



## MEETING MINUTES

**Closed Session: 5:30 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 Hoefer, 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 Vice President Patricia Singer at 5:30 p.m.

### **B. Roll Call**

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

Member absent: Jack Souders

### **C. Agenda Adoption- Regular Board of Trustees' Meeting of October 22, 2024**

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Gina Clayton-Tarvin

Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

#### Voting:

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

**D. Closed Session**

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

1. 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: Keith Farrow, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services; 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.

As there was no one present wishing to address the Board on this matter, the meeting moved to Closed Session at 5:32 p.m.

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

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 6:02 p.m. There were no Closed Session actions to report.

**F. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Singer.

**G. Introductions: None.**

**H. Minutes**

**1. Regular Board of Trustees' Meeting Minutes, October 8, 2024**

Approve as submitted.

Vote on motion to approve:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Patricia Singer - Yes

Jack Souders - Absent

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Pass

When called upon by Vice President Singer for his vote, Trustee Westwell stated he should not be called upon first and that he would pass. At the conclusion of the voting on this item, Trustee Westwell raised a Point of Order, citing Robert's Rules of Order and roll call voting, and requested a parliamentary inquiry on the issue.

Vice President Singer asked Clerk Clayton-Tarvin to review the inquiry and stated that the meeting would proceed in the meantime. Trustee Westwell disagreed, insisting that a ruling was required before the meeting could continue. Vice President Singer informed him that his Point of Order was not

well taken and asked him to stop his disruptive behavior. Trustee Westwell continued voicing his objections, and Vice President Singer gave him a second opportunity to control his behavior, or face removal from the meeting. As the behavior persisted, Vice President Singer directed the Superintendent to contact the police department to have Trustee Westwell removed from the meeting.

Clerk Clayton-Tarvin informed the audience that the children had been taken out of the room due to the inappropriate behavior. She commended Vice President Singer for managing the situation effectively and stressed that disruptive conduct at Board meetings would not be permitted.

Vice President Singer called for a recess at 6:05 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:59 p.m. Trustee Westwell was not in attendance.

## **I. Time Certain**

### **1. (6:05 p.m.) Golden View Elementary School: Bulletin Board Presentation**

Golden View Elementary School Principal Venus Moeller, along with teachers Athena Allen and Julianne Perrigo, shared the impact of the Momentum in Teaching initiative. This program is transforming writing instruction with strategies that empower students and build confidence. Ms. Allen highlighted how Momentum has boosted her K/1 students' writing skills, while Ms. Perrigo shared how her special education students are expressing themselves more confidently through writing and sketches. They noted that this initiative continues to inspire students and enhance their learning journeys.

### **2. (6:15 p.m.) Mesa View Middle School: Student Presentation**

Mesa View Middle School Principal Isis Ortiz shared how the school is strengthening family engagement through the launch of Eagle Picnics. The first picnic for 6<sup>th</sup> grade families attracted over 130 attendees, who enjoyed lunch, yard games, and quality time together on the campus lawn. Students Savannah Schmit, Elliana Joyce, and Maria Rafiel shared their enthusiasm for the event, noting how special it was to see their parents bond with friends and spend focused time with family. With more Eagle Picnics planned, the school aims to further strengthen relationships with families, a critical support to student well-being and academic achievement.

## **J. Public Comment**

Keri Gorsage, candidate for the Board of Trustees, commented on First Amendment rights and the responsibility that accompanies this freedom; condemned the offensive mailers and social media posts containing false accusations about students and teachers, and expressed disappointment that other candidates have not spoken out against them; spoke about the thriving District schools that offer a range of educational experiences for all students.

Holly Sjogren, teacher, shared her personal connection as a parent and as a teacher for 34 years in the District; speaking on behalf of Hope View teachers, she voiced strong support for Gina Clayton-Tarvin, Keri Gorsage, Patricia Singer, and Morgan Westmoreland; highlighted the teachers' efforts to foster both academic skills and important life values in their students; addressed concerns about state test scores, noting they are just one measure of student success; praised the dedication of public school teachers.

Michelle Jacklin, parent, expressed frustration with the country's failure to adequately fund education; praised the staff at Village View School for their daily dedication and commitment to students; noted her disappointment in Trustee Westwell for voting against safety checks for disabled students' transportation and on-site counseling services; questioned his contributions during his term on the Board and criticized his lack of engagement in school events; condemned the use of children in political campaigns and the offensive flyer that was distributed; reaffirmed her support for candidates Gina Clayton-Tarvin and Keri Gorsage.

## **K. Communications**

- 1. Written Communications to the Board: None.**
- 2. Board/Committee Reports: None.**
- 3. Personnel Commissioner Report (Three Minutes)**

Lance Bidnick, Personnel Commissioner, announced the reappointment of Dan Gooch as the Personnel Commission's joint appointee; shared that the vacancy rate in classified positions has reached its lowest point this year, which reflects the collaborative efforts of the Commission and the Human Resources team in attracting and onboarding qualified candidates; noted that progress continues in updating job descriptions to more accurately reflect the duties and expectations of staff.

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

Trustee Westmoreland apologized for the delay in the meeting, expressing her disappointment with her colleague's actions; emphasized that the primary role of the Board is to serve students, parents, and staff; expressed frustration with her colleague's recent online behavior that undermines the District's goal of improving enrollment; recognized that state-level issues may be concerning, but reassured parents that these matters are not affecting the District directly; reiterated that she has no political ambitions and serves on the Board to support students, teachers, and community.

Clerk Clayton-Tarvin commented on her participation in the Reading for the Record program, where she read to preschoolers at Westmont, College View, and Oak View, as well as to students in the after-school programs at Golden View, Hope View, and Circle View; stated that public meetings are meant to be safe spaces for everyone, and thanked Vice President Singer for maintaining order despite the disappointing behavior of her colleague; thanked the public speakers tonight for their positive comments, as she

expressed her support for candidate Keri Gorsage; voiced concern over recent derogatory mailers that have endorsed candidates Keith Jorgensen and David Clifford, noting that neither candidate has condemned them.

Vice President Singer thanked the audience for their patience as she apologized for the earlier delay; appreciated her colleagues' support in taking the necessary actions tonight to maintain order; expressed her gratitude to the Assistance League of Huntington Beach for awarding \$28,500.00 in grants to 48 Ocean View teachers to fund special projects that support student achievement; recognized the Mesa View students who shared their experiences about the Eagle Picnic; participated in the Reading for the Record program at Star View's after-school program; stressed the positive things happening in the District.

#### **5. Superintendent's Communications**

Dr. Hoefler noted that elementary parent conferences are underway, fostering trust and collaboration that ultimately support student success; commented on the District's recent interactive iReady family engagement event, which was well attended and helped families better understand and support their child's learning; visited Circle View and Village View Schools, where she was impressed with the iReady training for teachers and the application of Handwriting Without Tears approach to early writing development; spoke regarding the positive impact of the Momentum in Teaching strategy at elementary schools and the literacy learning walks in middle schools; attended the Citizens' Oversight Committee Meeting, and thanked the members for their work in reviewing bond fund expenditures to ensure transparency and accountability.

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

Bobby Guillen, Roundtable President, provided an overview of the recent Roundtable Meeting held on October 7, 2024. He thanked Clerk Clayton-Tarvin, Interim Superintendent Hoefler, and Cabinet members for attending. Topics shared included the latest budget update; details regarding Prop 28 - Arts and Music in Schools funding; and a positive report on staffing efforts within the District. The school representatives recapped some of the activities that have occurred or are planned for their sites, including fall fundraisers, restaurant nights, skate nights, book fairs, literacy drives, and carnivals.

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

Rebecca Broussard, Co-President, OVTA, noted the importance of parent-teacher conferences as a collaborative effort to create a supportive environment for students; reminded everyone that OVTA has endorsed candidates Gina Clayton-Tarvin and Keri Gorsage for the upcoming School Board election; commented on the negative campaigning that has undermined the integrity and trust built between schools and community; urged everyone to stay focused on students, ensuring that schools remain a place where every child feels valued, supported, and inspired to learn.

## L. Reports

### 1. Civics - An OVSD Award-Winning Program

Lori Manz, Curriculum Specialist, along with teachers Jill Dowd from Golden View School and Stacey Kral from Vista View Middle School, shared information about the District's award-winning Civics program that has been effectively integrated into elementary and middle school social studies and science classes. The teachers highlighted specific lessons and activities designed to engage students in meaningful ways, resulting in civic engagement and a positive impact on academic achievement. Finally, they discussed the OC Civic Learning Pathways program opportunity for our students, and showcased the various awards our schools have earned since the initiative's implementation.

### 2. Student Cell Phones in Ocean View School District

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Alice Lee, Student Services Coordinator Tim Biland, and Mesa View Principal Isis Ortiz provided information on recent state legislation involving student cell phones on school campuses, and Board Policy 5131 (Conduct) that references the District's current cell phone practice. After a review of the progression of consequences for violations, Dr. Lee advised that the District's current practice meets the intent of the legislation. Next steps involve consideration of a stand-alone student cell phone use policy which will be brought to the Board this spring for input and approval, unless the Trustees would prefer this be done prior to spring.

After discussion on the matter, the Board directed staff to immediately begin developing a more comprehensive cell phone policy to address student cell phone usage on campus.

## M. Consent Calendar

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

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Gina Clayton-Tarvin

Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Patricia Singer - Yes

Jack Souders - Absent

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Absent

### 2. Administrative Services: Payroll Check Registers from September 11, 2024, through October 10, 2024

Approve as submitted.

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

Voting:

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

**3. Administrative Services: School District Check Registers from September 27, 2024, through October 10, 2024**

Approve as submitted.

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

Voting:

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

**4. Administrative Services: Purchase Orders for all Funds from September 27, 2024, through October 10, 2024**

Approve as submitted.

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

Voting:

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

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

Approve as submitted.

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

Voting:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes  
Patricia Singer - Yes

Jack Souders - Absent  
Morgan Westmoreland - Yes  
Norm Westwell - Absent

**6. Human Resources: Certificated Employee Personnel Activity List - September 25, 2024, through October 8, 2024**

Approve as submitted.

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

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

**7. Human Resources: Classified Employee Personnel Activity List - September 25, 2024, through October 8, 2024**

Approve as submitted.

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

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

**N. Old Business:** None.

**O. New Business**

**1. Superintendent's Office: California School Boards Association (CSBA) GAMUT Policy Services (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 - Absent  
Morgan Westmoreland - Yes  
Norm Westwell - Absent



**2. Administrative Services: Amendment No. 1 to the Charter Facilities Agreement By and Between Ocean View School District of Orange County and Sycamore Creek Community Charter School (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 - Absent

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Absent

**3. 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 Golden View and Westmont Schools (Action)**

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Morgan Westmoreland

Motion seconded by: Gina Clayton-Tarvin

Voting:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Patricia Singer - Yes

Jack Souders - Absent

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Absent

**4. Educational Services: Amendment to Agreement for Non-Public School/Non-Public Agency Placement of Special Education Student as Determined by Individualized Education Program (IEP) (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 - Absent

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Absent

**5. Educational Services: Contract for Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) for Student with Special Needs (Action)**

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Morgan Westmoreland

Motion seconded by: Gina Clayton-Tarvin

Voting:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Patricia Singer - Yes

Jack Souders - Absent

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Absent

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

David Clifford, parent and candidate for the Board of Trustees, concurred with the Board on needing to take action regarding the cell phone policy; expressed disappointment over criticism he has received from Clerk Clayton-Tarvin about his campaign; commented on a recent benign mailer, which included the City Attorney's endorsement of him and Mr. Jorgensen; raised issues with Clerk Clayton-Tarvin's campaign and voting record.

Keith Jorgensen, candidate for the Board of Trustees, explained the campaign slogan, "Save our Schools," focuses on increasing enrollment and attracting families to prevent the continued closure of schools; spoke against the sale of school sites and emphasized the importance of raising test scores as a way to attract families to the District; clarified his support for teachers, stating that higher enrollment would bring more resources for both teachers and students; expressed his support for the cell phone policy discussed earlier in the meeting.

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

**R. Board of Trustees' Roundtable**

Trustee Westmoreland thanked Golden View staff and Mesa View staff and students for their informative presentations; pleased to hear the students share their thoughts on Mesa View's Eagle Picnic family engagement event; mentioned the lack of appropriate funding for public education, noting the District continues to financially support essential services for our students.

Clerk Clayton-Tarvin expressed her gratitude to the staff at Golden View and the staff and students at Mesa View for their excellent presentations; addressed previous public speaker comments by clarifying the nature of campaign signs and affirming free speech rights; rebutted candidate David Clifford's comments regarding student failures and campaign spending; criticized the recent mailer from candidates Clifford and Keith Jorgensen, highlighting false and misleading statements made by the City Attorney concerning the actions of the Board of Trustees.

Vice President Singer shared her support for her colleague and candidate, Clerk Clayton-Tarvin, and looks forward to working with Ms. Gorsage, should she be elected to the Board; emphasized the importance of distinguishing between free speech and misinformation, as she referenced a recent flyer that falsely claimed the Board has been in talks to sell school properties, which is completely untrue; stressed that what truly matters is the learning that takes place in the classrooms every day for students.

**S. Closed Session (if needed):** None.

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

**U. Adjournment**

Time: 8:40 p.m.

Motion made by: Gina Clayton-Tarvin

Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:


Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Patricia Singer - Yes

Jack Souders - Absent

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Absent

  
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Julianne Hoefler, Ph.D., Interim Superintendent

  
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Gina Clayton-Tarvin, Clerk

November 12, 2024  
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Date