

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024, 5:30 P.M.
Oakdale Joint Unified School District Office
Technology & Staff Development Center
331 Hinkley Avenue, Oakdale, CA

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CALL TO ORDER	1.1	The meeting was called to order at 5:45 P.M. by Board President Tina Shatswell.
TRUSTEES PRESENT	1.2	Bill Duvall, Clayton Schemper, Tina Shatswell, and Terri Taylor; student board member Landon Arnold was present for open session.
LATE ARRIVALS	1.3	None
TRUSTEES ABSENT	1.4	Diane Gilbert
VISITORS PRESENT	1.5	Quade Beattie, Mike Nessler, Sara Riley
CLOSED SESSION	2.0	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	Trustee Duvall introduced students from Magnolia Elementary School who led the Pledge of Allegiance: Melody Graybill, Grade 6, Ethan Faria, Grade 5, and Hailey Reyes, Grade 4. These students were awarded Certificates of Appreciation for their participation.
ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION	4.0	<p>2.2 - Student Matters: Board President Shatswell reported that the Board voted (4-0) to approve stipulated expulsion of students for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Student #24-25-01 for Ed Code violations: 48900 (b), 48900 (c), 48900 (h), 48915 (a)(2), and 48915 (b)(1).</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Student #24-25-02 for Ed Code violations: 48900 (b), 48900 (h), 48915 (a)(1)(B), and 48915 (b)(2).</p> <p>2.3 – Student Matters: The Board voted (4-0) to approve a Compromise & Release Agreement to resolve a parent’s complaint filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings in case number 2024060196 against OJUSD.</p> <p>2.4 – Personnel Matters: The Board reviewed the Superintendent’s Evaluation goals; no action was taken.</p>
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS	6.0	None
ORGANIZATION REPORT, OTA	7.1	Joe Gilbert reported OJHS and OHS just finished the First Quarter and elementary will finish the First Trimester this Friday; there is a WASC visit going on at OHS this week; OTA membership is 248, and the possibility of 4 more new teachers. He reported the Negotiations Team has met twice, and the first meeting with the district is October 23; the Health Benefits Committee has already had two meetings, and they look forward to potential reduction in costs.
ORGANIZATION REPORT, CSEA	7.2	None
ORGANIZATION REPORT, STUDENT	7.3	Student representative Landon Arnold reported it's been a busy but successful past few weeks, with OHS Homecoming Week last week, and Leadership classes working on the rally, Parade and Dance. He also noted that many elementary kids were able to come watch the Homecoming Parade this year. He reported on Elementary Jog-a-Thon last Friday, OJHS Color Run this Friday, Red Ribbon Week next week, and OHS Formal on November 23. He also reported that he and the ASB President gave a tour to the WASC group on Sunday that went well.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	8.0	Board President Shatswell opened the Public Comments portion of the agenda at 6:43 p.m. There being none, Public Comments closed at 6:43 p.m.
REMOVE ITEMS FROM CONSENT CALENDAR	9.1	There were no requests to remove items from the Consent.
ADOPT CONSENT CALENDAR	9.2	It was M/S/C (Schemper/Duvall) to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented. Passed unanimously.
ADOPT MINUTES OF 9/9/24 AS PRESENTED	9.3.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held Monday, September 9, 2024, as presented.
REVIEW QTRLY. REPORT, WILLIAMS COMPLAINTS	9.3.2	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board reviewed the Quarterly Report on Williams Settlement Complaints, as presented.
APPROVE INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS	9.4.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved interdistrict attendance requests, 2024-25 school year, as presented.
ACKNOWLEDGE STUDENT DISCIPLINE REPORT, 9/24 & 2-YEAR COMPARISON	9.4.2	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board acknowledged Student Discipline Report for September, 2024, and Prior Two-Year Comparison, as presented.
APPROVE AG DEPT. OVERNIGHT TRIPS	9.4.3	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Agriculture Department Overnight Trips, as presented:

APPROVE WINTER ATHLETIC SCHEDULES	9.4.4	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Winter Athletic Schedules, as presented:
APPROVE WINTER ATHLETIC TEAMS POSTSEASON OVERNIGHT TRIPS	9.4.5	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved all Winter Athletic Teams for any Postseason Overnight Trips, as presented:
APPROVE OHS WRESTLING OVERNIGHT TRIPS	9.4.6	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Athletic Department Wrestling Overnight Trips, as presented:
APPROVE SCHOOL SITE SAFETY PLANS	9.4.7	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Comprehensive School Site Safety Plans, as presented:
APPROVE WARRANTS THRU 9/30/24, & CYCLE I & CYCLE II PAYROLL FOR SEPTEMBER 2024	9.5.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved district warrants prepared for payment through 9/30/24, and Cycle I & II Payroll for September, 2024, as presented.
APPROVE CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS	9.5.2	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Consultant Agreements, as presented.
APPROVE ASB ACCOUNTS, OJHS, SEPTEMBER 2024	9.5.3	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Student Body Accounts, Oakdale Junior High School, September 2024, as presented.
APPROVE ASB ACCOUNTS, OHS, SEPTEMBER 2024	9.5.4	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Student Body Accounts, Oakdale High School, September 2024, as presented.
AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL, OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS	9.5.5	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board authorized Disposal of Obsolete Equipment and Materials, as presented.
ACCEPT RETIREMENT, CERTIFICATED	9.6.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board accepted certificated retirement, as presented: Lisa Peterson, 1 st Grade Teacher, Sierra View, eff. 6/30/25
ACCEPT RETIREMENT, CLASSIFIED	9.6.2	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board accepted classified retirement, as presented: Michael Atwell, Custodian II, Fair Oaks, eff. 10/1/24 Kyle Richardson, Account Clerk II, OJHS, eff. 1/10/25
ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS, CLASSIFIED	9.6.3	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board accepted classified resignations, as presented: Camryn Gordon, ELP Aide, Fair Oaks, eff. 10/10/24 Amber Hoyt, ELP Support Aide, Magnolia, eff. 10/4/24 Tressa Souza, ELP Supervisor, Magnolia, eff. 9/25/24 Elsa Monteon-Taylor, Inst. Aide TK, Magnolia, eff. 9/27/24
APPROVE EMPLOYMENT CLASSIFIED	9.6.4	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved classified employment, as presented: Eden Cassinetto, Inst. Aide Title I, Fair Oaks, eff. 9/10/24 Jorge Rochin Castaneda, Custodian I, Cloverland, eff. 10/2/24 Cheryl Ferguson, Yard Duty, Sierra View, eff. 10/8/24

Brandi Gardea, Café Assistant, Fair Oaks, eff. 8/26/24
 Emilio Gonzalez, ELP Aide, Sierra View, eff. 8/8/24
 Kassie Hoesch, Instructional Aide TK, Fair Oaks, eff. 9/12/24
 Kayla Kushar, Speech Language Pathologist Assistant,
 Fair Oaks and Magnolia, eff. 9/16/24
 Amiyah Lemos, Yard Duty Aide, Magnolia, eff. 8/12/24
 Oliver McCarty, Bus Driver, Transportation, eff. 8/28/24
 Amanda Morris, Yard Duty, Cloverland, eff. 9/9/24
 Michael Oliver, Yard Duty, Cloverland, eff. 10/9/24
 Raymond Perez, Behavioral Prog. Para 1:1, MAG, eff. 9/23/24
 Avery Riddle, Instructional Aide, Fair Oaks, and
 ELP Support Aide, Cloverland, eff. 9/11/24
 Sara Riley, ELP Aide "Oasis", OJHS, eff. 10/1/24
 Gustavo Torres Carrillo, Groundsworker, OHS, eff. 9/12/24
 Cynthia Toste, ELP Aide, Fair Oaks, eff. 9/9/24
 Mei Van Dusen, Instructional Aide TK, Magnolia, eff. 8/8/24
 Julena Worley, Café Assistant, OHS, eff. 8/19/24

APPROVE PROMOTION,
 CLASSIFIED

- 9.6.5 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved classified promotion, as presented:
 Emilio Gonzalez, from ELP Aide, Sierra View
 To ELP Assistant, Sierra View, eff. 9/5/24
 Megan Langrell, from Yard Duty Aide, Sierra View
 To Instructional Aide, Sierra View, eff. 8/8/24
 Christina Stricker, from Yard Duty Aide, Fair Oaks
 To Instructional Aide Title I, Fair Oaks, eff. 8/8/24

APPROVE CLASSIFIED
 TRANSFERS

- 9.6.6 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved classified transfers, as presented:
 Sherri House, Behavioral Program Para 1:1,
 To Behav. Prog. Para ED/SH, CLOV, eff. 9/6/24
 Shannon Orr, from Instructional Aide, Magnolia
 To Instructional Aide SDC, Magnolia, eff. 8/8/24

DISPOSITION OF ITEMS
 REMOVED FROM CONSENT

- 10.0 None

REPORT, SBAC SCORES

- 11.1 Assistant Superintendent Wegener presented a report on 2024 SBAC which was given to grades 3-8 and 11 for ELA and math, and grades 5, 8, and 10, 11 or 12 for science last April. She explained that we are still using the abbreviated version of the test through this year, but we are able to access composite claim data for individual students. Composite claim data brings the four claims into two composite categories, so the ELA performance area includes the claims Reading & Listening and Writing & Research; the math performance area includes the claims Concepts & Procedures and Mathematical Practices; and the science performance area includes Earth and Space Sciences, Life Sciences, and Physical Sciences. She reported OJUSD participation rates were strong and most sites show overall increases.

She noted that once again, OJUSD has earned the top scores in Stanislaus County in ELA, Math, and Science. The District's overall scores for 2024 have increased by 3.8 points in ELA, by .5 in math, and by 2.6 in science. This is a higher increase than we saw from the 2022 to the 2023 school year, indicated the continued hard work of students and staff. However, the percentages clearly show more work to be done at all sites. While these scores can be a source of pride, our site staff members recognize the need for continued growth. She reported the next SBAC testing will take place March 31 - April 17, 2025.

She gave an Overview of District SBAC Score comparisons and Site SBAC Scores with percentage of students who Met/Exceeded Standards in ELA, Math, and Science (CAST).

In reviewing Next Steps at the Elementary Level:

- Teacher Collaboration & Planning at Curriculum Support Sessions & Grade Level Meetings & District Minimum Days
- Data Discussion and Goal Setting at TK-6 Curriculum Council
- Systematic use of SBAC Interim Assessment Blocks (IAB's) to familiarize and prepare students
- Use of i-Ready diagnostics to target areas of need
- Continued classroom Tier I & Learning Lab (Tier II) intervention
- Continued use of best instructional practices (IS⁴)
- Communication with families/caretakers
- Site-specific plans for motivating students

In reviewing high school math scores, she noted they are concerned with a big dip that Math has taken. She and Mr. Moore met with the Math department to talk about scores and area of intense concern that needs work. The Math department has started weekly department meetings, they have gotten Math teachers involved in Math framework training, and 2 OHS and 2 OJHS Math teachers will be going to the SCOE Math Engagement Workshop. Dr. Wegener reported she just visited Math classrooms, got ideas of where successes are and where we need to work, noting engagement is something we will be working on and we will keep an eye on student grades. She reported we are also preparing for a new Math adoption, but the list of adopted curriculum is not coming out until November 2025. Part of that is frameworks, and we are making sure teachers are in discussions, and she is sharing as many professional development opportunities as she can.

Trustee Taylor asked if there is a way to monitor our progress so we don't get the same situation with the next testing. Dr. Wegener responded the Math department is developing common formative assessments. We are not helping students master curriculum; our students that struggle with Math need more.

In reviewing Next Steps at the Secondary Level:

- Teacher Collaboration & Planning at Curriculum Support Sessions & Grade Level Meetings
- Data Discussion and Goal Setting at 7-12 Curriculum Council and at site level meetings
- Systematic use of SBAC Interim Assessment Blocks (IAB's) to familiarize and prepare students
- Use of i-Ready diagnostics at 7th and 8th grade to identify areas of need: high school benchmarks to monitor progress
- Continued classroom intervention + junior high intervention
- Professional development in engagement practices
- Continued use of best instructional practices (IS⁴) & cognitive engagement strategies
- Ongoing communication with families/caretakers

She noted OJUSD is tops in the County in all 3 categories, with ELA better than the State average, and Math above the Stanislaus County average. We are still leading the county, with the next closest district being Hughson for ELA and Math. We have things to work on, but it is important to highlight that we lead in all areas in all school districts in the County:

	ELA	Math	Science
California	47.04%	36.54%	30.70%
Stanislaus County	37.12%	24.62%	20.64%
OJUSD	49.19%	34.86%	28.15%
Hughson	42.01%	29.58%	22.18%

Trustee Taylor noted it is much more valuable to see the cohort score, i.e. Fair Oaks 3rd to 5th grade scores. She also noted that we need to do more. She stated the majority of teachers are good but some are complacent and shouldn't be teaching. She noted there are tenure laws we have to follow, and we have a short window of time to evaluate probationary teachers, and it is on administrators to do that. She also stated 7-12 are the most difficult kids to incentivize on tests, and that we need to look at incentives at 7-12 level. She also felt Coaches need to be in classrooms more and in less meetings, and spend more time in classrooms helping out. She also stated rigor in classrooms is not equitable. She noted we have wonderful staff, but we can do better; it is on all of us to hold accountable and everybody has to step up; we have to have conversations, but we have to have repercussions.

Trustee Duvall noted everything starts with a solid foundation. If you're not doing well before 3rd grade, you will be behind. If you want to be sure everyone is doing an exceptional job, look at those lower grade levels.

A parent in the audience commented on where these kids were 3-4 years ago and that scores we're seeing now reflect we were in COVID and had parents teaching kids.

Her daughter missed Math 3rd grade and now struggles in 7th grade. She also noted staff in the After School Program trying to teach Math, and then there was a change in the Math curriculum, and with parents working, kids are in the After School Program to support their learning.

Superintendent Mendonca appreciated everyone's input, but we need to keep the meeting going; if you have questions or want to have further conversations, please contact Dr. Wegner or call the District Office.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION
#24-25-03, RED RIBBON WEEK

- 12.1 Armida Colon, Director of State and Federal Programs, presented this item, noting the theme of "Life is a Movie, Film Drug Free", and requested waiving reading of the resolution. She noted we are celebrating Red Ribbon Week across the district the same week this year, October 21-25.

It was **M/S/C (Duvall/Schemper)** to adopt Resolution #24-25-03 Proclaiming Red Ribbon Celebration. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting in favor.

APPROVE QUARTERLY
DEVELOPER FEES REPORT

- 12.2 Chief Business Officer Cassandra Booth presented a report on developer fees collected during the first quarter, noting collections of \$220,162 including 4 new builds in the *Meadowlands*, 8 in *Carmel Ranch*, 2 in *Tesoro*, 1 new home in Knights Ferry & Valley Home, 1 new home west Oakdale, and 1 new home off River Road.

It was **M/S/C (Taylor/Schemper)** to approve the Quarterly Developer Fees Report. Passed unanimously.

INFORMATION

- 13.1 OJHS Color Run – October 18, 1:55-2:25 pm
13.2 Sierra View PTC Harvest Festival, October 18, 5-8:00 pm
13.3 Santa Cruz Band Review, OHS Band at Santa Cruz, Oct. 19
13.4 Red Ribbon Week All Schools, Oct. 21-25
13.5 K-12 Minimum Day / Staff Development, November 1
13.6 1-6 Minimum Day/Parent Teacher Conference, Nov. 4–8
13.7 Veteran's Day Holiday, Monday, November 11

Trustee Taylor shared there is an OHS Senior Scholarship night tomorrow, which will help parents understand how the scholarship process works.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- 14.1 Update on Ethnic Studies Development (November)
14.2 Report on Dashboard (December – pending State data)

ADJOURNMENT

- 16.0 The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.