



**MEETING MINUTES**

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

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**Voting Members**

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

**Administration**

Julianne Hoefler, Ph.D., Interim Superintendent  
Keith Farrow, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services  
Scott Jensen, Ed.D., Interim Assistant Superintendent/Executive Director, Human Resources  
Alice Lee, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

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**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 October 8, 2024**

Trustee Westwell requested that Agenda Item M.5 (Listing of Conferences, Meetings, Workshops, and Consultants) be pulled from the Consent Calendar for individual consideration.

Motion by Norm Westwell, seconded by Patricia Singer, and carried by the following roll call vote to approve the Agenda, moving Agenda Item M.5 (Listing of Conferences, Meetings, Workshops, and Consultants) to before O.1 (New Business) for individual consideration:

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 54956.9(d)(1): Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - OAH Case Number 2024060375
2. Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
3. Government Code Section 54956.9: Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (d)(2) of Government Code Section 54956.9: One case
4. Government Code Section 54956.8: Conference with Real Property Negotiators; Property: 17175 Emerald Lane, Huntington Beach, CA; Agency Negotiator: Keith Farrow, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services; Negotiating Party: Jeanne Hardy Head Start, 17175 Emerald Lane, Huntington Beach, CA; Under negotiation: Instruction to Negotiator will concern price and terms of payment issues associated with the possible lease of the identified property.

There being no one present wishing to speak on these matters, the Board moved to Closed Session at 5:18 p.m.

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

The Board Meeting returned to Open Session at 6:00 p.m. The following actions were taken in Closed Session:

Motion by Morgan Westmoreland, seconded by Patricia Singer, and carried by the following roll call vote to approve the settlement agreement to resolve special education existing litigation in the amount of \$21,700.00:

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

Motion by Jack Souders, seconded by Gina Clayton-Tarvin, and carried by the following roll call vote to approve the Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action and Statement of Charges; Right to Pre-Disciplinary Hearing of Classified Employee No. 3800001349. The employee shall be suspended without pay for two (2) days:

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

**F. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Souders led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**G. Introductions: None.**

**H. Minutes**

**1. Regular Board of Trustees' Meeting Minutes, September 24, 2024**

Motion made by: Gina Clayton-Tarvin

Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Patricia Singer - Abstain

Jack Souders - Yes

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Yes

**I. Time Certain**

**1. 6:05 p.m. Westmont Elementary School: Bulletin Board Presentation**

Westmont Principal Diana Bianco and Special Day Class (SDC) Transitional Kindergarten (TK) teacher Laura Curtis showcased the benefits of the TK program, emphasizing the commitment to inclusion for all students. Through engaging, play-based learning, the program nurtures essential fine motor skills and lays a solid foundation in early literacy and numeracy. Principal Bianco referenced the bulletin board in the back of the room, highlighting some of the program's activities.

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

Marine View Middle School Principal Sara Schaible, Assistant Principal Ku'uipo Koahou, and teacher Jacquie Fiorillo joined student leaders to showcase their efforts in creating an inclusive and supportive school environment, including hosting a dance designed to ensure all students can participate. Students Gemma, Ruby, Natalia, Layla, Kendra, and Lesley shared their personal experiences in promoting inclusivity, with the goal that every student feels welcomed, valued, and supported.

**J. Public Comment**

Chad Gorsage, community member, spoke in support of his wife, Keri, who is a candidate for the Board of Trustees; shared their family's connection to the District and highlighted Keri's extensive educational experience; stated she is a strong, independent thinker dedicated to fiscal responsibility and transparency; encouraged everyone to visit her website and shared details about upcoming events where people can learn more about her vision for the schools.

Keri Gorsage, community member and candidate for the Board of Trustees, addressed concerns about Ocean View schools' performance amid rumors of failing

test scores; clarified that these claims are unfounded, highlighting that the schools are thriving and outperforming both county and state averages in testing; advised that standardized tests only represent one aspect of educational success and suggested considering a broader view of educational achievement.

Matthew Wambolt, community member, shared his positive experiences working with Clerk Clayton-Tarvin on several successful community projects.

Jimmy Pham, City of Westminster Traffic Commission Chair, commented on his recent tour of Star View Elementary School, along with Clerk Clayton-Tarvin and Dr. Hofer, where he saw positive, supportive, and creative environments that foster student learning; mentioned his candidacy for State Assembly, emphasizing his commitment to community engagement and restoring funding from Sacramento to benefit the school district.

Bob Ewing, community member, noted the importance of integrity in leadership while expressing his frustration with Board Member Westwell's negative behavior on social media; condemned Trustee Westwell for attacking individuals and publicly criticizing the District he represents; referenced a recent flyer as a ridiculous campaign tool, spreading misinformation about the District's curriculum; strongly recommended the Board take action to censure Trustee Westwell.

David Clifford, community member and candidate for the Board of Trustees, clarified that he and candidate Keith Jorgensen did not produce the controversial flyer mentioned previously, noting it was an independent expenditure; emphasized that accusations of attacks have gone both ways in this campaign, including a filing with the FPPC based on false claims; highlighted the need for transparency and accuracy in the campaign.

Patricia Singer, community member, spoke about the strong commitment of elected officials in supporting students and teachers; questioned the motives of Trustee Westwell based on negative remarks he has made publicly about the District and misinformation he is spreading on social media; emphasized the importance of visiting schools and understanding classroom realities; mentioned his voting record against initiatives that support students and raised concerns about endorsements that may reflect poorly on candidates.

## **K. Communications**

### **1. Written Communications to the Board**

President Souders advised that the following correspondence had been received:

1. Comment from Jenny Wildvank, dated October 8, 2024, regarding Overnight Field Trips;
2. Comment from Keeley Pratt, dated October 8, 2024, regarding Overnight Field Trips.

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, welcomed new Human Resources Technician Megan Scott to the District; shared the latest updates regarding job description revisions, recruitments, and employment offers; noted there will be a public hearing at the Personnel Commission Meeting on October 17, 2024, regarding the reappointment of Dan Gooch to the Personnel Commission.

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

Trustee Westmoreland thanked the schools for their presentations tonight; stated that school board positions should be nonpartisan and focused on serving students; reiterated the importance of having good intent in decision-making, advocating for prioritizing students, parents, and staff; thanked candidate David Clifford for clarifying his lack of involvement in the controversial flyer; stated the need for constructive dialogue focused on community service and student welfare.

Clerk Clayton-Tarvin addressed the legality of the recent mailers sent out that criticized her, noting they lacked required disclosures about independent expenditures; advised she filed a complaint with the FPPC regarding this matter; condemned her colleague for his social media attacks and disparaging remarks about teachers, students, and other staff; expressed disdain for his endorsements; commented on her recent visit to Mesa View, where she volunteered at the school's book fair and interacted with students and staff; expressed appreciation to the volunteers who care for Mesa View's school garden, and thanked staff for providing the tools and support needed to enhance the area.

Trustee Westwell criticized his colleague for making accusations against candidate David Clifford, noting that Mr. Clifford had no involvement in the creation of the independent expenditure flyer; rejected claims that he has disparaged teachers, arguing he is merely highlighting the inadequate student test scores; dismissed criticisms about not visiting classrooms, as he operates at a higher level as a Board member, relying on teachers and staff for information about the schools; characterized all this rhetoric and misinformation as typical of election season.

Trustee Singer thanked the schools and students for their presentations tonight, specifically highlighting the importance of inclusivity from TK through middle school as a significant achievement for the District; stressed the importance of classroom visits to assess the impact of Board decisions on student education; denounced claims that our schools need saving, as they are thriving.



President Souders thanked the students and staff for their presentations tonight; noted the importance of keeping students at the forefront of all decisions; reiterated the Board's commitment to not close schools; noted he is not on social media, as he feels it is detrimental to society; stated that his role on the Board is to focus on providing the best possible education for students; acknowledged the need for ongoing improvement in student performance and welcomed discussions on that topic.

**5. Superintendent's Communications**

Dr. Hoefer commented on the recent Roundtable meeting, noting that the Roundtable President will be providing his report at the next Board meeting; concurred with President Souders' remarks regarding school closures, stating there are no discussions, plans, or actions related to the consolidation of schools, and asked everyone to correct any misinformation they might hear about this matter; attended the Surf City Optimist Meeting and shared upcoming sponsored events for our students; mentioned recruitment efforts for two visual arts teachers for elementary schools, as Prop 28 provides ongoing funding for arts education; noted that the District will start requiring 4th and 5th grade students to complete the same e-bike safety program as our middle school students, after which they will receive a sticker to park their bikes on campus; encouraged families to attend the upcoming i-Ready Information Night on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at Spring View's Gym; spoke about her recent meetings with school board candidates to provide general District information and answer any questions they may have; encouraged everyone to vote in the November 5, 2024, election.

**6. PTA/PTO/PTSA/PTSO Presidents' Roundtable (Five Minutes): None.**

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

Brandi Knox, CSEA Secretary, commented on the importance of the upcoming Ocean View School Board election, noting that CSEA has endorsed candidates Gina Clayton-Tarvin and Keri Gorsage; commented on the joint efforts with OVTA in supporting their campaigns through flyers, yard signs, and informational meetings; is looking forward to continued collaboration with OVTA on shared causes.

OVTA Co-Presidents Jennifer Paulino and Rebecca Broussard expressed gratitude for the generous grants awarded to Ocean View teachers by the Assistance League of Huntington Beach, highlighting the positive impact on education; mentioned OVTA and CSEA's unanimous endorsement of Keri Gorsage and Gina Clayton-Tarvin for the open Board seats; stressed the importance of modeling respectful behavior and condemned any attacks on students as unacceptable behavior.

**L. Reports: None.**

**M. Consent Calendar**

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

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 - Yes

Norm Westwell - Yes

**2. Administrative Services: School District Check Registers from September 13, 2024, through September 26, 2024**

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 - Yes

Norm Westwell - Yes

**3. Administrative Services: Purchase Orders for all Funds from September 13, 2024, through September 26, 2024**

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 - Yes

Norm Westwell - Yes

**4. Educational Services: Independent Contractor Agreement between Ocean View School District of Orange County and Gate Languages at Harbour View School (Renewal)**

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 - Yes  
Norm Westwell - Yes

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

This Agenda Item was previously pulled by Trustee Westwell for individual consideration.

Motion by Norm Westwell to approve the Listing of Conferences, Meetings, Workshops, and Consultants, except No. 1 (2024-25 Leadership Series for K-12 Agencies); No. 2 (Workshop: Managing Custody Disputes in Schools); and No. 3 (Workshop: Robert Meyer Huntington Beach Leadership Academy). Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by Patricia Singer, seconded by Gina Clayton-Tarvin, and carried by the following roll call vote to approve as submitted:

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

**6. Human Resources: Certificated Employee Personnel Activity List - September 11, 2024, through September 24, 2024**

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 - Yes  
Norm Westwell - Yes

**7. Human Resources: Classified Employee Personnel Activity List - September 11, 2024, through September 24, 2024**

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 - Yes  
Norm Westwell - Yes

## **N. Old Business**

- 1. Superintendent's Office: Proposed Additions/Revisions to Board Policy/Administrative Regulations Series 6000: Instruction: Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6158: Independent Study (Second Reading/Action)**

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Gina Clayton-Tarvin  
Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

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

- 2. Overnight Field Trips District Subsidy (Action)**

Motion by Gina Clayton-Tarvin, seconded by Patricia Singer, and carried by the following roll call vote to approve Option B: All fifth grade students who attend an overnight field trip will be provided a \$60.00 subsidy, which includes a \$10.00 enhancement that may be used for tuition, health services, or transportation:

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

## **O. New Business**

- 1. Superintendent's Office: Resolution No. 13:2425 - Remuneration for Vice President Patricia Singer - September 24, 2024, Board of Trustees' Meeting (Action)**

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Jack Souders  
Motion seconded by: Gina Clayton-Tarvin

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

**2. Educational Services: 2024-2025 Independent Contractor Agreement between Ocean View School District of Orange County and Kicks To Learn to Provide Structured Recess/Lunch Activities at Lake View School (Action)**

Approve as submitted.

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

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

Prior to the foregoing vote, Trustee Westwell indicated there was an error in the term of the contract. Staff advised the typographical error would be corrected to reflect the correct term of October 9, 2024, through May 31, 2025.

**3. Educational Services: 2024-2025 Independent Contractor Agreement between Ocean View School District of Orange County and Art and Soul Collective for Art Instruction at Hope View School (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 - Yes

**4. Educational Services: 2024-2025 Agreement with Orange County Department of Education and Ocean View School District of Orange County for K-8 Math Professional Development (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 - Yes

Norm Westwell - Yes

5. **Educational Services: Amendment No. 1 to Independent Contractor Agreement Between Ocean View School District of Orange County and the Center for Professional Education of Teachers (CPET) at Teachers College, Columbia University, for Professional Development Sessions for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (Action)**

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Patricia Singer

Motion seconded by: Jack Souders

Voting:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Patricia Singer - Yes

Jack Souders - Yes

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - No

6. **Educational Services: Public Hearing on Resolution No. 11:2425 - A Resolution of the Ocean View School District of Orange County Board of Trustees Determining Steps to Ensure Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials for 2024-2025**

President Souders opened the Public Hearing at 8:03 p.m.

Motion by Norm Westwell to close the Public Hearing, as there were no speakers. Motion died for lack of a second.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:04 p.m.

7. **Educational Services: Resolution No. 11:2425 - A Resolution of the Ocean View School District of Orange County Board of Trustees Determining Steps to Ensure Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials for 2024-2025 (Action)**

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

**8. Educational Services: Resolution No. 12:2425 - A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Orange County Proclaiming the Week of October 21-25, 2024, as Red Ribbon Week (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

**9. Human Resources: Williams Settlement Legislation First Quarter Report of Uniform Complaints 2024-2025 (Information)**

Received for information.

Dr. Hoefer advised that the reported complaint has been resolved.

**P. Any Other Public Comments to the Board of Trustees**

John Briscoe, candidate for the Board of Trustees, shared his platform statement, focusing on conservative financial resources; creation of a District Charter School; development of a District Home School Program; and hiring of a truant officer to return missing children to school.

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

**R. Board of Trustees' Roundtable**

Trustee Westwell referenced Roberts Rules of Order regarding reading of papers at a Board meeting; plans to ask the OVTA representatives what the Board can provide to teachers to help them educate students at a 10% higher level; commented on his recent remarks on social media that he feels are necessary to combat the spreading of false information.

Clerk Clayton-Tarvin spoke regarding the disappointing misinformation she is hearing from her colleague; noted she has a detailed record of his inappropriate behavior, including his active attacks and undermining remarks on social media;

urged him to stop this harassment, and advised she would be calling for a fourth censure of Norm Westwell.

Trustee Westmoreland noted as a parent of three children in the District, she appreciates the teachers and support staff for everything they do to provide learning opportunities for all students; mentioned her family and friends across the country have expressed their admiration of our school district's high quality of education; acknowledged the importance of striving to improve test scores, but stressed her belief that students are so much more than test numbers.

Vice President Singer remarked on the teamwork demonstrated by the Board tonight in passing the overnight field trip subsidy, highlighting its importance to both parents and students; noted these are the types of positive decisions to focus on, rather than getting caught up in negativity; encouraged families to seek out reliable sources of information other than social media; pleased with the staff and student presentations tonight that showcased the great work happening in the classrooms.

President Souders emphasized the importance of diverse perspectives for effective decision-making on the Board; pleased that the Board consistently comes together to make decisions that prioritize the well-being of our students; expressed his support to all staff for the incredible job they do in supporting our students' education; shared how much our students are valued and appreciated as integral assets to our community.

**S. Closed Session (if needed)**

The Board of Trustees returned to Closed Session at 8:30 p.m. to continue discussion of items previously announced. Any reports of Closed Session actions will be made from the Board's Conference Room in Building C.

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

The Board of Trustees returned to Open Session at 9:03 p.m. There were no Closed Session actions to report.

**U. Adjournment**

Time: 9:04 p.m.

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

  
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Julianne Hoefer, Ph.D., Interim Superintendent

  
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Gina Clayton-Tarvin, Clerk

22 OCTOBER 2024  
Date