

Ocean View School District
17200 Pinehurst Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92647

 APPROVED

Board of Trustees' Meeting - Minutes

May 05, 2020

5:30 PM - CLOSED SESSION; 6:00 PM - OPEN SESSION

Zoom Webinar Link: <https://www.ovsd.org/boardmeeting>

Trustees:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin, President
Patricia Singer, Vice President
Jack Souders, Clerk
John Briscoe, Member
Norm Westwell, Member

Administration:

Carol Hansen, Ed.D., Superintendent
Michael Conroy, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent, Administrative Services
Felix Avila, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Julianne Hoefler, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

A. Call to Order

The Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by President Gina Clayton-Tarvin at 5:30 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Members present: John Briscoe, Gina Clayton-Tarvin, Patricia Singer, Jack Souders, Norm Westwell

C. Agenda Adoption - Regular Board of Trustees' Meeting of May 5, 2020

Passed with a motion by John Briscoe and a second by Patricia Singer.

Yes John Briscoe
Yes Gina Clayton-Tarvin
Yes Patricia Singer
Yes Jack Souders
Yes Norm Westwell

D. Closed Session

President Clayton-Tarvin read aloud the item listed under Closed Session. There were no public comments regarding this matter.

The Board of Trustees moved to Closed Session at 5:33 p.m.

D.1. Government Code Section 54956.8: Conference with Real Property Negotiators - Property: 4.4 acre parcel of land located at corner of Warner Avenue and Nichols Lane, commonly referred to as the "Wintersburg Property"; Agency Negotiators: Carol Hansen, Ed.D., Superintendent, Michael Conroy, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent; Negotiating Parties: Ocean View School District of Orange County; National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Trust for Public Land; Under Negotiations: Instruction and authority provided to Negotiators will concern valuation, purchase, and assignment issues pertaining to disposition of said parcel pursuant to Agreement Between Landowners.

E. Return to Open Session/Report of Closed Session Action

The Board of Trustees returned to Open Session at 6:00 p.m. There were no Closed Session actions to report.

F. Pledge of Allegiance

President Clayton-Tarvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

G. Introductions

For the audience's information, President Clayton-Tarvin advised that the following Board Members and District staff are participating in and/or facilitating this meeting via Zoom Webinar:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin, President
Patricia Singer, Vice President
Jack Souders, Clerk
John Briscoe, Member
Norm Westwell, Member
Dr. Carol Hansen, Superintendent
Dr. Michael Conroy, Deputy Superintendent
Felix Avila, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Dr. Julianne Hoefer, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Trish Montgomery, Public Information Manager
Cindi Lee, Executive Assistant
Phi Tran, Network Systems Specialist

H. Minutes

H.1. Regular Board of Trustees' Meeting, April 21, 2020

Passed with a motion by Jack Souders and a second by John Briscoe.

Yes John Briscoe
Yes Gina Clayton-Tarvin
Yes Patricia Singer
Yes Jack Souders
No Norm Westwell

Prior to the vote, Trustee Westwell commented on the reporting of the agenda item that suspended a Board Policy regarding grading, stating that it does not conform to our Board Policy.

I. Time Certain: None.

J. Public Comments

Clerk Souders read 18 public comments into the public record, which are summarized below:

Jennifer Watson, parent, wrote in support of returning students to school in the summer and fall, with no social distancing measures, no PPE (personal protective equipment) or staggered schedules, as the data does not warrant such action.

Jennifer Phillips, parent, wrote in favor of a Spanish Dual Language Immersion program; a trilingual program with Spanish and either French or Arabic; and a dedicated science teacher that starts in Pre-kindergarten through sixth grade.

Debbi Parrott, parent, wrote about the need to get safety protocols in place before reopening schools.

Jyoti Vyas, parent, wrote in opposition to any school opening without strict regulations and PPE (personal protective equipment) daily for personnel and students.

Stephanie Green, community member, wrote in support of keeping the schools closed through the end of this school year.

Judy Gustafson, community member, wrote about the need to meet prerequisite safety conditions before opening any schools.

Lorelei Lachman, grandparent, wrote in support of taking time to reopen the schools until social distancing measures can be implemented.

Bethany Webb, parent, wrote about taking a cautious approach to reopening schools based on science and data.

Linda Law, community member, wrote about the dangers of reopening schools too early without social distancing.

Cathey Ryder, parent, wrote in opposition to opening any schools prior to medical and science professionals declaring it safe for students.

Libby Frolichman, community member, wrote in support of the District taking the time needed to figure out how to safely reopen schools with social distancing.

Julie Killeen, community member, wrote in support of a carefully thought out plan, to include social distancing, prior to any schools reopening.

Robert and Kellie Gillespie, community members, wrote in support of decisions being made based on experts in the fields of health and safety, and the CDC.

Melinda Lynch, community member, wrote in support of the slow reopening of schools with social distancing.

Natalie Moser, parent, wrote in support of reopening schools in a collaborative, flexible, and responsible way that ensures the health and safety of students and teachers.

Oscar Rodriguez, community member, wrote that he is confident the District will continue to monitor the data and follow the recommendations of health experts to safely reopen our schools when the time is right.

Shayna Lathus, community member, wrote in support of the District's decision to close schools in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, and eventually reopen schools in a cautious manner that ensures the health and safety of all students.

Anonymous email in support of opening schools with staggered schedules.

K. Communications

K.1. *Written Communications to the Board

Dr. Hansen advised that the following correspondence had been received:

1. Email from Cyndy Mckinley, dated April 27, 2020
2. Email from Melissa Kimbrough, dated April 28, 2020

She noted that copies of the correspondence have been sent to the Board members, and directed the public to email clee@ovsd.org if they wish to receive a copy of the correspondence.

K.2. Board/Committee Reports: None.

K.3. Trustees' Communications

Trustee Westwell stated that it is time to get back to work and resume teaching, as he commented on how teachers, students, and parents are affected by the school closures; noted that we have been lied to by the experts, as the number of deaths from COVID-19 is insignificant when compared to other causes of death; urged everyone to use common sense and return to work while practicing safety measures, such as social distancing and wearing masks.

Trustee Briscoe shared the work done by President Clayton-Tarvin and himself with regard to demanding minimal safety for our teen front-line workers, which has resulted in the Orange County Board of Supervisors voting to require the wearing of masks by essential workers in certain businesses; pleased that the younger workers on the front-lines will be protected by this decision.

Trustee Singer stated she would not feel comfortable sending her children back to school unless safety can be guaranteed for all students, as it would be shameful to reopen now without proper guidance to ensure the safety of staff and students; is looking forward to seeing a plan that will ensure that the safety of all students remains our top priority; thanked the staff members for distributing meals to those students in need.

Trustee Souders commented on the fact that students attending school would return to their families and communities each day before, once again, returning to school the next day, causing a cycle of potential community infection; noted that science is telling us that keeping students home is saving lives; addressed Trustee Westwell's comments as he explained how he and his wife, who also teaches, have been working this entire time, albeit from home, at all different hours of the day; stated it is an affront to suggest otherwise, noting Trustee Westwell's information is wrong.

President Clayton-Tarvin stated that for many teachers, working remotely is more challenging and time consuming; advised that our District schools will not reopen until a plan is developed to ensure the health and safety of every student and staff member, as supported by the vast majority of tonight's public comments; mentioned that every life matters and is not insignificant; acknowledged Trustee Briscoe as a strong advocate for children and thanked him for writing the op-ed piece with her, that pressured the Orange County Supervisors into doing the right thing; noted that, along with Trustee Singer and Brea Olinda Unified School District's Trustee Keri Kropke, she has co-authored another op-ed regarding the reopening of schools.

K.4. Superintendent's Communication

Dr. Hansen thanked the OVSD community for their cooperation during the school closures; shared information about preparations for new student enrollment for fall, 2020; advised that all schools will remain closed at this time, with current plans to begin the next school year on the scheduled date of September 9, 2020; proud of the work done by teachers as they transition to teaching online; noted that the principals and PTA/O/SA/SO organizations are working together to develop alternative end-of-year activities for students, including 8th grade promotions; commended all staff for their dedication to students during this difficult time.

K.5. PTA/PTO/PTSA/PTSO Presidents' Roundtable

Leslie Sheridan, Roundtable President, reported on the recent Roundtable meeting on May 4, 2020, via Zoom. Items discussed included Distance Learning and its challenges for everyone; grading concepts; student class placements next year; upcoming promotional activities and recognitions; financial balance sheets and carry-over monies; retrieval of students' personal items; return of textbooks and Chromebooks; and distribution of yearbooks.

K.6. Employee Associations' Communications (CSEA, OVTA)

Marisa Joselyn, OVTA President, thanked Dr. Hoefler and Mr. Avila for their work in partnership with OVTA; shared the gains made through this relationship compared to other districts, and thanked the Board for their support of the PAL process; noted that teachers are working hard to ensure that they are connecting with their students.

L. Reports

L.1. Dual Language Immersion Update

Dr. Hansen and Dr. Hoefer narrated a detailed PowerPoint presentation describing the District's new Spanish Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Program, which will be offered in September, 2020, at Harbour View School. Topics covered included the definition of DLI; program benefits, design, and models; the District's goals for the program; research findings related to DLI; student readiness for DLI; parent and program commitment; and next steps.

Dr. Hansen responded to questions from the Board members about the program.

M. Consent Calendar

Motion by Norm Westwell to direct the President not to mute the Board members' microphones for any reason. Motion died for lack of a second.

M.1. Administrative Services: Gifts to the District

Passed with a motion by Patricia Singer and a second by Jack Souders.

Yes John Briscoe
Yes Gina Clayton-Tarvin
Yes Patricia Singer
Yes Jack Souders
No Norm Westwell

M.2. Administrative Services: Network Support Services Agreement Between Ocean View School District of Orange County and Orange County Superintendent of Schools (Renewal)

Passed with a motion by Patricia Singer and a second by Jack Souders.

Yes John Briscoe
Yes Gina Clayton-Tarvin
Yes Patricia Singer
Yes Jack Souders
No Norm Westwell

M.3. Administrative Services: Purchase Orders for all Funds for March 27, 2020, through April 9, 2020

Passed with a motion by Patricia Singer and a second by Jack Souders.

Yes John Briscoe
Yes Gina Clayton-Tarvin
Yes Patricia Singer
Yes Jack Souders
No Norm Westwell

M.4. Administrative Services: School District Check Registers from April 4, 2020, through April 16, 2020

Passed with a motion by Patricia Singer and a second by Jack Souders.

Yes John Briscoe
Yes Gina Clayton-Tarvin
Yes Patricia Singer
Yes Jack Souders
No Norm Westwell

M.5. Human Resources: Certificated Employee Personnel Activity List - April 8, 2020, through April 21, 2020

Passed with a motion by Patricia Singer and a second by Jack Souders.

Yes John Briscoe
Yes Gina Clayton-Tarvin
Yes Patricia Singer
Yes Jack Souders
No Norm Westwell

N. Old Business: None.

O. New Business

O.1. Administrative Services: Data Protection Agreement for Digital Education Services Between Ocean View School District of Orange County and Khan Academy (Action)

Passed with a motion by John Briscoe and a second by Patricia Singer.

Yes John Briscoe
Yes Gina Clayton-Tarvin
Yes Patricia Singer
Yes Jack Souders
Yes Norm Westwell

O.2. Human Resources: Ocean View School District and Ocean View Teachers' Association 2019-20 Memorandum of Understanding - School Closure Related to Coronavirus-19/COVID-19 (COVID-19) Pandemic (Action)

Passed with a motion by Jack Souders and a second by Patricia Singer.

Yes John Briscoe
Yes Gina Clayton-Tarvin
Yes Patricia Singer
Yes Jack Souders
Yes Norm Westwell

O.3. Human Resources: Resolution No. 20:1920 - Layoff by Elimination of Classified Positions Due to Lack of Work and/or Lack of Funds (Action)

Passed with a motion by Jack Souders and a second by Patricia Singer.

Yes John Briscoe
Yes Gina Clayton-Tarvin
Yes Patricia Singer
Yes Jack Souders
Yes Norm Westwell

O.4. Human Resources: Resolution No. 23:1920 - A Resolution Implementing Certificated Layoff and Terminating Services of Certificated Employee as a Result of Reduction or Discontinuation of Particular Kinds of Services (Action)

Passed with a motion by John Briscoe and a second by Patricia Singer.

Yes John Briscoe
Yes Gina Clayton-Tarvin
Yes Patricia Singer
Yes Jack Souders
Yes Norm Westwell

O.5. Human Resources: Resolution No. 24:1920 - A Resolution of the Ocean View School District Of Orange County Designating May 11-15, 2020, as WEEK OF THE EMPLOYEE (Action)

Passed with a motion by Patricia Singer and a second by Jack Souders.

Yes John Briscoe
Yes Gina Clayton-Tarvin
Yes Patricia Singer
Yes Jack Souders
Yes Norm Westwell

P. Any Other Public Comments to the Board of Trustees

Dr. Hansen read a communication received from CSEA President Jason Bozarth, addressing the insulting comments made by Trustee Westwell, and requested an apology from Trustee Westwell to all classified staff.

Q. Future Agenda Items (As requested by Board Members): None.

R. Board of Trustees' Roundtable

Trustee Souders thanked the employees for all their hard work, including those who are distributing food to our students; mentioned that new opportunities have arisen out of distance learning for teachers to connect with their students.

Trustee Briscoe urged staff to look into recovering ADA money that could be used for a summer school program.

Trustee Westwell reported out that he is not participating fully in this meeting, as he is continually being kept from participating apparently by the Board President or someone else muting his microphone, after he has asked repeatedly for his microphone not to be muted; noted he was put on hold earlier and could not hear the meeting; referenced Board Policy 9005 that states the authority rests with the Board as a whole, and not an individual person; expressed his dismay with the Board members for not following the rules.

President Clayton-Tarvin thanked staff for the job they continue do every day to ensure our students are learning; noted the challenges of conducting a Board meeting in an online platform; stated the importance of following the rules of decorum, such as muting yourself when others are speaking.

Trustee Singer expressed appreciation on behalf of the majority of the Board to all classified and certificated staff who work hard every day in this unprecedented time; gave special thanks to those employees distributing food to our students.

S. Closed Session (if needed): None.

T. Return to Open Session/Report of Closed Session Action: n/a

U. Adjournment

Time: 7:44 p.m.

Passed with a motion by Patricia Singer and a second by Jack Souders.

Yes John Briscoe

Yes Gina Clayton-Tarvin

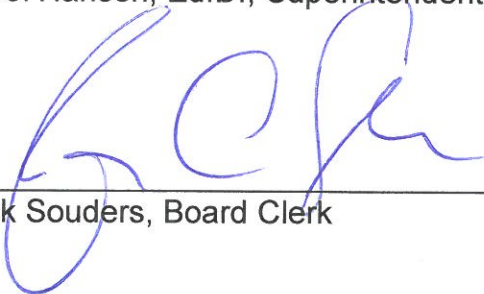
Yes Patricia Singer

Yes Jack Souders

Yes Norm Westwell



Carol Hansen, Ed.D., Superintendent



Jack Souders, Board Clerk

May 19, 2020

Date