

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025, 5:00 P.M.
Oakdale Joint Unified School District
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 5:00 P.M. by Board President Clayton Schemper. |
| TRUSTEES PRESENT | 1.2 | Bill Duvall, Diane Gilbert, Clayton Schemper, Tina Shatswell; Student Board Member Landon Arnold was present for Open Session. |
| LATE ARRIVALS | 1.3 | None |
| TRUSTEES ABSENT | 1.4 | Terri Taylor |
| VISITORS PRESENT | 1.5 | Michael Nessl |
| CLOSED SESSION | 2.0 | <p>Board President Schemper called the meeting to order and opened Public Comments on Closed Session Items at 5:00 p.m. There being none, public comments on Closed Session items Closed at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Board President Schemper adjourned the meeting into Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. Open Session reconvened at 6:35 p.m.</p> |
| PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | 3.0 | Board Member Shatswell introduced Magnolia Elementary students who led the pledge of allegiance: Sofia Ruiz, Grade 3, Isabella Sailsbery, Grade 2, Ade Baley, Grade 1, Maverick Beaver, Grade K. These students were awarded Certificates for their participation. |
| ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION | 4.0 | <p>Board President Schemper reported on action taken in Closed Session.</p> <p>2.2.1 - The Board voted (4-0) to approve stipulated expulsion of student #24-25-09 for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 for Ed Code violations: 48900 (a)(1), 48900 (a)(2), 48900 (r), 48915(a)(1), 48915 (b)(1) and 48915 (b)(2).</p> <p>CLOSED SESSION RECONVENED AFTER OPEN SESSION</p> |
| APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA | 5.0 | It was M/S/C (Shatswell/Duvall) to approve the order of agenda items as presented. Passed unanimously. |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS, RECOGNITION OF HONOR BAND PARTICIPANTS | 6.1 | Superintendent Mendonca invited Principals Mike Moore and Vice Principal Talmage Allen to introduce students who were recognized for their participation in Stanislaus County Music Educators Association Junior High and High School Honor Bands: |

Junior High Honor Band (Luis Cruz's Students)

Liam Allen: 13th Chair Flute

Elliot Byron: 1st Chair Bass Clarinet

Sean McGinnis: 2nd chair Euphonium

Aiden Tempra: 3rd Chair Tenor Saxophone

High School Honor Band (Ross McGinnis's Students)

Tanner Humphrey-1st Chair Tenor Sax

Bella Paniagua- 2nd chair Flute

Christopher Leon- 1st Chair Bass Clarinet

Brenna Franca- 3rd Chair Trombone

Cristian-Cornejo Plascencia- 2nd Chair Tuba

Caleb Kirschner- 3rd Chair Baritone Sax

Iyska Rangel- 3rd Chair French Horn

It was noted that some of these students are also on the OHS Academic Decathlon Team which just defended their county Championship, and are moving on to the State competition.

ORGANIZATION
REPORTS, OTA

7.1 None .

ORGANIZATION
REPORTS, CSEA

7.2 None.

ORGANIZATION
REPORTS, STUDENT

7.3 Student Board Member Landon Arnold reported on a successful rally and Homecoming thanks to the school and Leadership class, we've had many sports senior nights the past couple weeks for sports, today was the first day of official practice for many Spring Sports, and upcoming "Stomp Out Tobacco Week", a staff Chili Cook-Off, and Mustang's Be Nice Week.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

8.0 President Schemper opened Public Comments at 6:53 p.m.

DAVE KINDRED

Dave Kindred, Sierra View Principal, addressed the Board to thank them for the opportunity to speak to them this evening. He announced that as the proud principal of Sierra View, he will be stepping away from his role as administrator at the close of this school year. He made this decision based on personal medical reasons. He reported that he has worn many hats while working for the OJUSD. His career began in 1989 as a custodian and that included maintenance worker and district painter. He then went on to teach Kindergarten, 1st and 3rd grades. When Sierra View was built, he made the transition from Cloverland to become a first-grade teacher. While working under the leadership of Terri Taylor, he went on to become the first VP of Sierra View and subsequently moved on to a principal position at Fair Oaks. His return to Sierra View as principal has been an honor that he has held for 14 years. He noted his career has spanned 36 years, and even longer as he was a Cloverland Cougar as a student, so he's been associated with the district more than 50 years.

At this time, it is his desire to put his teaching hat back on. He will wear that with the same honor he has held throughout his tenure with

OJUSD, from cleaning toilets to being one of the original crafters of IS⁴. He shared a statement from an e-mail that Superintendent Mendonca sent him that read: "We greatly appreciate the Leadership you have provided over the years! Your legacy will be one that was student centered, collaborative, and competitive." Mr. Kindred noted those words mean a lot to him and he wants to be remembered as a professional that cared for children and their success.

He thanked his wife and daughter for their support, Board Member Taylor for her early cultivation of his administrative career, the administrative team across the district and his elementary team, the Sierra View family, and Superintendent Mendonca for the leadership and guidance provided throughout his administrative career.

KAITLYN DRADER

Kaitlyn Drader, Cloverland parent of 3 1st graders, addressed the Board regarding the non-credible threat incident earlier today, and expressed concern about the timing and getting notification out to parents. She stated she received an e-mail from the school at 8:30 this morning but doesn't check personal e-mail while at work, and then didn't get another phone call notification until 1:15 today, but that OPD was notified at 8:41 last night. She stated that as a parent she should be able to make decisions on what is best for her children, and would have appreciated having this information before she dropped them off at school. She noted a previous incident in December which makes this twice in 3 months for this type of incident, and with the December incident they were notified earlier in the morning.

Board President Schemper asked Superintendent Mendonca to follow up with this.

BRANDON JONES

Brandon Jones, Cloverland parent of a 3rd and 1st grader, addressed the Board regarding the non-credible threat incident earlier today, and expressed that parents should be notified of threats sooner, whether credible or non-credible. He stated that he would have wanted to know about the threat before school started so he could make the decision about whether to drop his sons off at school, rather than going back to pull them out of school after receiving the e-mail notification at 8:28 a.m., and that it shouldn't count against the children's attendance when pulled out of school in these circumstances. He is asking for a better plan and explanation on how we can get this as soon as the threat is received. He noted the previous incident in December they received notification at 7:45 a.m.

MICHAEL NESSL

Michael Nessler, parent, addressed the Board to ask if there would be an opportunity for community people to be involved in the development of the school calendar or be able to make comments on it prior to being approved, and noted he really misses not having a "ski-week" this year.

Public Comments closed at 7:06 p.m.

REMOVE ITEMS FROM
CONSENT CALENDAR

9.1 Superintendent Mendonca requested removal of item 9.6.5 and Board President Schemper requested removal of Item 9.4.3 from the Consent Calendar.

ADOPT CONSENT CALENDAR	9.2	It was M/S/C (Duvall/Shatswell) to adopt the Consent Calendar as amended. Passed unanimously.
ADOPT MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING 1/13/25	9.3.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board adopted minutes of its regularly scheduled meeting held Monday, January 13, 2025, 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.
ACKNOWLEDGE STUDENT DISCIPLINE REPORT, 12/24 & 2-YEAR COMPARISON	9.4.2	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board acknowledged the Student Discipline Report for the month of December, 2024, and Prior Two-Year Comparison, as presented.
APPROVE SPRING ATHLETIC SCHEDULES	9.4.4	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Spring 2025 Athletic Schedules, as presented.
APPROVE SPRING ATHLETIC TEAMS' OVERNIGHT POSTSEASON TRIPS	9.4.5	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Spring Athletic Teams for any Postseason Overnight Trips, as presented.
APPROVE OVERNIGHT TRIP, OHS VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM	9.4.6	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Overnight Trip for OHS Varsity Baseball team, as presented.
APPROVE WARRANTS THRU 1/30/25, CYCLE I AND CYCLE II PAYROLL FOR JANUARY 2025	9.5.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved district warrants prepared for payment through Jan. 30, 2025, and Cycle I and Cycle II Payroll for Jan., 2025, as presented.
APPROVE CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS	9.5.2	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Consultant Agreements, as presented.
APPROVE ASB ACCOUNTS, OHS, DEC. 2024 & JAN. 2025	9.5.3	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Student Body Accounts, OHS, December 2024 & January 2025, as presented.
APPROVE ASB ACCOUNTS, OJHS, DEC. 2024 & JAN.2025	9.5.4	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Student Body Accounts, OJHS, December 2024 & January 2025, as presented.
APPROVE SUMMER ELP SALARY SCHEDULE	9.6.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Summer ELP Salary Schedule, as presented
APPROVE SUMMER ELP PRINCIPAL ASSIGNMENT, J. DAVIS	9.6.2	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Summer ELP Principal assignment for Jennifer Davis, as presented
APPROVE 20% LEAVE OF ABSENCE, J. HAMMOND	9.6.3	On adoption of the consent calendar, the Board approved 20% Leave of Absence for Jamie Hammond, History Teacher, Oakdale High, for the 2025-26 School Year, as presented:

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| ACCEPT RETIREMENT,
CERTIFICATED | 9.6.4 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board accepted certificated retirement, effective 6/30/25, as presented:
Elene Zagorites, 3 rd Grade Teacher, Cloverland |
| APPROVE EMPLOYMENT,
CERTIFICATED | 9.6.6 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved certificated employment, as presented:
Michelle Anderson, Temporary 1 st Grade Teacher,
Sierra View, eff. 1/27/25 |
| APPROVE EMPLOYMENT,
CLASSIFIED | 9.6.7 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved classified employment, as presented:
Camryn Gordon, ELP Aide, Fair Oaks, eff. 1/22/25
Victoria Maez, Inst. Aide TK, Fair Oaks, eff. 1/22/25
Kaylina Padilla, Inst. Aide, Cloverland, eff. 1/13/25
Gustavo Torres-Carrillo, ELP Aide, Magnolia, eff. 1/21/25 |
| APPROVE TRANSFER/
PLACEMENT, CLASSIFIED | 9.6.8 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved classified transfer/placement, as presented:
Jennifer Hendrix, from Secretary II, District Office,
To Secretary II, Sierra View, eff. 1/15/25 |
| APPROVE PROMOTION,
CLASSIFIED | 9.6.9 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved classified promotion, as presented:
Sara Davis, from Yard Duty, OJHS
To Campus Monitor, OJHS, eff. 1/27/25
Lizette Avila Rocha, from Yard Duty Aide, Magnolia,
To Instructional Aide, Magnolia, eff. 1/28/25 |
| ACCEPT RESIGNATION,
CLASSIFIED | 9.6.10 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board accepted classified resignation, as presented:
Jennifer Caravantes, Assistant Dispatcher,
Transportation, eff. 1/16/25
Daniel De Sousa, Custodian I Floater, M&O, eff. 1/17/25
Michelle Drago, Health Clerk, Magnolia, eff. 1/31/25
Michelle Garza, Yard Duty, OJHS, eff. 1/31/25
Camryn Gordon, ELP Aide, Fair Oaks, eff. 2/6/25
Maria Johnson, Inst, Aide - RS, Fair Oaks, eff. 1/21/25
Alexia Sanchez, ELP Aide, Magnolia, eff. 12/31/24 |
| DISPOSITION OF ITEMS
REMOVED FROM CONSENT,
9.4.3, APPROVE OVERNIGHT TRIP,
OHS ACA DECA TEAM TO STATE | 10.0 | Board President Schemper wanted to make note to the Aca Deca students that we are extremely proud of them as they continue to collect first place at the County and wished them luck as they move on to compete at the state.

It was M/S/C (Duvall/Shatswell) to approve OHS Academic Decathlon team to attend State Academic Decathlon in Santa Clara, March 20-23, 2025, as presented. |
| 9.6.5, ACCEPT RESIGNATION,
CERTIFICATED/MANAGEMENT | | Superintendent Mendonca asked to amend this item for clarification so it reads "to accept Certificated/Management resignation", to clarify the resignation is for Dave Kindred as Principal, but not from the district. |

REPORT, LCAP
MID-YEAR REPORT

It was **M/S/C (Shatswell/Duvall)** to accept the certificated/management resignation of Dave Kindred as Principal at Sierra View, but not from the district, effective 6/30/25, as amended. Passed unanimously.

- 11.2 Assistant Superintendent Gillian Wegener presented a report on LCAP mid-year review as required by the State. The Mid-Year Reports consist of a review of the LCAP goals and metrics, the actions being taken to meet those goals, implementation levels for each action, and LCAP expenditures so far.

OJUSD Mid-Year LCAP Highlights include:

- SBAC ELA scores increased 3.77% from 2023- to 2024
- OJUSD's graduation rate increased to 95.1% and OHS maintained the highest ranking (blue)
- Chronic Absenteeism has decreased by 5.5%
- East Stan increased number of students taking in-person electives and increased SBAC ELA scores by over 6%

Oakdale Charter Mid-Year LCAP Highlights include:

- 25 students participating in new arts and music classes
- 1--% graduation rate in 2024
- Technology needs have been met for all students

She will give a complete LCAP report at the May Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION
#24-25-09, ARTS EDUCATION

- 12.1 Asst. Supt. Wegener presented this resolution proclaiming March as Arts Education Month; the Board waived reading of the resolution.

It was **M/S/C (Gilbert/Shatswell)** to approve Resolution #24-25-09, Proclamation of Arts Education Month. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all board members present voting in favor. Passed unanimously.

APPROVE BOARD MEETING
CALENDAR – 2025-26

- 12.2 Superintendent Mendonca presented the proposed calendar of board meeting dates for 2025-26, noting meetings are normally scheduled the 2nd Monday of the month, except for November 2025 and February 2026, when the meetings will be held the 1st Monday of the month, and April 2026, when the meeting will be held the 3rd Monday of the month.

It was **M/S/C (Duvall/Shatswell)** to adopt the Board Meeting Calendar – 2025-26. Passed unanimously.

COMMENCEMENT
ASSIGNMENT

- 12.3 Superintendent Mendonca asked Board members to identify commencement ceremonies they plan to attend:

Charter
Wednesday, May 21, 5:00 p.m.
Cloverland Multipurpose Room

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**Duvall, Gilbert,
Schemper,
Taylor**

		Alternative Education – Duvall, Schemper, Taylor Wednesday, May 21, 7:00 p.m. Oakdale High School
		Oakdale Junior High School – Duvall, Gilbert, Schemper, Arnold Thursday, May 22, 7:00 p.m. Oakdale High School
		Oakdale High School – Duvall, Gilbert, Schemper, Taylor Friday, May 23, 7:00 p.m. Oakdale High School
APPROVE CSBA DELEGATE NOMINATION	12.4	The Board is annually asked to vote for candidates to represent the CSBA Sub-Region 8C (Stanislaus County) Delegate Assembly; this year there are two candidates running for two seats, or the Board can write-in candidates. It was the consensus of the Board to vote for both candidates: Mary Jackson (Turlock USD) and Ray Prock Jr. (Denair USD). It was M/S/C (Duvall/Shatswell) to vote for Mary Jackson (Turlock USD) and Ray Prock Jr. (Denair USD) to represent the CSBA Sub-Region 8C Delegate Assembly. Passed unanimously.
INFORMATION	13.1	K-12 Minimum Day, February 13
	13.2	President's Day Holiday/Schools Closed, February 17
	13.3	Lincoln's Birthday Holiday Observed/Schools Closed, February 24
	13.4	Kindergarten & TK Registration – Online Registration the Month of March
	13.5	Spring Choir Concert, OHS & OJHS Choirs, OHS Theater, March 5, 6:00 & 7:30 pm
	13.6	Regional Science Olympiad, Grade 6-12, Modesto Junior College, March 8
	13.7	Stanislaus County Occupational Olympics & Career Expo, March 13, Fairgrounds
	13.8	BandORama!, OJHS & OHS Bands, Magnolia Auditorium, March 13, 6:30 pm
	13.9	Magnolia Career Day, March 14, 7:50 – 10:30 am
ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA	14.1	Approval of 2024-25 Second Interim Report and Positive Certification
	14.2	Report on Home to School Transportation Plan
ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA	15.1	Trustee Gilbert would like a full report on protocols for credible/non-credible threats to student safety at the next

meeting (what is it, is it the same for all or differ at sites).

ADJOURNMENT

16.0 The meeting adjourned back into Closed Session at 7:24 p.m.

CONTINUED ACTION
FROM CLOSED SESSION

- 4.0 Board President Schemper reported on action taken in the reconvened Closed Session.
- 2.2.2 - The Board voted (4-0) **not** to approve expulsion of student #24-25-10 for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 for Ed Code violations: 48900 (a)(1), 48900 (a)(2), 48900 (r), 48915(a)(1), 48915 (b)(1) and 48915 (b)(2).
- 2.2.3 - The Board voted (4-0) to approve expulsion of student #24-25-11 for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 for Ed Code violations: 48900 (a)(1), 48900 (a)(2), 48900 (r), 48915(a)(1), 48915 (b)(1) and 48915 (b)(2).
- 2.3 – The Board voted (4-0) to approve a compromise agreement in Office of Administrative Hearings case number 20250100759 to resolve education and related claims raised against the District in exchange for a total not to exceed \$2,500.00 and a diagnostic placement outside the District. A Roll Call Vote was taken with each Board member voting in favor.
- 2.4 – The Board conferenced about the status of labor negotiations between the District and CSEA Chapter #830; no action was taken.
- 2.5 – The Board discussed the employment of the Superintendent; no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

16.0 The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.