



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

**Board of Trustees' Meeting
September 26, 2023; 06:00 PM**

 **APPROVED**

MEETING MINUTES

**Closed Session: 5:15 p.m.
Open Session: 6:00 p.m.**

Voting Members

Patricia Singer, President
Gina Clayton-Tarvin, Vice President
Jack Souders, 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 Patricia Singer 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 September 26, 2023

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Norm Westwell

Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:

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

D. Closed Session

Clerk Souders read aloud the items listed under Closed Session. As there was no one present wishing to address the Board on these matters, the meeting moved to Closed Session at 5:17 p.m.

1. Government Code Section 54957: Public Employment - Title: Communications and Public Information Officer
2. Government Code Section 54956.8: Conference with Real Property Negotiators: Property: Meadow View site, 5702 Clark Drive, Huntington Beach, CA; Agency Negotiator: Keith Farrow, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services; Negotiating Party: Kellie's Academy for Kids; Under negotiation: Terms and conditions of agreement.
3. Government Code Section 54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiators - Agency designated representative: Dr. Michael Conroy, Superintendent; Employee Organizations: CSEA and OVTA

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

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 6:00 p.m. The following action was taken in Closed Session:

Motion by Morgan Westmoreland, seconded by Jack Souders, and carried by the following roll call vote to approve the employment of Julie St. Cyr as Communications and Public Information Officer, effective October 11, 2023:

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

At this time, Ms. St. Cyr thanked the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to serve and promote the Ocean View School District. She introduced her two children in the audience, noting they both attend District schools.

F. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Singer.

G. Introductions: None.

H. Minutes

1. Special Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, September 7, 2023

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Norm Westwell

Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:

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

2. Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, September 12, 2023

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Norm Westwell

Motion seconded by: Gina Clayton-Tarvin

Voting:

Patricia Singer - Yes

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Jack Souders - Yes

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Yes

I. Time Certain

1. 6:05 p.m. Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Recognition

The Board of Trustees honored 14 schools that have earned awards from the California Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Coalition. Circle View, Golden View, Harbour View, Lake View, Spring View, Vista View, and Westmont earned bronze certifications; Hope View, Oak View, Marine View, Mesa View, Star View, and Village View earned silver certifications; and College View was honored for earning the coveted gold certification.

2. 6:10 p.m. Hope View Elementary School: Bulletin Board Presentation

Hope View Principal Christy Luckey and teachers Marci McLaughlin, Audie Kuns, and Amy Dempsen shared highlights of the Transitional Kindergarten (TK) classes at Hope View, as they referenced photographs on the back wall bulletin boards. The teachers shared examples with the Board of items used to help students work on fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and hand strength.

3. 6:20 p.m. Marine View Middle School: Student Presentation

Marine View Principal Sara Schaible discussed the start of the school year at Marine View, which included students participating in activities to get to know the teachers, staff, and each other. Accompanying Principal Schaible were Associated Student Body (ASB) President Chloe Heddle and ASB Vice President Kelly Heinrich. Kelly shared some of the activities that leadership students participated in during the first week of school, while Chloe commented on upcoming planned events, including Red Ribbon Week; spirit days; assisting in the intramural sports program; operating the Mariner Store; and working with Principal Schaible to provide tours of the Wellness Room for all students in the near future.

J. Public Comment

Robert Espinoza, community member, expressed appreciation for the partnership between the District and the Huntington Beach Sailing Foundation, of which he is on the Board of Directors; updated the Board on the experiences shared by the three students from the District who participated in the sailing program recently; is looking forward to more student involvement in the program.

Deborah Miller-Calvert, parent, spoke regarding her dismay with how staff conducted the Superintendent's Schools Task Force and the survey that was recently completed by its members; urged the Board to sell or lease the District's vacant properties, and to keep the Task Force accountable.

Brent Mayer, parent, stated that the Task Force needs to discuss possible solutions rather than closing schools; questioned the Task Force's composition and the District's plan for vacant properties; noted he is not satisfied with the justification for closing Circle View.

Crystal Mayer, parent, noted her belief that the Board will do the right thing; questioned staff's recommendations when all options have not been discussed; expressed concern that the survey given to the Task Force was skewed toward a single outcome of closing schools; mentioned the need to reset our priorities.

K. Communications

1. Written Communications to the Board

President Singer advised that the following correspondence had been submitted online:

1. Written comment dated September 24, 2023, from Anonymous regarding opposing closing Circle View.

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, noted his pleasure at seeing the Board move forward with the process of renewing the term of Commissioner Lance Bidnick for another three years; shared information regarding recent recruitments, hiring, and trainings for Classified personnel; welcomed Ms. St. Cyr to the District on behalf of the Personnel Commission.

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

Trustee Westmoreland congratulated all the schools honored with PBIS awards tonight; thanked Hope View and Marine View for their wonderful presentations; reminded the public that if they feel they are not being heard at the Task Force meetings, or have ideas to share, please contact her directly.

Clerk Souders concurred with Trustee Westmoreland's comment, requesting that the public send him any options to consider; understands that people may not like the information presented, but something has to change as the education of our students depends on it.

Vice President Clayton-Tarvin congratulated all District schools on achieving PBIS awards; appreciated the information presented by Hope View and Marine View tonight; visited Marine View and Vista View recently with President Singer and Dr. Conroy; commented on the difficulties facing the District, specifically, the rising cost of modernization as a result of the pandemic; noted she was never in support of closing schools, but acknowledged that things changed, and now we must consider all of our options; stated she has her own ideas and will share them at the end of the meeting.

President Singer thanked Hope View and Marine View for their great presentations; acknowledged the PBIS award-winning schools honored tonight; advised that staff knew the Board would not consolidate any school that had been modernized as that would not be a financially prudent use of taxpayers' money, so staff identified the four schools that had not been modernized, and then conversations began; clarified this issue because of the misinformation in the public on how these schools were identified.

5. Superintendent's Communications

Dr. Conroy shared some important connections occurring through people doing amazing things in the District. Oak View Librarian Carla Tengan recently hosted the Reading is FUN+damental of Southern California program, while students also learned about library expectations, received a bookmark, and chose a free book to build their home libraries. Star View Librarian Sam Melwani had the library ready for family visits at Back-to-School Night after moving back from the Interim Site.

Judy Johnston, Database Analyst in the Information Technology Department, is creating better reporting and engaging opportunities for school sites, departments, and our community. The District's Fiscal Department closed the financial books for the fiscal year, while also completing the year-end audit for 2022-23 with the external auditor. Special thanks to staff members Tim Golden, Teri Bonds, Ann Petty, Jose Velasquez, Christy Borack, Laura Leecing, Daisy Gallegos, Melanie Morales, and Allyson Najera.

The District hosted the second meeting of the Orange County Department of Education Math Leads Collaborative, where representatives from all over Orange County joined together to exchange ideas, learn more about the revised Math Framework, and connect as a community to support all learners.

Buu Nguyen, Lydia Villanueva, Nancy Silva, and Samiha Habib worked as interpreters with the Boys and Girls Club to enroll families in the Twilight Program. This program offers English classes for parents, while their students receive homework help, tutoring, and enrichment.

Golden View Principal Lori Florgan is to be commended for her innovative mindset in planning a system with the Teaching and Learning and Transportation Departments to include more school sites and grade levels in the environmental science experience and field trip visits to the farm.

The School Climate Leads - Bridget Giles, Jan Richards, Gwen Conton, Holly Sjogren, Kris Serven, Tracy Souders, Temple Salas-Yoshii, Kim Ruiz, Candice Headly, Emily Hansen, and Niki Hoang met in August to review school climate implementation ideas and discuss this information with their school leadership team.

Congratulations to Melissa Desjardin, who was recently promoted to Buyer in the Purchasing Department. Melissa was able to support the Department for the year-end process and start of the school year purchasing needs on her own.

Health Technicians April Walpole, Beth Lampley, Clayton Zarate, Rebecca Carr, Angie Kesler, and Heike Corpus provided additional support to school health offices and students this fall.

The Superintendent's Schools Task Force will have its 10th meeting this week, focusing on discussions regarding options to address the District's continued decline in student enrollment and low schools' enrollment. All Task Force information can be found on the District webpage at ovsd.org/schoolstaskforce.

Finally, the presentations at Board meetings by the schools' staff and students have returned for this school year, with excellent presentations by Hope View and Marine View leading the way.

6. PTA/PTO/PTSA/PTSO Presidents' Roundtable (Five Minutes)

Jennifer Rank, Roundtable President, provided a brief overview of the meeting held on September 18, 2023. Everyone was welcomed to the new school year by Board President Singer. Staff presented important information regarding event planning and liability, after which the site presidents shared their past and upcoming events.

7. Employee Associations' Communications (CSEA, OVTA) (Five Minutes per Association)

Bill Davenport, OVTA Director At Large, thanked the members of the Task Force for volunteering to serve in this important capacity; appreciated the Board for listening to all comments and options; thanked District teachers represented on the Task Force for advocating for our students in a financially responsible way; discussed OVTA's commitment to the Partnership with Labor and Administration (PAL); stated that buildings will never be more important than the students we serve, our parents, communities, staff, and teachers; expressed OVTA's confidence that the Board will continue to work in partnership with all stakeholders; commented on the 2024-2025 proposed school calendar that would align with the calendar of Huntington Beach Union High School District, and shared OVTA survey results regarding the calendar;

requested the Board give direction to survey parents to gather their input on possibly starting school earlier in the 2024-2025 school year.

L. Reports: None.

M. Consent Calendar

1. Administrative Services: Gifts to the District

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Norm Westwell

Motion seconded by: Jack Souders

Voting:

Patricia Singer - Yes

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Jack Souders - Yes

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Yes

2. Administrative Services: Payroll Check Registers from August 11, 2023, through September 10, 2023

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Norm Westwell

Motion seconded by: Jack Souders

Voting:

Patricia Singer - Yes

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Jack Souders - Yes

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Yes

3. Administrative Services: Purchase Orders for all Funds from September 1, 2023, through September 14, 2023

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Norm Westwell

Motion seconded by: Jack Souders

Voting:

Patricia Singer - Yes

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Jack Souders - Yes

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Yes

4. Administrative Services: School District Check Registers from September 1, 2023, through September 14, 2023

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Norm Westwell

Motion seconded by: Jack Souders

Voting:

Patricia Singer - Yes

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - 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: Norm Westwell

Motion seconded by: Jack Souders

Voting:

Patricia Singer - Yes

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Jack Souders - Yes

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Yes

6. Human Resources: Certificated Employee Personnel Activity List - August 16, 2023, through September 12, 2023

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Norm Westwell

Motion seconded by: Jack Souders

Voting:

Patricia Singer - Yes

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Jack Souders - Yes

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Yes

7. Human Resources: Classified Employee Personnel Activity List - August 16, 2023, through September 12, 2023

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Norm Westwell

Motion seconded by: Jack Souders

Voting:

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

N. Old Business: None.

O. New Business

1. Superintendent's Office: Personnel Commissioner - Ocean View School District Board Appointee (Information)

Received for information.

2. Administrative Services: Acceptance of Apparent Bid Results and Award of Contracts for Various Categories for the Mesa View Middle School Modernization Project (Action)

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Jack Souders

Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:

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

Prior to the foregoing vote, Vice President Clayton-Tarvin stated she would abstain from voting on this matter as she has a conflict of interest in that her property is adjacent to Mesa View Middle School.

3. Educational Services: Independent Contractor Agreement between Ocean View School District of Orange County and Julie Matthews for Music Instruction at College View School (Action)

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Jack Souders

Motion seconded by: Norm Westwell

Voting:

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

4. Human Resources: Public Hearing on the Proposed Openers For Negotiations Between Ocean View School District of Orange County and California School Employees Association and Its Chapter #375

President Singer opened the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m. As there was no one wishing to address the Board on this matter, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:18 p.m.

5. Human Resources: Proposed Openers For Negotiations Between Ocean View School District of Orange County and California School Employees Association and Its Chapter #375 (Action)

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Gina Clayton-Tarvin

Motion seconded by: Jack Souders

Voting:

Patricia Singer - Yes

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Jack Souders - Yes

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Yes

6. Human Resources: Resolution No. 05:2324 - A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Ocean View School District of Orange County Authorizing Teaching Assignments 2023-2024 (Action)

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Morgan Westmoreland

Motion seconded by: Gina Clayton-Tarvin

Voting:

Patricia Singer - Yes

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Jack Souders - Yes

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Yes

P. Any Other Public Comments to the Board of Trustees

Crystal Mayer, parent, shared that if modernization is the only reason for school closure consideration, then the California Department of Education's recommendations for school closures was ignored and our students are being de-prioritized and de-valued; urged the Board to work with the community, and stated she would email options to the Board.

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

R. Board of Trustees' Roundtable

Vice President Clayton-Tarvin noted that the issue of school consolidation or closure is upsetting and polarizing in the community; thanked OVTA representative Bill Davenport for sharing that it is not the buildings that make the school, it is the children and teachers; clarified her remarks made at a previous meeting that it is difficult to operate small schools, have small class sizes, and compensate employees at the same time; stated she does not want to lose any teachers, and suggested an option may be to offer a retirement incentive to reduce the teaching unit.

Clerk Souders talked about the various options he has heard tonight, including a retirement incentive; repurposing sites, and closing schools; asked the community to contact him with any options or ideas, and he will discuss their viability with the Superintendent.

Trustee Westmoreland mentioned receiving emails from upset community members that contain false information; clarified her reasons for running for the Board were to do what is best for the students and the community, as she has no mal intent or further political aspirations; asked the public to continue emailing her options which she will consider.

President Singer acknowledged receiving such emails as well, and understands the emotional feelings being conveyed; reiterated that no decisions have been made, and she will review all viable options.

S. Closed Session (if needed): None.

T. Reconvene in Open Session/Report of Closed Session Action: n/a

U. Adjournment

Time: 7:40 p.m.

Motion made by: Gina Clayton-Tarvin

Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:

Patricia Singer - Yes

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Jack Souders - Yes

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Yes



Michael Conroy, Ed.D., Superintendent



Jack Souders, Board Clerk

October 10, 2023

Date