



OCEAN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT
17200 Pinehurst Lane
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

**Board of Trustees' Meeting
February 13, 2024; 06:00 PM**

MEETING MINUTES

Closed Session: 5:15 p.m.

Open Session: 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED

Voting Members

Jack Souders, President
Patricia Singer, Vice President
Gina Clayton-Tarvin, Clerk
Morgan Westmoreland, Trustee
Norm Westwell, Trustee

Administration

Michael Conroy, Ed.D., Superintendent
Julianne Hoefer, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Keith Farrow, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services

A. Call to Order

The Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by President Jack Souders at 5:15 p.m.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Agenda Adoption - Regular Board of Trustees' Meeting of February 13, 2024

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Patricia Singer

Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes
Patricia Singer - Yes
Jack Souders - Yes
Morgan Westmoreland - Yes
Norm Westwell - Yes

D. Closed Session.

Clerk Clayton-Tarvin read aloud the items listed under Closed Session.

1. Government Code Section 54957: Public Employment - Assistant/Deputy Superintendent, Administrative Services, Educational Services, Human Resources
2. Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Superintendent
3. Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
4. Government Code Section 54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiators - Agency designated representative: Michael Conroy, Ed.D., Superintendent; Employee Organizations: CSEA and OVTA
5. Government Code Section 54956.8: Conference with Real Property Negotiators - Property: 4.4 acre parcel of land located at corner of Warner Avenue and Nichols Lane, commonly referred to as the "Wintersburg Property"; Agency Negotiator: Michael Conroy, Ed.D., Superintendent; Negotiating Parties: Ocean View School District of Orange County; Republic Services, Inc.; Under Negotiation: Instruction and authority provided to Negotiators will concern valuation, purchase, and assignment issues pertaining to disposition of said parcel pursuant to Agreement Between Landowners.

E. Reconvene in Open Session/Report of Closed Session Action

The Board of Trustees returned to Open Session at 6:00 p.m. There were no Closed Session actions to report.

F. Pledge of Allegiance

President Souders led the Pledge of Allegiance.

G. Introductions

Dr. Conroy introduced BethAnn Arko, who will serve as the Interim Director of Classified Personnel. Recently retired from Downey Unified School District as the Director of Classified Human Resources, Ms. Arko has over 20 years of experience working in merit system districts, including Fountain Valley, Garden Grove, and Vista Unified School Districts.

H. Minutes

1. Regular Board of Trustees' Meeting Minutes, January 23, 2024

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Gina Clayton-Tarvin
Motion seconded by: Patricia Singer

Voting:
Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes
Patricia Singer - Yes
Jack Souders - Yes

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes
Norm Westwell - Yes

I. Time Certain

1. 6:05 p.m. Marine View Middle School: Student Presentation

Marine View Middle School Principal Sara Schaible highlighted the 'behind the scenes' work of students in their school's Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Program. Trained by VAPA teachers, students on the stage and tech crews are responsible for ensuring a flawless production with regard to lights, microphones, and stage sets. Students Dominique Libretti and Elizabeth Juckett shared their experiences as stage managers, while Kasen Martinez and Jude Dawson discussed their work in the technical area of lights, sound, and more. Mrs. Schaible invited everyone to the upcoming production of Mary Poppins Jr. later this month.

2. 6:15 p.m. Spring View Middle School: Student Presentation

Spring View Middle School Principal Isis Ortiz shared how the Spartan staff is taking student wellness to the next level. The belief that education goes beyond textbooks and tests to include nurturing the whole child, is what guides these initiatives. Mindful movement, lunch buddy programs, and archery were highlighted by PE teacher Kim Ruiz and students Jancie Gomez, Destinee Esquivel, and Zoe Duncan. These innovative tools boost the well-being of every student and help develop emotional intelligence, self-awareness, interpersonal skills, and resilience – vital skills beyond academic success.

J. Public Comment

Irene Martinez, parent, requested the District's assistance regarding the dangerous condition of the parking lot at Lake View School, and other difficulties with traffic during the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times.

David Clifford, parent, expressed his opposition to Resolution No. 16:2324 regarding the proposed City Charter Amendments, as these matters do not involve the Ocean View School District.

The following people spoke in favor of Resolution No. 16:2324 regarding the proposed City Charter Amendments:

Barbara Shapiro, community member;
Andy Einhorn, community member;
Paula Jean, community member;
Libby, community member.

The following people spoke regarding their opposition to moving the Special Education Program from Village View School to other school sites; the lack of transparency involved in this decision; the short notice given to parents; lack of communication from staff; lack of parent input; and next steps in the process:

Michelle Jacklin, parent;
Gina, parent;
Ryan Joly, parent;
Candace Joly, parent;
Christina Vasquez, parent (speaking for Jeanette Nash);
Keeley Pratt, parent (speaking for Lisa Smith);
Carrie Lustig, parent;
Brady Lustig, parent;
Jenny Wildvank, parent;
Joel Pearson, parent.

Ryan Joly, parent, recognized Village View teacher Mrs. O'Connor for recently being chosen as the 2023 Best of Huntington Beach Outstanding Educator at the recent Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce Awards Ceremony.

K. Communications

1. Written Communications to the Board

President Souders advised that the following written correspondence had been received:

1. Comment from Gian Tiffany, dated February 2, 2024, regarding the Village View Special Education Program;
2. Comments from Jeannette Nash, dated February 9 and 12, 2024, regarding Village View Special Education Program;
3. Comment from Ryan Joly, dated February 12, 2024, regarding teacher recognition;
4. Comment from Jenny Wildvank, dated February 12, 2024, regarding Village View Special Education Program.

Copies of the above correspondence have been provided to the Board members and are available for public review at the District Office.

2. Board/Committee Reports: None.

3. Personnel Commissioner Report (Three Minutes)

Bob Ewing, Chair, Personnel Commission, shared the latest updates regarding Classified Personnel, including the process for staffing the District's summer programs, written and oral exams, and employments/promotions.

4. Trustees' Communications (Three Minutes per Board Member)

Clerk Clayton-Tarvin thanked the Marine and Spring View Middle Schools' staff and students for their informative presentations tonight; noted she has replied to the emails she has received from the public and will take into consideration the public comments shared tonight as well; attended Kindergarten Information Night at Westmont, Village View's Flag Ceremony, and Golden View's Environmental Showcase event; toured Lake View's Kids' Club Program with Dr. Conroy and Dr. Hoefer; attended the TET celebration at Vista View; and

participated in the annual TET Parade in the City of Westminster, along with Dr. Conroy, President Souders, and Vice President Singer.

Vice President Singer thanked the public for sharing their important feedback tonight; noted she also has received emails from the public and will respond to all of them; noted that with her new work schedule, it is difficult to attend school site events, but she plans to attend evening events when her schedule allows; participated in the TET Parade in the City of Westminster, with President Souders, Clerk Clayton-Tarvin, and Dr. Conroy.

Trustee Westmoreland thanked the middle schools' staff and students for their presentations; commented on the public speakers' concerns expressed regarding Village View and the Special Education Program; pledged to hold people accountable and apologized for any lack of communication that may have occurred; stressed the need for overcommunication with these families.

Trustee Westwell wished everyone a happy first day of Mardi Gras; expressed his concern with the comments heard tonight from the public about the Village View Special Education Program; urged the public to submit a Board agenda item regarding this matter so the topic can be discussed more thoroughly; stated that if the public is not happy with the current Board members and the job they are doing, they should vote for new Board members at the upcoming November election.

President Souders thanked the schools for their presentations tonight, specifically commenting on Spring View's student wellness focus; appreciated the Village View parents' comments and stated he will watch the situation closely as it moves forward, and pledged overcommunication with all affected families about their concerns and next steps; participated in the City of Westminster TET Parade and encouraged everyone to attend this annual cultural celebration event.

5. **Superintendent's Communications**

Dr. Conroy shared some examples of people doing amazing things throughout the District.

Thank you to Star View Head Custodian Alan Ortiz and Facilities staff members Eduardo Avila and Lara Kardos for their outstanding efforts in moving the water during the torrential downpour of rain at the recent Star View TET Festival Celebration, making it safe for staff, students, and family members to attend.

Congratulations to Library Specialist Diahann Mehr at College View for taking the initiative to expand the library collection at the school by purchasing books for the library through the Donors Choose program.

Congratulations to Sue Broderson, Coordinator, Child Development Programs, who was recently recognized by the Boys and Girls Club as Person of the Year. Sue has done an outstanding job in handling the complexities of the District's After School Childcare Program.

Special acknowledgment is given to Village View teacher Joan O'Connor for being named the 2023 Best of Huntington Beach Outstanding Educator at the recent Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce Awards Ceremony.

6. **PTA/PTO/PTSA/PTSO Presidents' Roundtable (Five Minutes):** No report.
7. **Employee Associations' Communications (CSEA, OVTA) (Five Minutes per Association)**

Heidi Webb, OVTA President, reported that OVTA input was shared with staff regarding the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP); mentioned that students deserve high quality teachers, and one way to attract and maintain such educators is to offer a competitive compensation package; noted that the District continues to be at the bottom of the list of surrounding Orange County school districts with regard to compensation; is looking forward to future negotiation sessions, with the goal of reaching a fair and equitable contract with the District.

L. Reports

1. **Construction Update**

Executive Director of Facilities Jim Choate provided an update on the Measure R construction progress for Mesa View Middle School, highlighting the grading, infrastructure, and interior framing and drywall phase of the project. Photos and diagrams were presented to illustrate the ongoing advancements.

2. **Summer 2024 Programs**

Dr. Hoefler presented an overview of the District's summer programs, which include the Summer Education Academy (SEA), Expanded School Year (ESY), Extended Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) and childcare. The Summer Professional Advancement Program provides professional development for teachers, support staff, and administrators, designed to improve the effectiveness of educators as they continue to meet the needs of students.

M. Consent Calendar

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

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Patricia Singer

Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Patricia Singer - Yes

Jack Souders - Yes

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Yes

2. **Administrative Services: Purchase Orders for all Funds from January 12, 2024, through January 31, 2024**

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Patricia Singer

Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Patricia Singer - Yes

Jack Souders - Yes

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Yes

3. **Administrative Services: School District Check Registers from January 11, 2024, through January 26, 2024**

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Patricia Singer

Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Patricia Singer - Yes

Jack Souders - Yes

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Yes

4. **Educational Services: Affiliation Agreement between the Regents of the University of California and Ocean View School District of Orange County University California, Irvine, for Pediatric Vision Project (Renewal)**

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Patricia Singer

Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Patricia Singer - Yes

Jack Souders - Yes

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Yes

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

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Patricia Singer

Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes
Patricia Singer - Yes
Jack Souders - Yes
Morgan Westmoreland - Yes
Norm Westwell - Yes

6. Human Resources: Certificated Employee Personnel Activity List - January 11, 2024, through January 23, 2024

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Patricia Singer

Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes
Patricia Singer - Yes
Jack Souders - Yes
Morgan Westmoreland - Yes
Norm Westwell - Yes

7. Human Resources: Classified Employee Personnel Activity List - January 11, 2024, through January 23, 2024

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Patricia Singer

Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes
Patricia Singer - Yes
Jack Souders - Yes
Morgan Westmoreland - Yes
Norm Westwell - Yes

N. Old Business: None.

O. New Business

1. Board of Trustees/President Jack Souders: Resolution No. 15:2324 - A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Ocean View School District of Orange County to Initiate the Process of Establishing Trustee Areas and Elections By-Trustee Areas (Action)

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Patricia Singer

Motion seconded by: Gina Clayton-Tarvin

Voting:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes
Patricia Singer - Yes
Jack Souders - Yes
Morgan Westmoreland - No
Norm Westwell - No

2. **Board of Trustees/Clerk Gina Clayton-Tarvin and Vice President Patricia Singer: Resolution No. 16:2324 - A Resolution of Ocean View School District of Orange County in Opposition to Measures A, B, and C, Regarding the City of Huntington Beach's Charter Amendment of 2024 (Action)**

The following people spoke in support of this Agenda Item:

Laura Sire, community member;
Linda Moon, community member;
Robert Espinoza, parent;
Synde Manion, community member;
Paula Jean, community member.

Motion by Gina Clayton-Tarvin, seconded by Patricia Singer, and failed by the following roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 16:2324 - A Resolution of Ocean View School District of Orange County in Opposition to Measures A, B, and C, Regarding the City of Huntington Beach's Charter Amendment of 2024:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes
Patricia Singer - Yes
Jack Souders - No
Morgan Westmoreland - No
Norm Westwell - No

3. **Superintendent's Office: Approval of Employment Contract for Assistant/Deputy Superintendent, Human Resources for Ocean View School District of Orange County (Action)**

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Patricia Singer
Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes
Patricia Singer - Yes
Jack Souders - Yes
Morgan Westmoreland - Yes
Norm Westwell - No

Prior to the foregoing vote, President Souders read aloud the following:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, subdivision (c)(3), the Board provides this oral summary of the salary and/or fringe benefit increase

recommendation for the following local agency executive: For the position of Deputy Superintendent, Human Resources, the term of the employment contract between the District and Dr. Julianne Hoefler, Deputy Superintendent, Human Resources, is March 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027. The new salary to be paid to the Deputy Superintendent, Human Resources, is \$212,000.00, effective March 1, 2024. The Deputy Superintendent, Human Resources, will continue to receive an annual doctoral stipend of \$2,000 for possession of a doctoral degree, and the District shall continue to provide the Deputy Superintendent, Human Resources, an allowance of \$500 per month for automobile expenses incurred in the conduct of her duties on behalf of the District. The Deputy Superintendent, Human Resources, shall receive the same salary adjustment provided to other certificated administrators for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The Deputy Superintendent's base salary shall continue to be increased by 3 percent each year, subject to receipt of an overall satisfactory evaluation for the preceding school year.

4. **Superintendent's Office: Approval of Employment Contract for Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services for Ocean View School District of Orange County (Action)**

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Patricia Singer

Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Patricia Singer - Yes

Jack Souders - Yes

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - No

Prior to the foregoing vote, President Souders read aloud the following:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, subdivision (c)(3), the Board provides this oral summary of the salary and/or fringe benefit increase recommendation for the following local agency executive: For the position of Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, the term of the employment contract between the District and Dr. Alice Lee, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, is March 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027. The new salary to be paid to the Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, is \$186,945.00, effective March 1, 2024. The Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, will receive an annual doctoral stipend of \$2,000 for possession of a doctoral degree, and the District shall provide the Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, an allowance of \$500 per month for automobile expenses incurred in the conduct of her duties on behalf of the District. The Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, shall receive the same salary adjustment provided to other certificated administrators for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. In addition, effective July 1, 2024, and for the term of this Contract, the Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, shall receive all salary percentage increases afforded to District management employees.

5. **Superintendent's Office: Third Amendment to Contract for Employment of Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services between Ocean View School District of Orange County and Keith Farrow (Action)**

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Patricia Singer

Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Patricia Singer - Yes

Jack Souders - Yes

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - No

6. **Superintendent's Office: Middle School Boundary Change (Information)**

Received for information.

After conducting two months of community meetings to collect input from families about boundary options resulting from the consolidation of Spring View Middle School, Dr. Conroy presented the District's recommended middle school attendance boundary map.

The Board discussed the proposed boundary map, as well as another option that would include a small area between the Mesa View and Vista View Middle School boundaries to become part of the Vista View Middle School boundary area.

7. **Superintendent's Office: Middle School Boundary Change (Public Hearing)**

President Souders opened the public hearing at 9:10 p.m.

Robert Espinoza, parent, expressed support of aligning the boundaries to include the small area referenced in the Board's discussion as part of the Vista View Middle School boundary area.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 9:11 p.m.

8. **Superintendent's Office: Middle School Boundary Change (Action)**

Motion by Norm Westwell, seconded by Morgan Westmoreland, and carried by the following roll call vote to approve *Middle School Attendance Area Recommendation 4* map (including aligning the boundaries to include the small section between Mesa View and Vista View Middle Schools' boundaries as part of the Vista View Middle School boundary area:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Patricia Singer - Yes

Jack Souders - Yes

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes
Norm Westwell - Yes

9. **Administrative Services: Transportation Services for Spring View Middle School Students (Information)**

Received for information.

Assistant Superintendent Keith Farrow narrated a PowerPoint presentation regarding the District's Home-to-School Transportation Plan, detailing current service priorities; the 2023-24 Board Approved Transportation Plan and Flexible Non-Service Zone Criteria. He shared a current Spring View Attendance area map, highlighting distances to Marine, Mesa, and Vista View Middle Schools from specific major streets.

The Board discussed various aspects of the information presented.

Dr. Conroy suggested this matter be returned to the Board again as an information item with additional clarification and information regarding the Spring View attendance area map, transportation distances, and possible interest in bus service. He noted that the Transportation Department can begin accepting parent transportation interest requests next week to assist with potential ridership numbers.

The Board majority agreed with Dr. Conroy's recommendation to return the item with additional clarification and information.

Dr. Conroy stated the factors that will need to be discussed and finalized include distance criteria, who to transport, and the duration of said transportation. The agenda item will be returned as an information item, followed by a required action item prior to April 1, 2024, when the Home-to-School Transportation Plan is due to the State.

10. **Administrative Services: Approval to Award a Contract to Sehi Computer Products, Inc., State of Minnesota NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Procurement Contract Master Agreement No. 23011, and CA Participating Addendum No. 7-23-70-55-004, to Purchase Technology-Related Items for Various Schools (Action)**

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Norm Westwell

Motion seconded by: Patricia Singer

Voting:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Patricia Singer - Yes

Jack Souders - Yes

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Yes

11. Administrative Services: Contract Change Order for Contractor Argee Construction, Inc. for the Mesa View Middle School Measure R Modernization Project (Action)

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Patricia Singer

Motion seconded by: Norm Westwell

Voting:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Abstain

Patricia Singer - Yes

Jack Souders - Yes

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Yes

Prior to the foregoing vote, Clerk Clayton-Tarvin advised she will be abstaining from voting on this item as she has a conflict of interest in that her home is directly adjacent to the property involved (Mesa View Middle School).

12. Administrative Services: Contracts for Auditing Services Between Ocean View School District of Orange County and Eide Bailly, LLP (Renewal)

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Patricia Singer

Motion seconded by: Norm Westwell

Voting:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Patricia Singer - Yes

Jack Souders - Yes

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Yes

P. Any Other Public Comments to the Board of Trustees: None.

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

R. Board of Trustees' Roundtable

Clerk Clayton-Tarvin expressed her disappointment in the Board President's vote in opposition to Resolution No. 16:2324 regarding the City's proposed Charter Amendments; stated that by voting against the Resolution, the public will believe the Board President is supporting the proposed Charter Amendments; commented on how each proposed amendment will adversely affect the Ocean View School District and community.

Vice President Singer thanked the Middle Schools' staff and students for their presentations; appreciated her colleagues keeping democracy at the forefront, even when there are disagreements on issues; noted her disappointment that Resolution 16:2324 did not pass, but understands and respects one's personal choice;

encouraged all voters to learn about the proposed amendments prior to voting; stated she is personally against the proposed Charter Amendments.

Trustee Westmoreland requested staff send out a reminder to all parents regarding procedures for morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up at school sites, and stated the safety of our students is a critical priority.

Trustee Westwell concurred with Trustee Westmoreland's comments, and suggested a coordinated approach be taken, involving the Huntington Beach Police Department, staff, and parents in addressing this safety issue; wished everyone a happy Mardi Gras and Valentine's Day tomorrow.

President Souders concurred with reviewing the drop-off/pick-up procedures at Lake View and the involvement of the police department; shared his personal stance and reasons why he is against all three proposed Charter Amendments; stated the voting public is intelligent enough to understand tonight's vote on the Resolution; explained that he voted against the Resolution as he did not think it was appropriate to say this was the Board's position.

S. Closed Session (if needed)

The Board of Trustees returned to Closed Session at 9:55 p.m. to continue discussion of items previously announced. Any reports of Closed Session action will be made from the Board Conference Room in Building C.

T. Reconvene in Open Session/Report of Closed Session Action

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 10:46 p.m. There were no Closed Session actions to report.

U. Adjournment

Time: 10:47 p.m.

Motion made by: Norm Westwell

Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:


Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Patricia Singer - Yes

Jack Souders - Yes

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Yes



Michael Conroy, Ed.D., Superintendent



Gina Clayton-Tarvin, Board Clerk

Date 2/27/24