



OCEAN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT
17200 Pinehurst Lane
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

**Board of Trustees' Meeting
January 28, 2025; 6:00 p.m.**

APPROVED

MEETING MINUTES

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

Voting Members

Patricia Singer, President
Jack Souders, Vice President
Gina Clayton-Tarvin, Clerk
Keri Gorsage, Trustee
Morgan Westmoreland, 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

A. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by President Patricia Singer at 5:15 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Members present: Gina Clayton-Tarvin, Keri Gorsage, Patricia Singer, Jack Souders
Morgan Westmoreland arrived at 5:16 p.m.

C. Agenda Adoption- Regular Board of Trustees' Meeting of January 28, 2025

Approve as submitted.

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

Voting:
Unanimously Approved

D. Closed Session

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

1. Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Appointment: Title - Superintendent
2. Government Code Section 54956(d)(1): Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation: OAH Case No. 2024100284
3. Government Code Section 54956.9(a)(d)(4) Conference to Receive Legal Counsel Advice - Potential Litigation: one item. In accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9(a) and (d)(4), the Board may discuss whether to initiate litigation regarding a specific issue in Closed Session. Potential litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 exists. However, identification of the parties involved in the potential litigation is precluded because the identification would jeopardize the District's ability to conduct negotiations to the District's advantage.

There being no one wishing to speak on these matters, the Board moved to Closed Session at 5:17 p.m.

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

The Board of Trustees returned to Open Session at 6:00 p.m. The following action was taken in Closed Session:

Motion by Keri Gorsage, seconded by Gina Clayton-Tarvin, and carried by the following roll call vote to approve the settlement agreement to resolve Special Education Existing Litigation OAH Case Number 2024100284, in the maximum amount of \$35,000.00:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes
Keri Gorsage - Yes
Patricia Singer - Yes
Jack Souders - Yes
Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

F. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Singer.

G. Introductions: None.

H. Minutes

1. **Regular Board of Trustees' Meeting Minutes, January 14, 2025**

Approve as submitted.

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

Voting:

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes
Keri Gorsage - Yes
Patricia Singer - Yes
Jack Souders - Yes
Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

I. Time Certain

1. 6:05 p.m. Annual Financial Audit Report (Information)

Mr. Bobby Patel, from the auditing firm of Eide Bailly LLP, presented information regarding the District's Annual Financial Audit Report, ending June 30, 2024. He advised that the District received an unmodified opinion, which is the highest rating available. There were no material weaknesses or deficiencies reported in the audit, although there were two minor findings regarding the After-School Program and Fixed Assets, which have been addressed by implementing processes to prevent future issues.

2. 6:10 p.m. Building Fund (Measure R) Financial and Performance Audits Report (Information)

Mr. Patel shared information with the Board regarding the Building Fund (Measure R) Financial and Performance Audits Report. He advised that there were no findings related to the financial audit or the performance audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

3. 6:15 p.m. Star View Elementary School: Bulletin Board Presentation

Principal Jeanne Bentley, along with 3rd Grade GATE teacher Alicia Mariano and VEX instructor Erin Simkins, highlighted the school's focus on early engineering education. The VEX Robotics Club allows 3rd–5th grade students to build and program robots, compete with other schools, and tackle real-world engineering challenges, while fostering teamwork and essential life skills. Through Project Lead the Way, students participate in problem-based learning in the STEM Lab, from designing floating structures in transitional kindergarten to engineering hospital-delivery robots in 5th grade.

4. 6:25 p.m. Marine View Middle School: Student Presentation

Marine View Principal Sara Schaible, Assistant Principal Ku'uipo Koahou, Librarian Denise Plank, and student representatives shared information about their school's amazing library, led by their dedicated librarian. Ms. Plank encourages student input in selecting new books and developing themes for reading incentives, as well as exciting contests. The students highlighted the Anchors Program, a welcoming space held twice a week in the library, where they can participate in trivia games and board games like "Guess Who?" and "Battleship." This program fosters social connections, providing a fun environment for students to meet new friends or simply relax during the busy lunchtime.

5. 6:35 p.m. Process for Transitioning to By-Trustee Area Elections (Information)

Attorney Todd Robbins, from Atkinson, Andelson, Lloyd, Ruud & Romo, and demographer David Lopez, from Woolpert, provided presentations on the legal and demographic processes for transitioning from at-large to by-trustee area elections. Currently, under the at-large election system, all voters within District boundaries can vote for all five trustees. With the transition to by-trustee area elections, voters will elect one trustee who resides within the same designated geographic area as the voter. A public hearing will be held tonight regarding the composition of trustee area maps, with a second public hearing scheduled for the February 25, 2024, Board of Trustees' Meeting to further receive input for area map development.

6. 6:50 p.m. Public Hearing: The Board of Trustees will conduct a Public Hearing to receive and consider input regarding the composition of trustee area maps to be used in the event the Board approves a transition to by-trustee area elections pursuant to Education Code Sections 5019 and 5020 (Public Hearing)

President Singer opened the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

One speaker expressed concern about fair representation should her child attend a school that is outside the parent's designated voting area.

Mr. Lopez and the Board assured everyone that all students in the District would be represented by the entire Board, regardless of their specific area of residence.

The public hearing was closed at 7:26 p.m.

J. Public Comment

Amanda Phillips, parent, spoke regarding issues her child is experiencing in the Special Education program at Harbour View School.

Bob Phillips, parent, reiterated his wife's concerns about their child's experiences at Harbour View.

The following people expressed concern about how recent federal and local political actions regarding immigration would affect the District; the District's response and preparedness for dealing with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at school sites; the possibility of declaring Ocean View School District a sanctuary school district; and the need for all students to feel safe and supported at school:

Lisa Marquise, community member;
Wendy Rincon, community member;
Kanan Durham, community member;
Kathy Rodriguez, community member;
Nathan Tran, community member;

Jacob Showalter, community member;
Elizabeth Scheneman, community member;
Madisen Grossman, community member;
Mohammad Raza, community member;
Dorian, community member; and
Gabriel Perez, community member

At the conclusion of public comments, President Singer read aloud a letter she recently sent out to the Ocean View community, ensuring them that District schools will continue to provide a safe environment conducive to learning for all children, and referenced Board Policy 5145.13 - *Response to Immigration Enforcement*, in her message.

K. Communications

1. **Written Communications to the Board:** None.

2. **Board/Committee Reports:** None.

3. **Personnel Commissioner Report (Three Minutes)**

Bob Ewing, Chair, Personnel Commission, provided an update regarding promotions, exams, interviews, and onboarding appointments; shared information about the recent District Staff Development Day for Classified Professionals that was very well attended and appreciated.

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

Trustee Westmoreland stated that in the interest of time, she would save her comments until the end of the meeting.

Vice President Souders expressed his support of the proposed by-trustee area elections, as having such a process would allow for deeper engagement with local communities; reiterated that each trustee represents all students, regardless of which school they attend within Ocean View School District; opposed allowing any armed individuals onto school campuses without a clear reason and a definite court order, as students should not be caught in the middle of immigration-related issues; affirmed that schools must remain a safe place for students to learn, free from fear and political agendas.

Trustee Gorsage stated that she would work with the Board to ensure that students feel safe at school; mentioned that, in the interest of time, she would continue her comments at the end of the meeting.

Clerk Clayton-Tarvin expressed her opposition to the recent City Council resolution declaring Huntington Beach a Non-Sanctuary City; reminded everyone that the Ocean View School District may be located in Huntington Beach, but is a special district under the State of California, with specific laws in place as opposed to executive orders; voiced strong opposition against the use of children as political pawns; proud of adopting a Board Policy and Administrative Regulation in 2019 that clearly outlines how the District will handle any U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) intervention

near our schools; stated that true public service is about creating and upholding stability, thus ensuring that everyone in our community feels safe.

President Singer commented on her strong feelings regarding this issue; mentioned she received some criticism when she sent out her statement to the community; however, she clarified that the District would abide by a legal judicial warrant if one was presented; confirmed that this executive order did not follow the proper legislative process and should not be treated as a law; stated the District's role is to protect children, ensuring they can focus on their education without fear for themselves or their families; referenced police department data on crime statistics, as she spoke about racial bias and political theater; urged everyone to treat each other with kindness and respect; pleased to have adopted Board Policy 5145.13 in 2019 to protect students and families.

5. Superintendent's Communications

Dr. Hoefler was joined by Personnel Commission Chair Bob Ewing, CSEA President Elizabeth Carr, Cabinet members, and other colleagues to surprise and celebrate the Classified Employees of the year: MaryEllen Calderon, Noon Duty Supervisor at Vista View; Dana Campbell, School Office Manager at Harbour View; Rebecca Carr, School Health Technician at Star View; Kathleen Miller, Food Service Worker at Marine View; Tom Savage, District Mechanic; and Julie Slater, Instructional Assistant - English Learner at Oak View; commented on the recent Student Free Day that provided an opportunity for invaluable professional development and collaboration across the District for all staff; mentioned the successful Kindergarten Information Night that was attended by over 120 people; highlighted the upcoming Middle School Information Night at Mesa View on January 30 and the Transitional Kindergarten Information Night at College View on February 6; advised that all sites will be closed on February 10 and 17 which are District holidays; wished everyone a prosperous Lunar New Year.

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

Bobby Guillen, Roundtable President, reported on the January 6, 2025, Presidents' Roundtable Meeting. Highlights included staff presentations on school attendance and enrollment; an update on the OVSD Wellness Policy; and a New York Life representative who provided details about their Child ID Program as a resource for families. School site representatives shared updates on their holiday events, concerts, restaurant nights, and other fundraisers.

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

Elizabeth Carr, CSEA President, introduced the newly elected Chapter 375 Board Members in addition to herself: Rebecca Carr, First Vice President; Clayton Zarate, Second Vice President; Alicia Martin, Secretary; Sarah Bruce, Treasurer, and Brandi Knox, Communications Officer; commented on the first annual Classified Professional Development Day, which provided classified

staff with valuable training and information; thanked all those involved in coordinating this worthwhile opportunity.

Jennifer Paulino and Rebecca Broussard, OVTA Co-Presidents, shared highlights of the professional development day for certificated staff, including the exploration of Artificial Intelligence tools, integrating student writing programs, and facilitating grade-level collaboration sessions; expressed gratitude to the Board and Administration for their support in providing meaningful professional development for teachers; stated that OVTA's top priority is ensuring the safety and well-being of students.

L. Reports

1. Golden View School HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning) Update

Jim Choate, Executive Director of Facilities and Transportation, presented staff's recommendation to replace the outdated Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system at Golden View School. The Board unanimously agreed with the recommendation, allowing staff to move forward with the next steps in the process.

M. Consent Calendar

1. Administrative Services: Gifts to the District

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Jack Souders

Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

2. Administrative Services: Payroll Check Registers from December 11, 2024, through January 10, 2025

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Jack Souders

Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

3. Administrative Services: Purchase Orders for all Funds from December 20, 2024, through January 16, 2025

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Jack Souders
Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:
Unanimously Approved

4. **Administrative Services: School District Check Registers from December 20, 2024, through January 14, 2025**

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Jack Souders
Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:
Unanimously Approved

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

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Jack Souders
Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:
Unanimously Approved

6. **Human Resources: Certificated Employee Personnel Activity List - December 18, 2024, through January 14, 2025**

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Jack Souders
Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:
Unanimously Approved

7. **Human Resources: Classified Employee Personnel Activity List - December 18, 2024, through January 14, 2025**

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Jack Souders
Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:
Unanimously Approved

N. Old Business: None.

O. New Business

1. Administrative Services: Surplus and Obsolete District Property (Action)

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Gina Clayton-Tarvin

Motion seconded by: Jack Souders

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

2. Educational Services: 2023-2024 School Accountability Report Cards for Ocean View School District of Orange County (Action)

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Morgan Westmoreland

Motion seconded by: Keri Gorsage

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

3. Educational Services: 2024-2025 Independent Contractor Agreement between Ocean View School District of Orange County and Take the Stage Productions for Musical Theater Education at College View Elementary School (Action)

Approve as submitted

Motion made by: Keri Gorsage

Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

4. Educational Services: Amendment No. 1 to Independent Contractor Agreement Between Ocean View School District of Orange County and Lead Learner Associates for Administrator Coaching (Action)

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Jack Souders

Motion seconded by: Keri Gorsage

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

5. Educational Services: Agreement for Non-Public School/Non-Public Agency Placement of Special Education Students as Determined by Individualized Education Program (IEP) (Action)

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Gina Clayton-Tarvin

Motion seconded by: Jack Souders

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

6. **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: Keri Gorsage

Motion seconded by: Jack Souders

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

7. **Educational Services: Contracts for Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) for Students with Special Needs (Action)**

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Morgan Westmoreland

Motion seconded by: Gina Clayton-Tarvin

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

8. **Human Resources: Salary Range Reallocation for Personnel Technician (Action)**

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Keri Gorsage

Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

9. **Human Resources: Salary Recommendation for New Job Classification of Lead Payroll Technician (Action)**

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Keri Gorsage

Motion seconded by: Morgan Westmoreland

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

10. Human Resources: Williams Settlement Legislation Second Quarter Report of Uniform Complaints 2024-2025 (Information)

Received for information.

P. Any Other Public Comments to the Board of Trustees

Emily Anderson, parent, stated that individuals with disabilities experience the highest levels of discrimination; expressed concern for her son's safety and care at school, pointing out the shortage of qualified aides and the need for better-trained staff to support neurodivergent students; raised concerns about her daughter's past harassment issues at school, as well as the impact of social media exposure through electronic devices allowed at school.

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

R. Board of Trustees' Roundtable

Trustee Westmoreland expressed her regret over the District's failure to fulfill its promise of a well-prepared school transition for students with special needs; acknowledged hearing from multiple parents that the new school was not adequately equipped to service these students; highlighted the need for a better balance between legal compliance with trustee areas and ensuring proper accommodations for students with disabilities; noted the importance of prioritizing student safety and well-being over divisive rhetoric and misinformation; commented that the trustee area decisions could disproportionately affect the two newer board members; stated her commitment to communicate with the parents who have shared their concerns about the inadequate facilities for their special needs children.

Trustee Gorsage acknowledged the concerns raised by parents and the community tonight; encouraged everyone to contact her with their concerns, noting she is new and wants to hear from the community; concurred with previous comments that regardless of trustee areas, the Board's priority is the well-being and safety of all children in the District; is looking forward to working with staff and the community to address the issues shared tonight.

Clerk Clayton-Tarvin noted she will be reaching out to the parents who spoke tonight regarding their child and will work with the Superintendent to ensure a resolution; stated that although situations can be viewed differently depending on one's perspective, everyone should share a common goal of ensuring the safety of our students; thanked the staff and students from Star View and Marine View for their informative presentations; congratulated the Classified Employees of the Year; wished the Vietnamese community a happy Lunar New Year; is looking forward to participating in the local Tet Parade in Westminster and attending the upcoming Multicultural Night at Harbour View.

President Singer advised she will talk with the Superintendent regarding the concerns expressed by the parents tonight to ensure the issues are properly addressed; recognized the vulnerability of our special education population, noting there is always room for improvement in practices and staff training to better support these students.

S. Closed Session (if needed): None.

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

U. Adjournment


Time: 9:03 p.m.

Motion made by: Gina Clayton-Tarvin

Motion seconded by: Keri Gorsage

Voting:

Unanimously Approved



Julianne Hoefler, Ph.D., Interim Superintendent



Gina Clayton-Tarvin, Clerk

02.11.2025

Date