

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

 APPROVED

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Trustees' Meeting**  
February 16, 2021  
5:00 PM - CLOSED SESSION; 6:00 PM - OPEN SESSION  
Zoom Webinar Link: <https://www.ovsd.org/boardmeeting>

**Trustees:**

Patricia Singer, President  
Jack Souders, Vice President  
Gina Clayton-Tarvin, 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 Patricia Singer at 5:00 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

Members present: John Briscoe, Gina Clayton-Tarvin, Patricia Singer, Jack Souders (by phone/Zoom)

Norm Westwell arrived at 5:01 p.m.

**C. Agenda Adoption - Regular Board of Trustees' Meeting of February 16, 2021**

**Passed** with a motion by John Briscoe and a second by Gina Clayton-Tarvin.

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

**D. Closed Session**

Clerk Clayton-Tarvin read aloud the items listed under Closed Session. There being no one wishing to speak on these matters, the Board of Trustees moved to Closed Session at 5:03 p.m.

**D.1. Government Code Section 54956.9: Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated litigation; significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph 2 of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: One Case - Proposition 39 Request from Sycamore Creek Community Charter School**

**D.2. Government Code Section 54956.9 Conference with Legal Counsel Existing Litigation, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): OAH Case No. 2021010215**

**D.3. Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation: one potential case.**

**D.4. Government Code Section 54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiators - Agency designated representative: Felix Avila, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Employee Organizations: CSEA and OVTA**

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

The Board of Trustees returned to Open Session at 6:00 p.m. The following action was taken in Closed Session:

MOTION by John Briscoe, seconded by Jack Souders, and carried by the following roll call vote to approve the settlement agreement to resolve special education potential litigation in the amount not to exceed \$8,160.00:

Yes John Briscoe

Yes Gina Clayton-Tarvin

Yes Patricia Singer

Yes Jack Souders

Yes Norm Westwell

## **F. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Singer.

**G. Introductions:** None.

## **H. Minutes**

### **H.1. Regular Board of Trustees' Meeting, February 2, 2021**

**Passed** with a motion by John Briscoe and a second by Gina Clayton-Tarvin.

Yes John Briscoe

Yes Gina Clayton-Tarvin

Yes Patricia Singer

Yes Jack Souders

Yes Norm Westwell

## **I. Time Certain**

### **I.1. 6:05 p.m. Oak View's Hybrid Instruction Presentation**

Oak View Principal Jenna Landero narrated a presentation on the innovative ways that her teachers and staff are meeting the academic and social/emotional needs of their students through engagement and intervention. She also included a poignant video tribute to the beloved members of the Oak View community that have lost their lives this year, many of them to COVID-19.

## **I.2. 6:15 p.m. Recognition of OVSD Classified Employees Of The Year 2021**

The following honorees were recognized and presented with Plaques of Recognition:  
Sergio Laris, Maintenance Electrician - Facilities Department;  
Talin Atachian, Food Service Worker - Westmont School;  
Tung Ngo, Parent Liaison/Instructional Assistant Bilingual - Star View School;  
Cindy Pulfer, Administrative Assistant - Administrative Services Division;  
Tawn O'Connell, Noon Duty Supervisor - Marine View Middle School

## **J. Public Comments**

The following comments were read into the public record by President Singer and Clerk Clayton-Tarvin.

### Comments regarding school reopening/increasing on-site instructional time:

Sean Wood  
Erica Zuniga  
Dan & Beth Lauder  
Matthew, Amy, Madilyn, Kenzington Hoover  
Janie Celentano  
Angela Radovich  
Caoimhe  
Michelle

### Comments regarding the need for schedule changes:

Matthew & Jennifer Kurth  
Concerned Parents  
Ocean View Parent

### Comment regarding transportation:

Leonila Ana Mijares

## **K. Communications**

### **K.1. Written Communications to the Board**

President Singer advised that the following correspondence had been received:

1. Email from Jeremy and Janie Celentano, dated February 16, 2021

A copy of the above correspondence has been provided to the Board members, and is available for public review at the District Office.

### **K.2. Board/Committee Reports: None.**

### **K.3. Trustees' Communications**

Trustee Briscoe acknowledged the Classified Employees of the Year, noting he attended their on-site surprise presentations in recognition of their work and service to the District.

Trustee Clayton-Tarvin congratulated the Classified Employees of the Year; thanked Principal Landero and her staff for tonight's impressive presentation; visited Golden View and Mesa View with President Singer and District staff; commented on SB 98 which reduced the amount of mandatory instructional minutes, as she discussed the desire to provide more time in the classroom; viewed a recent live presentation given by the new Director of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Dr. Rochelle Walensky, regarding the latest health information; advised we are following the reopening plan for California schools.

Trustee Souders noted he had been potentially exposed to COVID-19, and is attending this meeting virtually for the safety of his colleagues; addressed comments made in the community regarding his recent remarks at the last Board meeting; advised it was not his intent to offend anyone by these remarks, especially teachers and other staff; rather, it was his way of taking responsibility as a Board member for the shortcomings in our Hybrid program; stated there are many wonderful things working in the Hybrid program and commended the District for returning students back to school; congratulated the Classified Employees of the Year, specifically acknowledging his neighbor, Tawn O'Connell, Noon Duty Supervisor at Marine View.

Trustee Westwell stated he is completely in favor of returning to in-person learning immediately, as he referenced the latest updates from science, decreasing COVID numbers, and CDC recommendations; expressed concern that teachers may not have jobs to return to if parents continue to leave the District and pursue private education, resulting in declining enrollment; wished to communicate with labor groups that staying out of the classroom is not in their best interest since lay-offs will result if there are less students to teach.

President Singer congratulated the Classified Employees of the Year, noting she also was present during the surprise announcements; pleased to visit schools where she saw students learning in classrooms and actively engaged in their education.

#### **K.4. Superintendent's Communication**

Dr. Hansen congratulated the Classified Employees of the Year; thanked Oak View's Principal and staff for the wonderful presentation tonight; commented on her recent visits to school sites, where teachers have integrated fun and learning for their students; appreciated Trustee Clayton-Tarvin's remarks about the regulations we must follow, including strict social distancing guidelines; staff continues to work toward bringing more students back into the classroom with these regulations in place; advised it is the District's intent to return students to school five days a week in the fall; mentioned there are no plans to lay-off teachers at this time; noted that Human Resources Division continues to provide updated information to our staff regarding testing and vaccinations; shared information for upcoming parent meetings regarding Kindergarten Registration and Middle School Transition for the 2021-22 school year.

#### **K.5. PTA/PTO/PTSA/PTSO Presidents' Roundtable: None.**

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

Jason Bozarth, CSEA President, spoke regarding a new CSEA media campaign, in conjunction with the state organization, which will focus on reaching out to the community to explain how we serve them as essential workers; urged vaccinations for all workers so they can return to work without risking their health or that of their loved ones.

Marisa Joslyn, OVTA President, commented on the idea that failure is an opportunity to learn, as she referenced Trustee Souders' comments regarding the Hybrid model at the last Board meeting; acknowledged the tremendous efforts of all staff as we look to enhance our Hybrid model through the PAL process.

**L. Reports:** None.

### **M. Consent Calendar**

#### **M.1. Administrative Services: Gifts to the District**

**Passed** with a motion by Gina Clayton-Tarvin and a second by John Briscoe.

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

#### **M.2. Administrative Services: Payroll Check Registers from January 11, 2021, through February 10, 2021**

**Passed** with a motion by Gina Clayton-Tarvin and a second by John Briscoe.

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

#### **M.3. Administrative Services: Purchase Orders for all Funds from January 22, 2021, through February 4, 2021**

**Passed** with a motion by Gina Clayton-Tarvin and a second by John Briscoe.

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

**M.4. Administrative Services: School District Check Registers from January 23, 2021, through February 5, 2021**

**Passed** with a motion by Gina Clayton-Tarvin and a second by John Briscoe.

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

**M.5. Educational Services: Listing of Conferences, Meetings, Workshops, and Consultants**

**Passed** with a motion by Gina Clayton-Tarvin and a second by John Briscoe.

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

**M.6. Human Resources: Classified Employee Personnel Activity List - January 20, 2021, through February 2, 2021**

**Passed** with a motion by Gina Clayton-Tarvin and a second by John Briscoe.

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

**N. Old Business:** None.

**O. New Business**

**O.1. Superintendent's Office: 2021 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election (Action)**

MOTION by Gina Clayton-Tarvin, seconded by John Briscoe, and carried by the following vote to approve the names of Gina Clayton-Tarvin and John Briscoe to move forward as nominees to the CSBA Delegate Assembly:

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



**O.2. Administrative Services: Charter Facilities Agreement By and Between Ocean View School District of Orange County and Sycamore Creek Community Charter School (Action)**

**Passed** with a motion by Norm Westwell and a second by John Briscoe.

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

**O.3. Administrative Services: Contract Change Order for Wolverine Fence Company, Inc. for the 2020 Site Fencing Project - Phase II (Action)**

**Passed** with a motion by John Briscoe and a second by Gina Clayton-Tarvin.

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

**O.4. Educational Services: Agreement for Non-Public School/Services for a Special Education Student as Determined by Individualized Education Program (IEP) (Action)**

**Passed** with a motion by Gina Clayton-Tarvin and a second by John Briscoe.

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

**O.5. Educational Services: Requests for Independent Educational Evaluations (IEEs) for Students with Special Needs (Action)**

**Passed** with a motion by John Briscoe 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: None.**

### **Q. Future Agenda Items (As requested by Board Members)**

Trustee Briscoe:

-Will be writing a resolution to request that Orange County Department of Education provide a written legal opinion regarding the Robinson Patman Act, and will submit this resolution for placement on the Board agenda.

### **R. Board of Trustees' Roundtable**

Trustee Briscoe commented on the moving presentation given tonight by Oak View Principal Landero, and shared his grief with the loss of the Oak View community members acknowledged tonight.

Trustee Clayton-Tarvin discussed the latest information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) regarding COVID-19, including its guidelines for reopening schools which contradicts information spoken by a fellow Board member tonight; noted that the District is following state and local guidelines with our Hybrid and virtual programs; plans to lobby the Governor to return students to school in the fall on a full-time basis.

Trustee Souders stated that he understands the frustration expressed by parents and teachers, as he also wants to return to the classroom, but there are safety concerns; will be working toward the return to full time, in-person school in the fall.

Trustee Westwell thanked the Classified Employees of the Year for their hard work and dedication; apologized to the community for the misinformation they are receiving from this District and this dais; encouraged everyone to use common sense and do their own research; wished everyone a happy Mardi Gras.

President Singer disagreed with Trustee Westwell's comments regarding misinformation, noting the problem is that the information is constantly changing at the state and federal level regarding safety measures and school reopening guidelines; the Board is making the difficult decisions based on science and federal and state guidelines; concurred with the frustration expressed tonight as she is a parent herself, but reminded the public of the delicate balance of providing a safe environment for learning with the well-being of all staff and students; reiterated that the Board is hearing the same mixed messages as the community from the health agencies and government; is proud of what this District has done and is excited to return to school on a full-time basis in the fall.

### **S. Closed Session (if needed)**

The Board of Trustees moved to Closed Session at 7:45 p.m. to continue discussion of items previously announced. Any action taken will be reported out from the Board Room (Building A).

### **T. Return to Open Session/Report of Closed Session Action**

The Board of Trustees returned to Open Session at 8:05 p.m. There were no Closed Session actions to report.



**U. Adjournment**

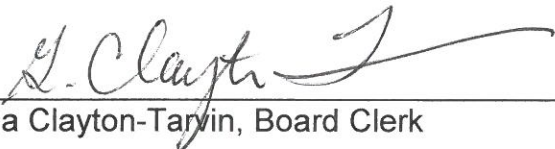
Time: 8:06 p.m.

**Passed** with a motion by Gina Clayton-Tarvin and a second by John Briscoe.

- 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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Gina Clayton-Tarvin, Board Clerk

3/10/21

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Date