

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

Special Board of Trustees' Meeting - Minutes
November 05, 2020
5:00 PM - OPEN SESSION
Zoom Webinar Link: <https://www.ovsd.org/boardmeeting>

 APPROVED

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 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 Gina Clayton-Tarvin at 5:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

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

Norm Westwell arrived at 5:08 p.m.

C. Agenda Adoption - Special Board of Trustees' Meeting of November 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
Absent	Norm Westwell

D. Pledge of Allegiance

President Clayton-Tarvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

E. Public Comments

Matthew Hoover, parent, encouraged the reopening of schools fully for in-person education, which would greatly benefit those parents who work full-time.

Jessica McKimmey, parent, spoke about the need for more in-person instruction for her children, and advocated for the return of students full-time for in-person education.

Bryan Leipper, OVTA Bargaining Chair, commented on the positive work done by Administration and staff in keeping our District operating during this time; reported on an OVTA meeting held earlier that day, where discussion ensued regarding the possibility of pivoting as various instructional delivery models are being considered for the future; expressed confidence that through the PAL process, we will meet the challenges presented during this time.

John Salazar, parent, clarified his response to a question from Trustee Westwell at the last Board meeting; read aloud some of the questions he had presented to Dr. Hansen and President Clayton-Tarvin when he recently met with them; stated the District is making decisions that are not in the best interests of the students.

Comments from the following people were read into the public record:

In support of additional in-person instruction time for students:

Beth Lauder
Michelle Frankley Dizon
Brienne _____

In support of cautious approach when making future decisions to return to school in-person:

Allison Singhi
Ashley Booth

In support of returning to in-person instruction full-time:

Alana Cooper
Vannia Peirce
Mark and Kristen Frey

In support of remaining in Hybrid model for instructional delivery:

Erica Manicom
Jeanette McNamara
Tam Glunt

President Clayton-Tarvin addressed a rumor in the community that the District plans to return to an online instruction format only, stating that this is not true at all. In fact, the District is moving toward returning to full-time in-person instruction when it is safe to do so.

F. Reports

F.1. School Reopening Update

President Clayton-Tarvin advised that the Board of Trustees will now conduct a review of the Hybrid model of instruction, which has been in operation for six weeks, and will consider possible modifications.

Dr. Hansen provided information regarding the latest COVID-19 statistics, as well as an evaluation of the Hybrid model and recommendations for possible modifications. Key

considerations include safeguarding student and staff health while providing the best possible education, and the fact that COVID-19 statistics in our community and beyond are rapidly increasing. In her review of the Hybrid schedule, she commented on the intentional planning and implementation of safety protocols and training that occurred prior to reopening schools, as well as the establishment of small student cohorts to limit comingling of students and staff, limiting potential exposure. Staff is not recommending transitioning to 100% in-person instruction at this time due to many factors, including the concern in rising numbers of COVID-19 statistics; the stress that additional students on campus would add to the system, possibly leading to increased exposure; there would not be enough room in our classrooms to maintain six feet of social distancing with additional students; and the District would not be able to adhere to the California Department of Public Health recommendations of social distancing and small cohorting.

Dr. Hansen offered considerations for modifications, such as enhancing or modifying the current in-person Hybrid schedule; keeping students and staff safe while addressing their academic, social, and emotional needs; consideration of staff's concerns for safety and revisions for safety and cleaning protocols; and exploration of an AM/PM option versus a split week of instruction.

Recommended next steps include developing potential alternative Hybrid schedules to provide additional time for students to be on campus and/or for teachers and students to be together in person; collaborating with employee associations; and providing an update to the Board in December.

Krystle Bevins, parent, spoke in support of additional in-person instructional time for students.

Emily Anderson, parent, urged the District to re-open schools to full-time instructional learning to meet the needs of all students.

Katelynn Anderson, student, shared learning difficulties she is experiencing in the Hybrid model of instruction.

Trustee Briscoe commented on claims of instructional inadequacy; available intervention and supplemental programs to assist students who are having difficulty; and ways that we are evaluating our instructional performance.

Trustee Singer shared local COVID-19 statistics, and expressed her desire to provide additional in-person instruction for students with teachers at the campuses.

Trustee Souders noted the current Hybrid model is not working effectively for students, but does not think it is time to return to in-person instruction full-time; suggested staff return with potential plans to consider prior to the December Board meeting.

Trustee Westwell spoke in favor of reopening the schools to full-time instruction for all students, and recommended this occur on November 16, 2020.

President Clayton-Tarvin agreed that the current Hybrid model is not sufficiently meeting our students' needs and recommended options be developed to increase the number of

days that students are at school. She mentioned that negotiations with certificated and classified staff will need to be considered moving forward.

A motion was made by John Briscoe, seconded by Patricia Singer to extend debate time on this matter. Trustee Westwell disagreed with the need for a motion, stating this is not an actionable item for debate.

Vote on motion to extend time for debate:

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

Dr. Hansen clarified the direction given by the Board majority to meet with labor groups about increasing days of in-person instruction time with students on campuses as we work toward returning full-time to schools when it is safe to do so.

After further discussion about time needed to establish optional schedules and negotiate with unions, it was decided that a Special Board meeting would be held on Thursday, December 3, 2020, for staff to share the latest plans for instructional delivery and to give the Board an opportunity to provide input and direction. Dr. Hansen advised she will also update the Board at the November 17, 2020, Board meeting on the progress of the work being done.

G. Adjournment

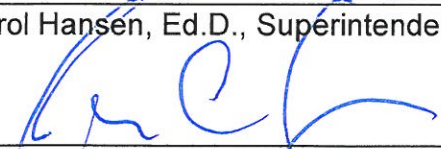
Time: 7:42 p.m.

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



Carol Hansen, Ed.D., Superintendent



Jack Souders, Board Clerk

11/17/2020

Date