

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024, 06:00 P.M.
Oakdale Joint Unified School District Office
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	The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Board President Tina Shatswell.
TRUSTEES PRESENT	1.2	Diane Gilbert, 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	Bill Duvall
VISITORS PRESENT	1.5	
CLOSED SESSION	2.0	Board President Shatswell adjourned the meeting into Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. Open Session reconvened at 6:40 p.m.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	3.0	Trustee Gilbert introduced students from Cloverland Elementary School who led the Pledge of Allegiance: Dorian DeLeon Borrallles, Grade 6, Jaxon Savage, Grade 5, Avery Vejar, Grade 4. These students were awarded Certificates of Appreciation for their participation.
ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION	4.0	Item 2.2- Board President Shatswell reported the Board voted (4-0) to approve stipulated expulsion of students for Fall 2024 & Spring 2025: Student #24-25-03 for Ed Code violations 48900 (a)(1), 48900 (a)(2), 48915 (b)(1), and 48915 (b)(2). Student #24-25-04 for Ed Code violations 48900 (a)(1), 48900 (a)(2), 48915 (b)(1), and 48915 (b)(2). Student #24-25-05 for Ed Code violations 48900 (a)(1), 48900 (a)(2), 48915 (b)(1), and 48915 (b)(2). Student #24-25-06 for Ed Code violations 48900 (a)(1), 48900 (a)(2), 48915 (b)(1), and 48915 (b)(2). Item 2.3 – Board President Shatswell reported the Board also had a conference with our labor negotiator, but no action was taken.
APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA	5.0	It was M/S/C (Schemper/Gilbert) to approve the order of agenda items as presented. Passed unanimously.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	6.0	None

ORGANIZATION REPORT, OTA	7.1	Omar Salinas, OTA President, acknowledged all Veteran's on staff within the community and thanked them for their service. He reported OTA has 249 members, and they are working on a few pending potential members. He reported they are looking forward to more movement in negotiations, as we are in the 2 nd trimester for elementary and deep in the 2 nd Quarter for secondary sites.
ORG. REPORT, CSEA	7.2	Sunshine Irvin, on behalf of CSEA President Jake Cox, reported they started negotiations, and they will pound out minimum wage going up to \$18/hour.
ORGANIZATION REPORT, STUDENT	7.3	Student representative Landon Arnold reported Red Ribbon Week went well, Leadership is working on Thanksgiving boxes where they collect thanksgiving meals from classes to donate to the Center for Human Services, they have Formal coming up, a Holiday Toy Drive, and some S Club members went out to campaign for Measure G last Saturday.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	8.0	Board President Shatswell opened Public Comments at 6:50 p.m. There being none, Public Comments closed at 6:50 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 (Taylor/Gilbert) to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented. Passed unanimously.
ADOPT MINUTES OF 10/14/24 AS PRESENTED	9.3.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board adopted minutes of its regularly scheduled meeting held Monday, October 14, 2024, as presented.
APPROVE INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS	9.4.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved interdistrict attendance transfer requests, 2024-25 or 2025-26 school year, as presented.
APPROVE SCHOOL SITE SAFETY PLANS	9.4.2	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Comprehensive School Site Safety Plans, Fair Oaks and Magnolia, as presented:
APPROVE OVERNIGHT TRIP, MODEL U.N. CONFERENCE AT U.C. BERKELEY	9.4.3	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved overnight trip for OHS Model United Nations Team to the U.C. Berkeley Model United Nations Conference, March 7-9 th , 2025, as presented.
APPROVE OVERNIGHT TRIP, OHS VARSITY BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAMS TO PEBBLE BEACH	9.4.4	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved overnight trip for OHS Varsity Boys & Girls Basketball Teams to Stevenson Tournament in Pebble Beach, December 12-14, 2024, as presented.
APPROVE WARRANTS THRU 10/25/25, & CYCLE I & II PAYROLL FOR OCTOBER 2024	9.5.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved district warrants prepared for payment through October 25, 2024, and Cycle I & II Payroll for October, 2024, as presented.

APPROVE OUT OF STATE CONFERENCE TO STUDENT NUTRITION ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE	9.5.2	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Out of State Conference Attendance to the Student Nutrition Association National Conference in San Antonio, Texas, July 13-15, 2025.
APPROVE CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS	9.5.3	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Consultant Agreements, as presented.
ACCEPT RETIREMENT, CLASSIFIED	9.6.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board accepted classified retirement, as presented: Jamie Luke, Custodian I, Cloverland, eff. 11/15/24
ACCEPT RESIGNATION, CLASSIFIED	9.6.2	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board accepted classified resignation, as presented: Donna Olguin, Behavioral Program Para – ED/SH, Cloverland, eff. 10/22/24
APPROVE TRANSFER, CLASSIFIED	9.6.3	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved classified transfer, as presented: Robert Pamplona, Custodian II, from Cloverland to Fair Oaks, eff. 10/14/24
APPROVE EMPLOYMENT, CLASSIFIED	9.6.4	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved classified employment, as presented: Stephen Boschetti, Yard Duty, Cloverland, eff. 10/9/24 Sara Davis, Yard Duty Aide, OJHS, eff. 10/22/24 Nicholas Millspaw, Custodian I Floater, M&O, eff. 10/21/24 Stephanie Oliver, Bus Driver, Transportation, eff. 11/1/24 Alexandria Ridolfi, ELP Aide, Sierra View, eff. 10/21/24 James Sgamba, Custodian II, Cloverland, eff. 10/14/24 Nicole Tangle, ELP Aide, Sierra View, eff. 9/16/24 Holly Wright, ELP Aide, Sierra View, eff. 10/21/24
DISPOSITION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT	10.0	None
REPORTS, UPDATE ON ENGLISH ETHNIC STUDIES DEVELOPMENT	11.1	Assistant Superintendent Gillian Wegener presented an update on the development of the Ethnic Studies graduation requirement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - She explained that the law designating Ethnic Studies as a graduation requirement was signed in 2021. - The class must be offered at all California high schools by school year 2025-26. - The class becomes a graduation requirement for those graduating in 2030 and thereafter. - The class can be integrated into an existing class; which is what OJUSD is choosing to do. - She gave her first Board presentation and offered Community Listening Sessions in October 2023. - In 2023-24 teachers began to approach this curricular change and attend trainings at SCOE that spring.

- In August 2024, teachers attended a 4-day English Ethnic Studies bootcamp at which teachers created a course outline and a list of works with synopses and rationales for each one.
- In 2024-25, Teachers continue to plan the curricula and prepare for a 2025-26 implementation.

She explained that Units are arranged Thematically:

- Unit 1: Windows and Mirrors: Personal, Social and Cultural Identity
- Unit II: Society, Community and the Other
- Unit III: Breaking Barriers
- Unit IV: Morality and Leadership

Each Unit has common elements:

- Essential Questions
- Short and Long Readings
- English Language Arts Concepts Skills, and Standards
- Reading, Writing and Critical Thinking Assignments

She outlined Major Works:

- Sandra Cisneros, *The House on Mango Street* **
- Amber McBride, *Me (Moth)*
- Jim Burke, *Unchartered Territories* anthology (selections) **
- Tommy Orange, *There, There* (excerpts)
- Amy Tan, *The Joy Luck Club* **
- Elie Wiesel, *Night* **
- Jean W. Houston and James D. Houston, *Farewell to Manzanar* **
- Margot Lee Shetterly, *Hidden Figures*

** Indicates these have been taught for many years at OHS and cover all the areas.

Next Steps include:

- Continued collaborative planning by the OHS English Department to create a pacing calendar and assignments.
- Listening Sessions - Community Involvement & Student Voice; may sign up for Listening Sessions on the OJUSD website starting tomorrow morning.
- Submission to the UC A-G Portal in February

She reviewed 8 Outcomes of Ethnic Studies:

- Pursuit of justice and equity
- Working toward greater inclusivity
- Furthering self-understanding
- Developing a better understanding of others
- Recognizing intersectionality—we all belong to multiple groups
- Promoting civic engagement
- Supporting a community focus
- Developing interpersonal communication

Dr. Wegener is happy to talk with anyone who has questions or wants to talk about the Major Works or see what units look like; Listening Sessions are where they can do that. She is also happy to talk to students and go to OHS to talk to them there.

Superintendent Mendonca asked Dr. Wegener to expand on how these outcomes are examined within the literary work that is being studied; it is not any attempt to look at revisionist history. Dr. Wegener noted that is what literature does; it examines things further for self-understanding, seeing ourselves in the lives of others. That is one reason why English works so well to integrate with Ethnic Studies because so many of these things are already happening in an English class. You develop a better understanding of others by reading books and talking about literature, and the literature is key in this.

Trustee Taylor expressed kudos to Gillian and the English Department for the wonderful job of putting this together and all the prep work that's been done.

Trustee Gilbert commented that a lot of the books are not difficult reads, i.e. *Mango Street* is 4th Grade, 5-month AR level book, and asked if it is the subject matter that brings it to 10th grade level and how you can develop discussions around a particular topic. Dr. Wegener explained a lot of it can depend on discussions that come out of that; it can be pretty deep and students will do a lot of reflective writing and literary analysis. The task is what elevates it to a 10th grade level, and teachers are very conscious of having works that would allow discussion and depth of that assignment so students can come at it from different angles.

REPORTS,
FIRST READING: BP/AR 6146.1,
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

- 11.2 Assistant Superintendent Gillian Wegener presented revisions to this board policy. She explained that for many years, Math I and Spanish I have been taught at Oakdale Jr. High and the grades from these classes have appeared on high school transcripts, counting for high school credit and as a high school graduation requirement. The board policy will be revised to explain the options for families and students so they can make an informed decision regarding whether or not to include Math I and Spanish I taken in 8th grade on their transcript. This revision is being presented for first reading tonight and will on the next meeting agenda for second reading and adoption.

APPROVAL OF 2025-26
SCHOOL CALENDAR

- 12.1 Assistant Superintendent Sanchez presented the proposed 2025-26 school year calendar for adoption, and thanked OTA and CSEA for their efforts in collaborating on this. The calendar will have a staff development day August 4, a teacher work day August 5, school will start August 6, we'll have a week off at Thanksgiving, and the last day of school will be May 21, 2026.

It was **M/S/C (Schemper/Taylor)** to approve the 2025-26 School Year Calendar. Passed unanimously.

INFORMATION

- 13.1 K-6 Minimum Day / Parent Teacher Conferences, November 4-8
- 13.2 Central California Band Review, OHS Band at GVHS Merced, November 9
- 13.3 Veteran's Day Holiday, November 11
- 13.4 FFA Game Night, Bianchi Center, November 13, Dinner at 5:00 pm, Game at 6:00 pm
- 13.5 OHS Drama Production of "Puffs", OHS Theater, Nov. 14, 15, 16 at 7:00 pm, Nov. 17, 2:00 pm
- 13.6 K-12 Minimum Day, Friday, November 22
- 13.7 Winter Formal, Chicken Ranch Resort, November 23, 8-11:00 pm
- 13.8 Schools Closed/Thanksgiving Holiday, Nov. 25 – Nov. 29
- 13.9 Sierra View Winter Performance, GR K-2, Dec. 3, 6:00 & 7:00 pm
- 13.10 OJHS Band, Drumline and Jazz Concert, OJHS Gym, December 4, 6:30 pm
- 13.11 Elementary Beg. & Int. Band Concert, OHS Gym, Dec. 5, 6:30 pm
- 13.12 OHS Band, Drumline, Jazz Concert, OHS Theater, Dec. 6, 6:30 pm
- 13.13 Oakdale Christmas Parade, OHS & OJHS Bands & Drumlines, Poplar Street, Dec. 7, 4:30 pm
- 13.14 Cloverland Int. Choir Winter Concert, Cloverland MPR, Dec. 11, 6:00 pm
- 13.15 Magnolia Int. Choir Winter Concert, Auditorium, Dec. 12, 6:00 pm
- 13.16 OJHS and OHS Theater Arts Showcase, OHS & OJHS Drama Classes, OHS Theater, Dec. 13, 6:00 pm
- 13.17 OJUSD Board Meeting, OJUSD Technology & Staff Development Center, Dec. 16, 6:30 pm

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- 14.1 Annual Organizational Meeting/Board Member Election
- 14.2 First Interim Financial Report
- 14.3 OJUSD Annual Dashboard Accountability Update

ADJOURNMENT

- 16.0 The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.