

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

 APPROVED

Special Board of Trustees' Meeting - Minutes

December 29, 2020

4:00 p.m. CLOSED SESSION; OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

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

VIA ZOOM

Trustees:

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

Administration:

Carol Hansen, Ed.D., Superintendent
Felix Avila, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Julianne Hoefer, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

A. Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by President Patricia Singer at 4:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Members present via Zoom/Phone: Gina Clayton-Tarvin, Patricia Singer, Jack Souders

John Briscoe joined the meeting via Zoom at 4:02 p.m.

Norm Westwell joined the meeting via phone at 4:06 p.m.

C. Agenda Adoption - Special Board of Trustees' Meeting of December 29, 2020

Passed with a motion by Gina Clayton-Tarvin and a second by Jack Souders.

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

D. Closed Session

Board Clerk Clayton-Tarvin read aloud the item listed under Closed Session. As there was no one wishing to speak on this matter, the Board moved to Closed Session at 4:05 p.m.

D.1. 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 4:37 p.m. There were no Closed Session actions to report.

F. Pledge of Allegiance

President Singer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

G. Public Comments

The following comments were read into the public record.

Comments in opposition to returning to Temporary Distance Learning:

Anonymous
Jennifer Prewitt
Tricia
Eirann Mittelsteadt
Holly Murillo
Darcell Bourgeois
Shea Nolan
Anonymous
Jessica Lund
Myranda Poletiek
Katy
Anonymous
Jennifer Watson
Anonymous

Comments regarding adequate time to pivot between Hybrid In-person and Distance Learning:

Courtney Walker

Comments regarding effects on Special Education:

Gina Scott

Comments in favor of returning to Temporary Distance Learning:

Terri Rembuskos Kasravi
Mother of 2
Tracey Mayebo
Susie Cerami
Cathy Bastian
Anonymous

H. New Business

H.1. Superintendent's Office: Potential Return to Temporary Distance Learning Instructional Model (Action)

Trustee Clayton-Tarvin advised she would like to make a Substitute Motion.

After discussion regarding main and substitute motions, President Singer asked for a main motion.

MOTION by Gina Clayton-Tarvin and seconded by Jack Souders to approve.

Again, Trustee Clayton-Tarvin advised she would like to make a Substitute Motion.

Trustee Westwell raised a Point of Order, stating that the maker of the original motion cannot make a substitute motion.

Trustee Briscoe asked for a ruling from the Parliamentarian.

Acting as Parliamentarian, Trustee Clayton-Tarvin stated that a substitute motion can be made by the maker of the original motion. However, she retracted her original motion at this time.

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

SUBSTITUTE MOTION by Gina Clayton-Tarvin and seconded by John Briscoe to return to Temporary Distance Learning for two weeks, starting January 4, 2021, and concluding on January 15, 2021.

Trustee Westwell raised a Point of Order, noting that the one who seconds the original motion cannot second the substitute motion.

Responding to Trustee Souders' request for a Parliamentary Ruling, Trustee Clayton-Tarvin stated, on small governing boards, the one who seconds the original motion can also second the substitute motion.

President Singer concurred and continued the meeting.

Trustee Westwell made a motion to appeal the ruling of the President. The motion to appeal died for lack of a second.

President Singer requested that staff's report be presented at this time.

Dr. Hansen provided information via PowerPoint in support of her recommendation to return to Temporary Distance Learning to help thwart the spread and exposure of the virus. She shared rising COVID-19 statistics, including the 0% ICU capacity in the Southern California region; California's Stay At Home Order; and high positivity percentages and case rates.

She gave an overview of the proposed Temporary Distance Learning schedules for grades TK-8, as well as other pertinent information, and recommended that Kids' Club, all preschool classes, and Special Day Classes remain open.

Trustee Clayton-Tarvin commented on teachers and staff being heroic public servants in our community; expressed concern that our staff may be in jeopardy due to the current COVID-19 surge.

Trustee Westwell raised a Point of Order, stating that Trustee Clayton-Tarvin's speaking time has expired. After discussion on timing of speakers, President Singer advised that the time is being appropriately monitored.

Trustee Westwell made a motion to appeal the ruling of the President. The motion to appeal died for lack of a second.

Trustee Clayton-Tarvin concluded her comments by noting the lack of any available ICU beds in the Southern California region.

Trustee Souders discussed the seriousness of viruses, as he agreed that waiting two weeks to return to school would be in the best interest of the health and safety of students and staff during the current COVID-19 surge.

Trustee Westwell spoke about the many essential workers in our community, including teachers; expressed support of parents making the choice of whether to send their child back to school; advocated for the opening of schools as soon as possible.

President Singer noted that this temporary pause is essential to ensure the safety of students and staff given the rising numbers of COVID-19 cases and the lack of ICU beds.

Further discussion ensued regarding the importance of vaccinating essential workers as soon as possible; the lack of ICU beds available in our region; and the critical safety protocols and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that are in place at our school sites.

For clarification purposes, Trustee Clayton-Tarvin restated the Substitute Motion to return to the Temporary Distance Learning Instructional Model for two weeks, beginning January 4, 2021.

Vote on Substitute Motion:

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

I. Adjournment:

Trustee Briscoe left meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Time: 5:52 p.m.

Passed with a motion by Norm Westwell and a second by Jack Souders.

Absent	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

January 19, 2021

Date