

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

 APPROVED

Board of Trustees' Meeting - Minutes
January 05, 2021
5:15 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 Hoefer, 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 5:15 p.m.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Agenda Adoption - Regular Board of Trustees' Meeting of January 5, 2021

Trustee Westwell pulled Agenda Item M.2 (Independent Contractor Agreement Between Ocean View School District of Orange County and Treesmith Enterprises, Inc.) from the Consent Calendar for individual consideration.

MOTION by John Briscoe, seconded by Gina Clayton-Tarvin, and carried by the following vote to approve the Agenda, moving Agenda Item M.2 before O. New Business for individual consideration:

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

D. Closed Session

Board Clerk Clayton-Tarvin read aloud the items listed under Closed Session. As there was no one wishing to speak on these matters, the Board moved to Closed Session at 5:19 p.m.

D.1. Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated litigation: one potential case

D.2. 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. with Trustees Briscoe, Clayton-Tarvin, Singer, and Westwell in attendance; Trustee Souders was absent. There were no Closed Session actions to report.

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, December 15, 2020

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

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

Trustee Souders rejoined the meeting at 6:03 p.m., after the vote was taken on Agenda Item H.1. - Minutes.

I. Time Certain: None.

J. Public Comments

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

Comments in favor of returning to some type of in-person instruction:

Richard Hernandez
Anonymous
Matthew Hoover & Family
Aaron Roupoli
Steve Overcast

Comments in opposition to continued onsite instruction for special education students/staff:

Anonymous
Marianne Porto
Anonymous
Kathy Jahanshahi
Anonymous
Alicia Helm
Anonymous
Anonymous
Ronda Wong
Sandra East
Anonymous
Christina Patron
Anonymous
Anonymous
K. Fennell

Comments in support of remaining in Distance Learning model:

Tom Martin

K. Communications

K.1. *Written Communications to the Board: None.

K.2. Board/Committee Reports: None.

K.3. Trustees' Communications

Trustee Briscoe suggested information be explained about the requirements and restrictions related to the unique positions held by our special education staff so they might understand our decision to maintain in-person instruction for special education staff and students.

Trustee Clayton-Tarvin explained the different laws that affect special education and legal requirements that must be met, such as IEPs, which are federal mandates; understands the fear expressed by staff in public comments during this difficult time; spoke about the importance of valuing educators and stated she would diligently work to move educators to the forefront in receiving vaccinations.

K.4. Superintendent's Communication

Dr. Hansen wished everyone a Happy New Year; shared how staff and families were asked to report any positive COVID-19 cases over the winter break, and thanked staff for working during this time to intake these reports; urged everyone to maintain social distancing, wear masks, wash hands, and follow stay at home orders in order to keep our community safe.

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

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

Marisa Joslyn, OVTA President, noted that productive meetings continue to be held with special education staff and administrators to address concerns expressed, which include staffing problems, lack of qualified substitutes, high positivity rate, and lack of ICU beds statewide; shared her condolences for a teacher who lost her father and a colleague in the Anaheim Union High School District who passed away due to COVID-19; expressed confidence in the Partnership with Administration and Labor (PAL) that will get us through this together.

Jason Bozarth, CSEA President, added his Chapter's condolences; mentioned that special education, preschool, and day care services continue in-person, yet are at high risk due to the inability to maintain safety protocols; noted the belief among day care workers that the District's decision to stay open was based on financial considerations and urged the District to address this issue; asked the Board to consider all these concerns as they deliberate the next course of action.

L. Reports

L.1. Construction Update

Dr. Conroy provided an update on the interior branding plan at Vista View, sharing images of the original mural design concept, along with the revised redesigned murals depicting science, technology, engineering, arts, and math.

L.2. Temporary Return to Distance Learning Update

Dr. Hansen provided the Board with an update and clarification on Temporary Distance Learning, in addition to sharing the latest COVID-19 statistics; information on employee leaves; and issues related to Preschool and Child Care Programs, and Special Day Classes.

Planned next steps include continued monitoring of COVID-19 in our community and positivity rates in Orange County and the District; continuing to explore enhanced Hybrid schedule with bargaining units; making adjustments to staff assignments; and providing updates at future Board meetings.

In response to questions from Board members, she urged the Board to read the *California's Safe Schools for All Plan*, which was sent to the Trustees and is available on our website, as it references pertinent scientific studies.

Discussion ensued regarding increased community spread of COVID-19; employee safety; employee personal leave information; staffing issues; strains of the coronavirus; mutated viruses; COVID-19 presentation in children; and transmission of diseases. In response to earlier remarks, it was noted that the decision to keep Child Care open has nothing to do with financial gain, but rather to comply with the state mandate to make available this type of service for essential workers.

M. Consent Calendar

M.1. Administrative Services: Gifts to the District

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

M.2. Administrative Services: Independent Contractor Agreement Between Ocean View School District of Orange County and Treemith Enterprises, Inc. (Renewal)

MOTION by John Briscoe, seconded by Jack Souders to approve.

Trustee Westwell expressed concern with the contract cost of \$50,000.00, noting he would approve the contract for \$25,000.00.

Dr. Conroy provided additional information to the Trustees regarding the contract.

Vote on motion to approve:

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

It was noted that Trustee Briscoe was away from the dais during the vote on this item and returned after the vote was taken.

M.3. Administrative Services: Purchase Orders for all Funds for December 4, 2020, through December 17, 2020

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

M.4. Educational Services: Independent Contractor Agreement between Ocean View School District of Orange County and Julie Ardell for Speech Language Pathology Services (Renewal)

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

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

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

M.6. Human Resources: Certificated Employee Personnel Activity List - November 18, 2020, through December 15, 2020

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

M.7. Human Resources: Classified Employee Personnel Activity List - November 18, 2020, through December 15, 2020

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

N. Old Business: None.

O. New Business: None.

P. Any Other Public Comments to the Board of Trustees

The following comment was read into the public record by Clerk Clayton-Tarvin:

Catherine D., urged the Board to reevaluate the decision to keep preschool and child care services open.

Clerk Clayton-Tarvin advised she had received a text from CSEA President Jason Bozarth, clarifying his earlier comment that it was the belief of some staff that decisions to keep Child Care open were financially motivated, and he had asked the District to address this matter.

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

R. Board of Trustees' Roundtable

Trustee Briscoe commented on the different options that Trustees may choose to utilize when submitting an item for consideration on the Board agenda; suggested any colleague take advantage of these options, including writing the agenda item and submitting it for agenda placement.

Trustee Clayton-Tarvin concurred with Trustee Briscoe's comments regarding the options available for placing an item on the Board agenda, as she referenced previous agenda items on past agendas that were written by other Trustees; reiterated her number one priority is the health and safety of our students and staff.

Trustee Souders agreed that Trustees do have options to submit agenda items for consideration; pleased that the majority of our community is standing together and will get through this difficult time.

Trustee Westwell responded to misinformation shared regarding the various ways to submit an agenda item, noting he is aware of the three options available; stated he is utilizing one of the options when requesting agenda items during Board meetings.

Responding to Trustee Westwell's comments, President Singer clarified that the other Trustees were listing all options available for Board agenda item submission, not giving out misinformation.

President Singer expressed her appreciation of everyone's comments, as she understands the concern and fear of both parents and staff; advised she will continue to base her decisions on the latest data available; urged everyone to follow safety protocols now so we can return all our staff and students to school as soon as it is safe to do so.

S. Closed Session (if needed)

Time: 7:17 p.m.

The Board of Trustees returned to Closed Session to continue discussion of items previously announced. Any Closed Session actions taken will be reported out from the Board Room.

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 Norm Westwell and a second by John Briscoe.

Yes John Briscoe

Yes Gina Clayton-Tarvin

Yes Patricia Singer

Yes Jack Souders

Yes Norm Westwell



Carol Hansen, Ed.D., Superintendent



Gina Clayton-Tarvin, Board Clerk

Date

January 19, 2021