suspension Rate is colored Orange/Low as behaviors remain a challenge; it was noted that our district

suspends students in response to conduct. The Academic Indicator, which includes English Language Arts and Math, are both ranked Yellow/Medium, and the District had double-digit improvement in both areas. An area to celebrate is English Learner Progress which OJUSD ranked Green/High. Our Graduation Rate dropped slightly, putting the District in the Yellow/Medium category. A final indicator of College and Career Readiness received only status information as it was not included in last year's Dashboard, and OJUSD received a Low in that category.

In response to a question from Trustee Duvall about a plan to bring College & Career Readiness numbers up, Dr. Wegener explained we are working to get more students to complete A-G UC/CSU college course pathways, we are looking at establishing more CTE pathways, and are looking at students who take 1 course in a pathway but don't continue on; we want to encourage them to complete those as well. We are working toward dual enrollment the year after that and that will help us. We do pretty well with AP exams. We are always looking for ways to improve SBAC scores. We have a lot of students who speak both Spanish and English so we will keep encouraging them to get their State Seal of Bilingual Literacy as well.

In response to a question from Trustee Schemper about whether the number of students who complete A-G is sufficient or if they have to have a certain score, Dr. Wegener responded that they can look at the percentage of students and say here is how many have completed A-G, here is how many have passed an AP exam with 3.3 or better, and they can look at that overall and give us a score based on that. Dr. Wegener explained there is a lot of information that is public, you just type in California School Dashboard and it comes right up, and you can look at scores, look at student groups, and there are descriptors called "Tool Kits" that are very helpful. She is happy to talk to anyone who has questions about this.

Superintendent Mendonca noted the A-G Task Force work that is occurring is incredibly robust. We are working to make students' college applications more competitive, affording students opportunities to take A-G requirements, and converting some of those classes to Honors classes. We are working with our CTE pathways departments so that we get students to continue to follow through on them. He is very optimistic with this particular indicator because there is a lot of significant work going on right now that will have good outcomes. Dr. Wegener noted that we have added a Performing Arts CTE pathway, so there really is something for everybody.

Trustee Taylor asked what things we should focus on, and what counts as “points”, noting we don’t have ROTC or IB programs, so if those count we need to push those aside and focus on what realistically we can make it to. Dr. Wegener responded that focusing on CTE pathways, A-G completion, and on dual enrollment, those are all things that are very doable and we want to raise our scores there.

Trustee Taylor asked what do we do internally, i.e. how many take AP test, how many score 3, 4, or 5, and who does that. Dr. Wegener responded that a lot of work is done at the high school, and she asks for that and she looks at Dataquest and the Dashboard for information. Supt. Mendonca noted each site looks at their own indicators, puts together a plan of action, makes a part of their LCAP, and there are various specialized committees like the A-G Task Force. Trustee Taylor noted that makes it imminently more valuable, and we need to know what is happening here in Oakdale based on what we provide.

In response to a question from Trustee Duvall about how often counselors review with students that they are on the right path, Dr. Wegener and Principal Mike Moore responded that counselors meet with every student at least one time each year, sometimes more. Dr. Wegener noted we have also built in lots of college building experiences and events for students. She summarized that we did meet our participation rate with 96% of students taking the test.

Trustee Shatswell commented on elementary collaboration, and noted how some are high and low in different areas. Dr. Wegener responded that elementary grades and many secondary departments meet several times a year to collaborate and problem solve.

APPROVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

- 12.1 Cassandra Booth, Chief Business Officer, presented the District’s Annual Audit Report, noting that in the auditor’s opinion, the district’s financials present fairly, and the results of its’ operations and the cash flows conform with generally accepted accounting practices. She noted that basically, we did well and it was correct.

In response to a question from Trustee Taylor about SBITA liability listed on page 3, Ms. Booth explained it is the first time we have had to report software-based information technology; now we have to track all software the school district purchases and report future liability.

It was **M/S/C (Taylor/Gilbert)** to accept the Annual Financial Report for 2023/24. Passed unanimously.

- APPROVAL OF SECOND QTR. DEVELOPER FEES REPORT 12.2 Chief Business Officer Kassandra Booth presented the Quarterly Developer Fee Report, reporting we collected \$121,378 in October–December. Collections were for: 1 new home in Valley Home, 1 in Knights Ferry, 2 in Carmel Ranch, 2 in Meadowland off Greger, 2 in East Valley, 1 on 26 Mile Road, 1 remodel and 1 new accessory dwelling unit.
- It was **M/S/C (Duvall/Schemper)** to approve the Second Quarter Developer Fee Report. Passed unanimously.
- INFORMATION 13.1 Martin Luther King Birthday Holiday, Jan. 15
- 13.2 K-12 Minimum Day / Staff Development, Jan. 18
- 13.3 Stanislaus County Academic Decathlon, Saturday, Feb. 3
- 13.4 Lincoln’s Birthday Observed/Schools Closed, Feb. 12
- 13.5 Schools Closed Monday, Feb. 12 – Monday, Feb. 19
- 13.6 President’s Day Holiday/Schools Closed, Feb. 19
- ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA 14.1 Adoption of 2024-25 Board Meeting Calendar
- 14.2 Assignment of Commencement Appearances
- 14.3 Report on Results of Bond Feasibility Study
- 14.4 Report on California Healthy Kids Survey Results
- 14.5 LCAP Mid-Year Report
- ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: 15.1 Report on A-G Task Force and Dual Enrollment
- 15.2 Report on Library Media Centers
- ADJOURNMENT 16.0 The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.