

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025, 6:30 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	Board President Clayton Schemper called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
TRUSTEES PRESENT	1.2	Diane Gilbert, Clayton Schemper, Tina Shatswell, Terri Taylor, and student representative Landon Arnold.
LATE ARRIVALS	1.3	None
TRUSTEES ABSENT	1.4	Bill Duvall
VISITORS PRESENT	1.5	None signed in.
CLOSED SESSION	2.0	Board President Schemper opened Public Comments on Closed Session Items at 5:15 p.m. There being none, public comments on Closed Session items closed at 5:15 p.m. Board President Schemper adjourned the meeting into Closed Session at 5:15 p.m. Open Session reconvened at 6:30 p.m.
PLEDGE	3.0	Student Board Member Landon Arnold led the Pledge of Allegiance.
ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION	4.0	Board President Schemper reported: 2.2.1 – The Board voted (4-0) to approve stipulated expulsion of student #24-25-16 for one calendar year, through May 12, 2026, for Ed Code violations: 48900 (b)(2), 48900 (i), 48915 (a)(2), 48915 (b)(2), 48915 (c)(2) As has been tradition of the Board that the May meeting is chaired by our student Board member, President Schemper handed the gavel to student member Landon Arnold for the remainder of the meeting.
APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA	5.0	It was M/S/C (Shatswell/Gilbert) to approve the order of agenda items for this meeting. Passed unanimously.
RECOGNITION, LANDON ARNOLD	6.1	Student board member Landon Arnold was recognized for his service as the district's Student Board representative, 2024-2025. The Superintendent and Board members expressed their sentiments about Landon's service as a student board member, and wished him well in his future endeavors.
RECOGNITION, LOVE OAKDALE	6.2	Superintendent Mendonca recognized the <i>Love Oakdale</i> service organization that provides a multitude of improvement projects throughout the year, but predominantly on the last Saturday in April. This year Director Lisa

Kjeldgaard orchestrated a huge team to execute the event on April 26. Approximately 600 volunteers braved some light rain at the kickoff activity at Oakdale Skate Park, and afterwards various groups went to work on various projects throughout the community, including some district schools to spread some safety bark, which *Love Oakdale* also donated to the district. *Love Oakdale* graciously donated a number of hygiene kits for needy students which were delivered to our school health office. We'd like to acknowledge the generous contributions of *Love Oakdale* volunteers, Director Lisa Kjeldgaard, and those who organized the work teams at each school site which made the generous contributions to our schools and these students.

RECOGNITION, OHS DISTRICT 5 RODEO TEAM STATE QUALIFIERS	6.3	Oakdale High District 5 Rodeo Team members were recognized for qualifying for the State Finals June 8-14 in Bishop, CA. The students are coached by Amanda Stepp and Catherine George. Amanda noted that 13 out of the 17 members of the team qualified for state in one or more events. - Blake Branquinho - Blake Kelley - James Peterson - Grant Gardner - Rhett Wells - Betty Branquinho - Sarah George - Aubrey Thompson - Sarah Gruenig - Brody Nelson - Peyton Solansky - Chase Dugo - Gianna Carroll
ORGANIZATION REPORTS, OTA	7.1	Omar Salinas, OTA President, reported OTA is 248 members strong, although they are losing a few to retirement. He congratulated those members and all staff who do their best for students and the community. He noted he appreciates speaking with and working with the Board and will continue on as OTA President again next year.
ORGANIZATION REPORTS, CSEA	7.2	Jake Cox, CSEA President, noted retirees and they have done a lot for the community and schools. He invited Board members and administrators to the Classified Luncheon this Friday, 10:00 am–1:00 pm, at the Tech Center.
REPORT, STUDENT BOARD MEMBER	7.3	Student Board Member Landon Arnold reported they had a very successful Prom, Senior Scholarship Night and OHS Art Show last week. He also wished luck to students who took AP tests last week and will take this week. He reported this is his last Board meeting, was thankful for the opportunity to serve as the student Board representative, and that it was a great experience.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	8.0	Student Board Member Arnold opened the Public Comments portion of the agenda at 6:47 p.m. There being none, Public Comments closed at 6:47 p.m.
REMOVE ITEMS FROM CONSENT CALENDAR	9.1	Trustee Gilbert requested Items 9.3.2 and 9.3.3 be removed; Trustee Taylor requested Item 9.4.4 be removed; Superintendent Mendonca requested Item 9.6.6 be removed from the Consent Calendar.
ADOPT CONSENT CALENDAR	9.2	It was M/S/C (Gilbert/Shatswell) to adopt the Consent Calendar as amended. Passed unanimously.
ADOPT MINUTES OF 4/14/25 AS PRESENTED	9.3.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board adopted minutes of its regularly scheduled meeting held on Monday, April 14, 2025, as presented.
APPROVE SELPA LOCAL PLAN	9.3.4	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Stanislaus County Special Education (SELPA) Local Plan, as presented.

APPROVE INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS, 2024-25 OR 2025-26	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, 4/25 & 2-YEAR COMPARISON	9.4.2	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board acknowledged the Student Discipline Report for the month of April, 2025, and Prior Two-Year Comparison, as presented.
APPROVE OVERNIGHT TRIP. OHS WRESTLINE TEAM	9.4.3	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved OHS Wrestling Team Overnight Trip to Clovis High Wrestling Scrimmage, June 13-24, 2025, as presented.
APPROVE WARRANTS THRU 4/25/25, AND CYCLE I & II PAYROLL FOR APRIL 2025	9.5.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved district warrants prepared for payment through April 25, 2025, and Cycle I & II Payroll for April 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, OJHS, APRIL 2025	9.5.3	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Student Body Accounts, OJHS, April 2025, as presented.
APPROVE ASB ACCOUNTS, OHS, APRIL 2025	9.5.4	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Student Body Accounts, OHS, April 2025, as presented.
APPROVE RESIGNATION CERTIFICATED	9.6.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Certificated Resignation, effective 6/30/25, as presented: Ben Cortes, Principal, Fair Oaks
APPROVE RETIREMENT, CLASSIFIED	9.6.2	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved classified retirement, as presented: Sandra Fyke, Instructional Aide SDC, OJHS, eff. 6/30/25 Kim Sleeman, Secretary II, M&O, eff. 5/9/25
APPROVE RESIGNATION, CLASSIFIED	9.6.3	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved classified resignation, as presented: Amiyah Lemos, Yard Duty Aide, Magnolia, eff. 6/30/25
APPROVE EMPLOYMENT, CLASSIFIED	9.6.4	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved classified employment, as presented: Jessica Borges, Behavioral Program Para Bus Aide, Transportation, eff. 4/30/25 Jessica James, Cafeteria Assistant, Cloverland, eff. 4/28/25 Anthony Mendoza, Custodian I, OJHS, eff. 4/28/25 Travis Sylvia, Payroll Technician, District Office, eff. 6/2/25
APPROVE PROMOTION, CLASSIFIED	9.6.5	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved classified promotion, as presented: Terri Vandagriff, Secretary II, East Stanislaus & Valley Oak Online Academy, To Secretary II, M&O, eff. 5/28/25
DISPOSITION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT 9.3.2, APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-25-14, EXCUSE BOARD MEMBER ABSENCE - GILBERT	10.0	Trustee Gilbert wished to abstain from voting on 9.3.2 and Trustee Shatswell wished to abstain from voting on 9.3.2. M/S/C (Shatswell/Schemper) to approve Resolution #24-25-14, to Excuse Absence of Board Member Diane Gilbert, as presented. A Roll Call Vote was taken and passed 3-0; Ayes: Schemper, Shatswell, Taylor; Abstain: Gilbert; Absent: Duvall

9.3.3, APPROVE RESOLUTION
#24-25-15, EXCUSE BOARD
MEMBER ABSENCE - SHATSWELL

M/S/C (Gilbert/Schemper) to approve Resolution #24-25-15, to Excuse Absence of Board Member Tina Shatswell, as presented. A Roll Call Vote was taken and passed 3-0; Ayes: Gilbert, Schemper, Taylor; Abstain: Shatswell; Absent: Duvall

9.4.4, APPROVE TITLE III PLAN
FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS

Trustee Taylor asked who does reclassifications listed on page 3, - *ELPAC Chats completed for all students in grades 3-12 who have not been reclassified*. Armida Colon, Director of State & Federal Programs, explained that bilingual aides at elementary sites do them; they are the ones who administer the Chats and tests. At the secondary level its the ELD teachers and ALD teachers as well as the bilingual aides.

It was **MS/C (Schemper/Shatswell)** to approve Title III Plan for English Learners, as presented. Passed unanimously.

9.6.6, APPROVE ASSIGNMENT,
CERTIFICATED, S. MOHR

Superintendent Mendonca explained they have had a change in this arrangement so we can remove that item from the Consent Calendar.

REPORT, FIRST READING:
BP 6163.4, STUDENT USE OF
TECHNOLOGY

11.1 Assistant Superintendent Gillian Wegener presented this revised policy for first reading, noting this policy has not been updated since 2010, and in that time, the use of technology has expanded in both scope and form and a new policy is needed to address these changes. Revisions will address a wider array of technology and areas of possible concern. She recommended the board review and she will bring back for 2nd Reading and adoption at the June Board meeting.

Board President Schemper stated that the first paragraph of the Internet Safety section lists having protection measures against access to “visual” depictions, and asked about “written” depictions. Dr. Wegener explained the 3rd paragraph does refer to “harmful matter”, and other material besides “visual” is included there.

Board Member Taylor asked about State vs. local standards, and would like more emphasis on local standards. Dr. Wegener stated she will look into that, and asked the Board to provide her feedback.

PUBLIC HEARING,
LCAP

12.1 The Public Hearing on Local Control Accountability Plan opened at 6:55 p.m.

Assistant Superintendent Gillian Wegener explained that we are at the end of year 1 of the 3-Year LCAP Plan. The budget can't be filled in until after the Governor's May Revise is released later this week; it will be completed when presented at the June meeting.

As we enter the second year of a three-year plan, she reviewed the 2025-65 LCAP Goals 1-4, the metrics, actions, services and expenditures to support positive student outcomes addressing state and local priorities. The 2025-26 LCAP has three encompassing goals, plus a fourth goal, established this year, to meet the requirements of OJUSD's one Equity Multiplier school, East Stanislaus Continuation High School. All members of the OJUSD community will continue to work on the first three goals, while the fourth goal is very specific to East Stanislaus.

It was noted that only 121 people responded to the Parent Involvement and Family Engagement survey this year, so there was not enough data to be impactful in some ways. Dr. Wegener stated there were 178 responses last year, and that 282 was the highest response in her tenure here. Michael Nessler, a parent in the audience, stated that he took the survey and thought the questions were odd and the survey was long, so he skipped half the questions. Dr. Wegener stated it is a long survey, we get directly from the State and it relates directly to local indicators.

In response to a question from Trustee Taylor about the amount of time the SRO spends at secondary vs. elementary sites, Catherine Medlin, Director of Child Welfare and Attendance, responded that the SROs first priority is if something is going on at sites, but most of the time is at OHS and OJHS. If elementary sites have issues, they can contact him, and that administrators are reaching out to him when needed. She noted that she went with him to Sierra View last week to talk to classes and address behavioral issues. She also noted that this year there has been a lot of training for Oakdale Police Department that he's had to participate in.

Public Hearing closed at 7:11 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING,
CHARTER LCAP

- 12.2 The Public Hearing on Charter Local Control Accountability Plan opened at 7:11 p.m.

Dr. Wegener explained that the overall goals in Charter LCAP are the same as the district LCAP, except for Goal #4.

Public Hearing closed at 7:13 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING,
DISTRICT BUDGET

- 12.3 The Public Hearing on District Budget opened at 7:13 p.m. Kassandra Booth, Chief Business Officer, explained the budget does not reflect the Governor's May Revise; details will be released May 14. This is just a preliminary budget before it comes back to the Board in June.

Public Hearing closed at 7:14 p.m.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION
#24-25-A6, AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE
& SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION
BONDS ELECTION OF 2024, SERIES A

- 12.4 Superintendent Mendonca invited Jon Isom, Bond Advisor, to come forward and present this item. Measure G was approved by District voters on November 5, 2024, authorizing the District to issue general obligation bonds in the amount of up to \$105,000,000. The Resolution presented for consideration begins the process of obtaining the initial phase of financing in an amount up to \$35,000,000, to be used for capital projects approved by voters.

The resolution to be considered for adoption authorizes the Series A Bonds to be issued as current interest bonds, sold through a negotiated sale. Items required to be disclosed to the Board relating to the bond structure are included in Appendix B to the Resolution. Documents approved in their form by adoption of the resolution are the Bond Purchase Agreement, Preliminary Official Statement and Continuing Disclosure Certificate, which are included and available for review.

The sale of \$35,000,000 of General Obligation bonds will provide the proceeds to the District for the first phase of modernization and capital construction projects adopted by the Board.

Mr. Isom explained voters were presented with summary ballot language, and they approved at 58.2%. What they approved is: 1) 75-word ballot language, summary of what we are going to do, authorizing \$105,000,000, an average tax rate of about \$58.16 per \$100,000 of assessed value, and 2) there was a resolution calling the election with detailed project list language. He explained that a Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee will assure projects are done based on the voter approved list. He also explained the outstanding tax rate on the 2002 bond is now \$19.50 per \$100,000 of assessed value, and the old bond will be paid off in 2030. New bonds will start off with about \$40 tax rate; combined both bonds will tax below \$60. When the old bond goes away, the new bond will become \$59.98.

He noted with cost of construction escalating significantly, uncertainty with tariffs, recession, estimated construction costs will go up dramatically. He noted our money buys more in 2027 than money will in 2030. He also talked about bond Ratings and Issuance, with OJUSD having an AA- with the last Bond, which is very good. Superintendent Mendonca noted that if anyone has any questions on this item, to contact him at the District Office.

It was **M/S/C (Shatswell/Taylor)** to approve Resolution #24-25-16, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds Election of 2024, Series A, in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$35,000,000 and Approving Related Documents and Actions. A Roll Call Vote was taken and passed 4-0; Ayes: Gilbert, Schemper, Shatswell, Taylor; Absent: Duvall

INFORMATION

- 13.1 Elem. Choir Spring Concert: Int. Choir SV, Sierra View Cafe, May 13, 6:00 pm
- 13.2 Elem. Choir Spring Concert: Int. Choir CLOV, Cloverland MPR, May 14, 6:00 pm
- 13.3 Sierra View College / Career Day (Grade 4-6), May 14 (9 presenters; 3/grade level); Presentation #1 8:10–8:40, #2 8:45-9:15, #3 9:20-9:50; Meet & Greet 9:50-10:30 am
- 13.4 FFA End of Year Banquet, Bianchi Center, May 14, 6:00 pm
- 13.5 OHS Instrumental Ensembles, OHS Band, Jazz Band & Drumline, OHS Theater, May 15, 6:30 p.m.
- 13.6 8th Grade Grad Trip to Boomers in Modesto, May 19, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm
- 13.7 Final Choir Concert: OJHS & OHS Choirs OHS Theater, May 20, 6:00 & 7:30 pm
- 13.8 7-12 Minimum Day / Finals, May 21 & 22
- 13.9 K-12 Min. Day/7-12 Finals/Last Day of School Year, May 22

- 13.10 Graduation Ceremonies:
Charter - Cloverland MPR/Amphitheater, May 21, 5:00 pm
East Stanislaus/Valley Oak – OHS, May 21, 7:00 pm
Oakdale Jr. High - OHS Stadium, May 22, 7:00 pm
Oakdale High -OHS Stadium, May 23, 7:00 pm
- 13.11 Memorial Day Holiday
- ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA
- 14.1 Report on Local Indicators
- 14.2 Approval of LCAP
- 14.3 Approval of Charter LCAP
- 14.4 Public Hearing and Approval of 2025-26 Budget
- 14.5 Approval of Reading Difficulties Reading Screener
- ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA
- 15.0 None
- ADJOURNMENT
- 16.0 The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.