

# Ocean View School District

17200 Pinehurst Lane  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

 APPROVED

## OVSD Emergency Board Meeting

March 13, 2020

Posted 3/13/2020; 2:16 p.m.

### 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

### A. Call To Order

The Emergency Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by President Clayton-Tarvin at 3:30 p.m.

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

Trustee John Briscoe arrived at 3:33 p.m.

### B. Pledge Of Allegiance

President Clayton-Tarvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### C. Approval Of Agenda - March 13, 2020

Motion by Patricia Singer, seconded by Jack Souders, and carried by the following vote to approve as submitted:

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

Prior to the vote on this agenda item, Trustee Westwell voiced his opposition to the Closed Session item listed on the agenda, stating that what is listed does not meet the criteria for discussion in a Closed Session.

President Clayton-Tarvin advised that the Closed Session item listed on the agenda does meet the criteria for discussion in Closed Session. She noted that the Board will be taking action in Open Session, following the Closed Session.

#### **D. Closed Session**

President Clayton-Tarvin read aloud the item listed under Closed Session. There was no one in the audience wishing to speak regarding this item.

The Board of Trustees moved to Closed Session at 3:36 p.m.

**1. Government Code Section 54957(a): Threat to Public Service or Facilities; Consultation with: General Counsel; Dr. Carol Hansen, Superintendent; Dr. Michael Conroy, Deputy Superintendent; Felix Avila, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources**

#### **E. Return To Open Session/Report Of Closed Session Action**

The Board of Trustees returned to Open Session at 4:18 p.m. There were no Closed Session actions to report.

#### **F. Public Comments**

Marie DePaulo (sp?), parent, questioned whether gates would remain unlocked while the facilities were shut down during this two week period.

Maribel Mendez, Oak View Continuing Development Inc. (CDI), asked for the District's recommendation on whether the Center should remain open or closed to the public.

President Clayton-Tarvin advised these speakers to discuss their questions with Dr. Hansen after the meeting.

Natalie Moser, parent, thanked the Board of Trustees for their quick handling of this situation, and noted she has the utmost confidence that the District will do the right thing for our community and the protection of our students.

Kavia Storks (sp?), parent, expressed concern that this matter is being discussed and decisions made based on no supporting facts; agreed that precautions should be taken around diseases, but felt this level of franticness is unfounded and amounts to fear mongering.

Angelique Stjean, parent, thanked the Board for their prompt action in dealing with the spreading of the virus, and asked how parents can help the District during this time.

Jamie Lambert, parent, expressed appreciation for the Board's proactive actions in getting ahead of this outbreak; advocated for mindfulness around quality of education in the District.

**G. Superintendent's Office: Resolution No. 18:1920 - Emergency Resolution of the Ocean View School District of Orange County Authorizing the Superintendent to Take Any and All Necessary Actions to Prepare and Respond Effectively to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Motion by John Briscoe and seconded by Patricia Singer to approve as submitted.

Substitute Motion by John Briscoe and seconded by Patricia Singer to approve Resolution No. 18:1920, with the exception of the following language on page 2, paragraph 6:

"2) By unanimous vote pursuant to Section 20113 of the Public Contract Code and subject to approval by the Orange County Superintendent of Schools, authorize the execution of contracts without advertising or inviting bids; and notwithstanding Section 20114, authorizes the flexibility of Facilities and Maintenance and Operations, to respond to the emergency conditions at District sites;" and renumber "3)" to "2)".

Trustee Westwell reported out a Brown Act violation that occurred in Closed Session as the item that was listed and discussed did not meet the criteria for Closed Session.

Trustee Westwell expressed concerns about approving the Resolution, noting there are no student or staff infections, the Superintendent already has the authority she needs per Board Bylaws, and the media is over-hyping the situation, similar to the past asbestos disaster where the District lost millions of dollars; advised that he will be voting against the Resolution.

President Clayton-Tarvin stated that Trustee Westwell is incorrect, has made irresponsible remarks, and is derelict in his duty. There has been no Brown Act violation in Closed Session, and his information regarding the asbestos matter is incorrect. She spoke about the dire health situation in Italy as a result of action not being taken soon enough; noted we are in a national emergency and must take action regarding the health and safety of our students, just as school districts around us have done.

Trustee Briscoe disagreed with Trustee Westwell's statement that no students or staff are infected, as we do not know who is infected at this time; we have no known students or staff infected; given the community transmission of the virus, he expects there to be increased cases of infection; disagreed with the loss of millions of dollars in the asbestos matter.

Trustee Singer mentioned that as someone with an autoimmune disease, she is taking this situation very seriously; these are precautionary measures the District is taking to ensure our students are safe, which is the right thing to do.

Trustee Souders commented on the virology of the disease, and the community transmission of the virus which needs to be taken seriously; agreed that some people have unnecessarily panicked as a result of the pandemic, but noted it does pose a significant threat economically and to certain members of our population; our responsibility is to the protection and health of our students.

Further discussion ensued regarding plans to return students and staff to sites, and meal distribution to students.

Dr. Hansen commented on the extraordinary situation in which we find ourselves due to the coronavirus pandemic. She advised that the items listed on this meeting's agenda were properly agendaized per legal counsel. She noted that plans for school closure were developed after consulting with federal and state public health experts, the Orange County Department of Education, surrounding school districts, and the Board of Trustees. At this time, District schools will be closed for two weeks beginning March 15 through March 27, with the closure extended if necessary. She discussed plans for distance learning and grab-and-go meals available to all students, medication pick-up, and special education updates.

Trustee Westwell called for the question. There being no second, the motion died.

Trustee Singer clarified that the meal offerings would include breakfast and lunch, and be available for children ages 1-18, which was confirmed by Dr. Hansen.

Trustee Westwell called for the question. There being no second, the motion died.

President Clayton-Tarvin read aloud the substitute motion and called for the vote:

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

### H. Adjournment

Time: 5:00 p.m.

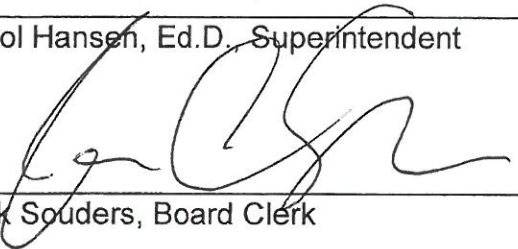
**Passed** with a motion by John Briscoe and a second by Patricia Singer.

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



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Carol Hansen, Ed.D., Superintendent



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Jack Souders, Board Clerk

*April 7, 2020*

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Date