

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024, 6:00 P.M.
Oakdale Joint Unified School District
Technology & Staff Development Center
331 Hinkley Avenue, Oakdale, CA

THIS MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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CALL TO ORDER	1.1	Board President Tina Shatswell called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.
TRUSTEES PRESENT	1.2	Bill Duvall, Clayton Schemper, Tina Shatswell, Terri Taylor; Student Board Member Grace Miller was present for Open Session.
LATE ARRIVALS	1.3	Diane Gilbert arrived to Closed Session at 5:50 p.m.
TRUSTEES ABSENT	1.4	None
VISITORS PRESENT	1.5	None signed in.
CLOSED SESSION	2.0	Board President Shatswell opened Public Comments on Closed Session Items at 5:45 p.m. There being none, public comments on Closed Session items Closed at 5:45 p.m. Board President Shatswell adjourned the meeting into Closed Session at 5:45 p.m. Open Session reconvened at 6:31 p.m.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	3.0	Student Board Member Grace Miller introduced Sierra View Elementary students who led the pledge of allegiance: Xander Hurlburt, Grade 3, Everly Barnes, Grade 2, Penelope Giardina, Grade 1, Lyric Rau, Grade K. These students were awarded Certificates for their participation.
ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION	4.0	Board President Shatswell reported: 2.2.1 – The Board voted (4-0) to approve expulsion of student #23-24-11 for Spring 2024 and Fall 2024 for Ed Code violations: 48900 (a)(1), 48900 (a)(2), 48900 (i), 48900 (k), 48900.4, 48915 (b)(1) & (b)(2) 2.3.1 – The Board took action (5-0) to issue a 30-day notice of termination to a teacher. 2.4 – The Board had a conference with the labor negotiator; no action was taken. 2.5 - The Board had an update on the Superintendent’s Evaluation.
APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA	5.0	It was M/S/C (Duvall/Schemper) to approve the order of agenda items for this meeting. Passed unanimously.
RECOGNITION, POETRY OUT LOUD	6.1	OHS student Parker Whitemyer was not present, but was recognized for winning the Stanislaus County Poetry Out Loud competition.

- RECOGNITION, ACA DECA TEAM 6.2 Members of the OHS Academic Decathlon team and coach were recognized for winning the County Championship for the 22nd time. The team earned a total of 60 medals, the Super Quiz Trophy, and also had the Top Alternate Award at the County Competition. At the state competition in March, the team brought home 20 medals as well as winning the Super Quiz competition in Division III.
- County Honors Division
- Joseph Yaklgian – 7K Pin
 - Landon Arnold
 - Iyska Rangel
- County Scholastic Division
- Carter Franca – 8 Gold Medals, 7K Pin, Top Scholastic Award
 - Daniella Guido
 - Jamie Ruddy
- County Varsity Division
- Jula Chavez – Top Varsity Award
 - Jacob Johnson
 - Evelyn Acker
- Coach Dee Hawksworth shared that this is her 9th year coaching the Aca Deca Team, and it was a high to win the Super Quiz at the State. She also noted senior Carter Franca has won 33 medals over the last 4 years in Aca Deca.
- RECOGNITION, STATE WRESTLING QUALIFIERS 6.3 Seven members of the OHS Wrestling team who qualified for the CIF State Wrestling Championships and their coach were recognized. Elias Corona placed 8th in the State, and Oakdale High finished 17th in the State as a team:
- Ezeiquel Vela
 - Jesse Meza
 - Gideon Gerber
 - Carlos Garcia
 - Wes Burford
 - Elias Corona
 - Emilio Johnson
 - Coach Steve Strange
- ORGANIZATION REPORTS, OTA 7.1 OTA President Omar Salinas reported they are 250 members strong, they recently had an election and shook up the OTA Executive Board, some moving around of negotiations team, and Omar will be staying another year as president. He reported OTA has voted to accept the Tentative Agreement with the district, and they are ready to move on and focus on other things. They are in the middle of testing season throughout the district, and are making sure students are participating and trying their hardest. He also reported they are in negotiations with the district for MOU's for full-day Kindergarten.
- ORGANIZATION REPORTS, CSEA 7.2 Jake Cox, CSEA President, reported he hammered home minimum wage, and appreciates that the Board has met that. He gave credit to the district team of Cassandra, Craig, Kat and Nickie as well as the CSEA negotiating team that worked with him, including Jarod, Sherrie, Sunshine, Carrie, and Kyle. He noted they worked great as a team and he appreciated that the Board followed through and listened when he talked about minimum wage. He also noted he had a goal as union president to solve the minimum wage issue, and that although fast food doesn't help that issue, if we keep working together we can keep getting better.
- Superintendent Mendonca extended congratulations to each of the units. Both bargaining unit teams had a good healthy process, and he appreciated the respect and professionalism and their approach to the process. Jake noted Craig has been great, relationship between the district and unit is great.
- REPORT, STUDENT 7.3 Student Board member Grace Miller introduced next year's student board member, Landon Arnold. She reported that Landon is involved in Aca Deca, Track and Cross Country, Service Club, and started a Book Club.

PUBLIC COMMENTS	8.0	Board President Shatswell opened the Public Comments portion of the agenda at 6:57 p.m. There being none, Public Comments Closed at 6:57 p.m.
REMOVE ITEMS FROM CONSENT CALENDAR	9.1	There were no requests to remove items from the Consent Calendar.
ADOPT CONSENT CALENDAR	9.2	It was M/S/C (Schemper/Taylor) to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented. A Roll Call Vote was taken and passed unanimously.
ADOPT MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF 3/11/24	9.3.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board adopted minutes of its regularly scheduled meeting held Monday, March 11, 2024, as presented.
APPROVE QTRLY. REPORT, WILLIAMS COMPLAINTS	9.3.2	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved the Quarterly Report on Williams Settlement Complaints, as presented.
APPROVE RESOLUTION #23-24-12, EXCUSE ABSENCE OF BOARD MEMBER	9.3.3	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Resolution #23-24-13, to Excuse Absence of Board Member Clayton Schemper, as presented.
APPROVE INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS, 2023-24 OR 2024-25	9.4.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved interdistrict transfer requests, 2023-24 or 2024-25 school year, as presented.
ACKNOWLEDGE STUDENT DISCIPLINE REPORT, 3/24 & 2-YEAR COMPARISON	9.4.2	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board acknowledged the Student Discipline Report for the month of March, 2024, and Prior Two-Year Comparison, as presented.
APPROVE SINGLE PLAN FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT ADDENDUMS	9.4.3	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Single Plan for Student Achievement Addendum for Cloverland, Fair Oaks, and Magnolia, as presented.
APPROVE WARRANTS THRU 3/28/24 AND CYCLE I & II PAYROLL FOR MARCH 2024	9.5.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved district warrants prepared for payment through March 28, 2024, and Cycle I & II Payroll for March 2024, as presented.
APPROVE ASB ACCOUNTS, OJHS, MARCH 2024	9.5.2	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Student Body Accounts, Oakdale Junior High School, March 2024, as presented.
APPROVE ASB ACCOUNTS, OHS, MARCH 2024	9.5.3	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Student Body Accounts, Oakdale High School, March 2024, as presented.
AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL, OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS	9.5.4	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board authorized Disposal of Obsolete Equipment & Materials, as presented.
APPROVE POSITION & JOB DESCRIPTION, TEACHER IN CHARGE	9.6.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Position and Job Description, Teacher in Charge, as presented:
APPROVE CERTIFICATED RESIGNATION	9.6.2	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved certificated employment, effective 6/30/24, as presented: Matt Marshall, Ag Teacher, Oakdale High Chanel Martins, Language Arts Teacher, Oakdale High Jordan Seeger, 1 st Grade Teacher, Fair Oaks
APPROVE CLASSIFIED RETIREMENT	9.6.3	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Classified retirement, as presented:

Tina Heuvel, Behavioral Prog. Para ED/SH, OHS, eff. 6/30/24
Sherry Waterworth, Secretary II, OJHS, eff. 6/30/24

ACCEPT RESIGNATION,
CLASSIFIED

- 9.6.4 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board accepted classified resignations, as presented:
Jenny Kelley, Program Inclusion Asst., District-wide, eff. 3/8/24
Kristi Novotny, Instructional Aide – Title I, Fair Oaks, eff. 6/30/24
Makenzie Phillips, Inst. Aide – RS, Fair Oaks, eff. 6/30/24
Christopher Truglio, Custodian III 7-12, OJHS, eff. 3/14/24

APPROVE EMPLOYMENT,
CLASSIFIED

- 9.6.5 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved classified employment, as presented:
Ashley Crabtree, Behavioral Prog. Para 1:1, Cloverland, eff. 3/21/24
Tiffany Friedlos, ELP Aide, Fair Oaks, eff. 3/13/24
Sarah Henderson Dudley, Bus Driver, Transportation, eff. 3/12/24
Olga Mendoza, Secretary II, Fair Oaks, eff. 3/25/24
Bruce Quermous, Groundswoker, M&O, eff. 3/18/24

APPROVE CLASSIFIED
PROMOTION

- 9.6.6 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved classified promotion, as presented:
Katie Mitchell, from Cafeteria Assistant, Cloverland
To Lead Cafeteria Assistant, Cloverland, eff. 3/25/24
Roberto Rodriguez, from Custodian I, OJHS
To Custodian III 7-12, OJHS, eff. 4/8/24

DISPOSITION OF ITEMS
REMOVED FROM CONSENT

- 10.0 None

REPORT, LIBRARY MEDIA
CENTER PROCEDURES

- 11.1 Assistant Superintendent Gillian Wegener presented a report on OJUSD Library Media Center procedures. She has met with district librarians and they developed district-wide Library Goals. She reviewed Selection and Weeding of Library Materials per BP 6131.1, Library Media Centers. She also reviewed the Librarians' work, which includes to provide access, instruct, supervise, create, manage, prepare and maintain.

She reviewed a new Parental Notification process whereby a parent may opt in to be notified of books their child checks out from the school library. Parents may opt in during the Online Data Confirmation Process starting with the 2024-25 school year; there will be a Google form created on documents page of the data confirmation form. By opting in, a note will be made in the students' library record that parents are to be notified when their child checks out a book, and parents will receive notification of every book their child checks out during the school year.

Next steps include establishing an on-going committee of district librarians; establish continuity and address concerns in District library processes and procedures; and create a new library plan addressing moving forward with library media needs, skills, and issues for the 21st century learner. Dr. Wegener noted our libraries are beautiful and well used, but our Library Plan was last developed in 2001, before many of our current libraries were built.

Trustee Taylor asked if the parent opts in, does it let them know when their child returns books. Dr. Wegener responded she can look into that. She reported the process is not automatic; it does create more work for librarians. There are several extra steps added to the process, including identification of families who have opted in, they get flagged in system, librarian still has to go into system and will then e-mail parents. The process may not be live depending on librarian workload, but librarians will aim to send notifications out by the end of the day. Superintendent Mendonca reported we will have to continue to monitor that; it will be a work in progress and we have to ensure it is manageable and not overly burdensome. We will have to make sure all e-mails are in system at the beginning of the year and that we have templates in place to notify parents. Trustee Taylor and Superintendent Mendonca both noted we'll need to see how many parents opt in.

In response to a question from Trustee Duvall about whether we keep track of how many kids use the library, Dr. Wegener said she may be able to see how many students check out books every month. She noted during her time in the libraries, there were a number of students who came in for a variety of reasons other than to check out materials or work on homework, they came by to say hi, talk about books, have lunch, or have a quiet moment; there was constant movement of students throughout the library. Superintendent Mendonca noted the intent of the notification is to establish that awareness, parents can make judgment about appropriateness of materials for their student, although he feels we do a pretty good job of making sure our materials are appropriate for students.

FIRST READING: BP 3515.21,
UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS
(DRONES)

11.2 Kassandra Booth, Chief Business Officer, presented this policy for first reading. She explained that California School Boards Association (CSBA) provides policy updates several times a year, and this one is being recommended for adoption as we occasionally use a drone for the inspection of district roofs or for the instructional program at Oakdale High.

In response to a question from Trustee Schemper if we are allowed to make additions for interface with emergency responses, Ms. Booth responded this is the CSBA Gamut policy, and these are minimum restrictions. Ms. Booth invited Mr. Schemper to provide his feedback before it comes back to the Board for second reading next month.

APPROVAL OF THIRD QTR.
DEVELOPER FEES REPORT

12.1 Chief Business Officer Kassandra Booth reported \$250,000 has been collected for this 3-month period, which has been pretty active. Developer fees collected include 21 new homes, 6 in Meadowlands, 10 in Carmel Ranch, 3 in a new subdivision called Whispering Oaks (Old Stockton Road), 1 in Tesoro, 1 individual in Oakdale, 1 addition and garage conversion.

In response to a question from Trustee Taylor about whether money collected for building in Valley Home or Knights Ferry getting passed on to those districts, Ms. Booth responded that we pay 66% back to those districts (because they get 66% of

the student enrollment K-8) and we keep 33% (for enrollment grades 9-12 because they feed into our high school).

It was **M/S/C (Duvall/Schemper)** to approve the Third Quarter Developer Fees Report. Passed unanimously.

ANNUAL DECLARATION
OF NEED FOR FULLY
QUALIFIED EDUCATORS

- 12.2 Assistant Superintendent Redman presented this annual declaration of the estimated number of educators that may be required to teach on a limited assignment or emergency permit for the 2024/25 school year if fully credentialed teachers are not available.

It was **M/S/C (Schemper/Duvall)** to approve the Annual Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators. Passed unanimously.

SECOND READING/ADOPTION:
AR 5121, GRADES/EVALUATION
OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- 12.3 Assistant Superintendent Gillian Wegener presented this AR for second reading and approval. Update includes a slight revision to add an additional sentence at the bottom of page 3. The sentence currently reads "Honors courses are developed by the district and approved by the University of California." Adding the additional phrase, "or by local decision of the Board of Trustees" would allow us to consider granting rigorous classes not eligible for UC Honors a locally-decided honors designation.

It was **M/S/C (Gilbert/Taylor)** to approve Second Reading and Adoption of AR 5121, Grades, Evaluation of Student Achievement. Passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ACCELERATED
TO HONORS COURSES AT OHS

- 12.4 Assistant Superintendent Wegener, presented this item for approval, explaining classes that are designated as Honors classes either by UC approval or by local decision of the Board, will be on a five-point scale for GPA, rather than the usual four-point scale, similar to that of Advanced Placement classes. This will boost the GPA's of students who are willing to put in the academic effort and critical thinking necessary to participate in these rigorous classes, making them more competitive in the college admissions process. The UC System has recently granted Honors status to English II Honors, previously Accelerated English II, but does not grant this Honors designation to English for freshmen or math classes that take place in the early years of high school.

It is recommended that the Board approve the change from Accelerated to Honors for three classes: Accelerated English I, Math I Accelerated, and Math II Accelerated, which will be known as English I Honors, Math I Honors, and Math II Honors.

It was **M/S/C (Gilbert/Schemper)** to approve Accelerated to Honors Courses at OHS. Passed unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF
TENTATIVE AGREEMENT, OTA

- 12.5 Assistant Superintendent Craig Redman presented this item for approval, noting the district and OTA reached tentative agreement which includes a 5% salary schedule increase, retroactive to July 1, 2023.

- It was **M/S/C (Duvall/Schemper)** to approve Ratification of the Tentative Agreement between Oakdale Joint Unified School District and OTA. Passed unanimously.
- APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATED SALARY SCHEDULES 12.6 Assistant Superintendent Craig Redman presented this item for approval, noting the district has updated salary schedules to reflect the 5% increase, retroactive to July 1, 2023.
- It was **M/S/C (Schemper/Taylor)** to approve Certificated Salary Schedules Effective July 1, 2023. Passed unanimously.
- RATIFICATION OF TENTATIVE AGREEMENT, CSEA 12.7 Assistant Superintendent Craig Redman presented this item for approval, noting the district and CSEA reached tentative agreement which includes a 5% salary schedule increase retroactive to July 1, 2023.
- It was **M/S/C (Taylor/Gilbert)** to approve Ratification of the Tentative Agreement between Oakdale Joint Unified School District and CSEA. Passed unanimously.
- APPROVAL OF CLASSIFIED SALARY SCHEDULES 12.8 Assistant Superintendent Craig Redman presented this item for approval, noting the district has updated salary schedules to reflect the 5% increase, retroactive to July 1, 2023.
- It was **M/S/C (Taylor/Diane Gilbert)** to approve Classified Salary Schedules Effective July 1, 2023. Passed unanimously.
- APPROVAL OF INCREASE, CERTIFICATED & CLASSIFIED MANAGERS & CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES 12.9 Assistant Superintendent Redman presented this item which gives Certificated and Classified Management and Confidential employees the same increase as other bargaining units: a 5% salary schedule increase, retroactive to July 1, 2023.
- It was **M/S/C (Taylor/Gilbert)** to approve a 5% salary increase, retroactive to July 1, 2023, for Certificated and Classified Management and Confidential Employees. Passed unanimously.
- APPROVAL OF EXPANDED LEARNING PROGRAM SALARY SCHEDULE 12.10 Assistant Superintendent Craig Redman presented this item for approval, noting the district has updated the salary schedule to reflect the 5% increase provided to other employees.
- It was **M/S/C (Gilbert/Taylor)** to approve Expanded Learning Program Salary Schedule. Passed unanimously.
- APPROVAL OF INCREASE IN BOARD COMPENSATION 12.11 Superintendent Mendonca presented this item, noting that district practice is that the Board takes the same increase as the bargaining units. Now that both bargaining units and Administrative, Management staff have taken a 5% increase, we would like to recommend the same increase for Board members. This would increase their compensation \$22 each month.
- It was **M/S/C (Taylor/Gilbert)** to approve a 5% increase in Board member annual compensation. Passed 3-2 (Ayes: Gilbert, Shatswell, Taylor; Noes: Duvall and Schemper)
- INFORMATION 13.1 Summer ELP & 2024-25 After School Program Registration online April 16-30
- 13.2 K-12 Minimum Day / Staff Development, April 24

- 13.3 OHS FFA Alumni Game Night, Mardi Gras Theme, Bianchi Center, 6:00 pm
- 13.4 OHS Drama Club Spring Production, "Lord of the Flies" OHS Theater, Friday, April 26 & Saturday, April 27 at 7:00 pm; Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 pm
- 13.5 Elementary Choir Spring Concert: Int. Choir CLOV, Cloverland MPR, May 1, 6:00 pm
- 13.6 K-6 Minimum Day/Elementary Open House, May 2, 6:30 pm
- 13.7 Sierra View College & Career Day, May 3
- 13.8 Spring Band Concert, Beginning & Intermediate Band, OHS Gym, May 6, 6:30 pm
- 13.9 FFA Plant Sale, OHS Ag Department, May 8, 9, 10, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
- 13.10 Elementary Choir Spring Concert: Int. Choir MAG, Magnolia Auditorium, May 8, 6:00 pm
- 13.11 OHS Senior Scholarship Awards Night, Gym, May 9, 6:00 pm
- 13.12 Spring Band Concert, OJHS Band & Drumline, OJHS Gym, May 9, 6:30 pm
- 13.13 Magnolia and Sierra View Ag Day, May 10
- 13.14 OHS Spring Prom @ Green's on Tenth in Modesto, May 11

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- 14.1 Public Hearing on LCAP Review
- 14.2 Public Hearing on District Budget
- 14.3 Approval of Leo Volz Scholarship Award – Superintendent Mendonca announced (due to FAFSA delays) we will need to hold a Special Closed Session Board Meeting April 29th just for Volz Scholarship recommendation prior to the May Board meeting so we can get approval before the OHS Scholarship Awards Night (5/9/24).
- 14.4 Approval of Construction Contract for 2 Kindergarten Portable Classrooms at Cloverland Elementary

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- 15.1 Trustee Schemper gave special thanks to staff at OJHS for a very successful trip to Sacramento State. He noted it was great to see the excitement of what the college campus looks like.
- 15.2 Trustee Taylor asked if we would be having the senior mentors again next year, and noted it is fantastic for 9th graders.

ADJOURNMENT

- 16.0 The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.