

MINUTES
 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026, 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 5:37 p.m.
TRUSTEES PRESENT	1.2	Bill Duvall, Diane Gilbert, Clayton Schemper, Tina Shatswell, Terri Taylor, and student representative Samantha Oliveira.
LATE ARRIVALS	1.3	None
TRUSTEES ABSENT	1.4	None
VISITORS PRESENT	1.5	Dee Hawksworth, Alexee Quevedo.
CLOSED SESSION	2.0	Board President Schemper opened Public Comments on Closed Session Items at 5:37 p.m. There being none, public comments on Closed Session items closed at 5:37 p.m. Board President Schemper adjourned the meeting into Closed Session at 5:54 p.m. Open Session reconvened at 6:35 p.m.
PLEDGE	3.0	Student Board Member Samantha Oliveira led the Pledge of Allegiance.
ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION	4.0	Board President Schemper reported: 2.2 No action taken. 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 Samantha Oliveira for the remainder of the meeting.
APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA	5.0	It was M/S/C (Duvall/Taylor) to approve the order of agenda items for this meeting. Passed unanimously.
RECOGNITION, OHS DISTRICT 5 RODEO TEAM STATE QUALIFIERS	6.1	Oakdale High District 5 Rodeo Team members were recognized for qualifying for the State Finals June 7-13 in Bishop, CA. The students are coached by Amanda Stepp and Catherine George. Betty Branquinho Rhett Wells Sarah George Sarah Gruenig Aubrey Thompson Brody Nelson Chase Dugo Caroline Greunig Kinley Bolduc Leighton Musick Carson Escobar Ashlan McCurley Ryder Kistler Scott Sachau
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 25. We'd like to acknowledge the generous work 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.

Certificates were presented to:

Kaitlyn Drader
Anthony Pratt
Ava Leijten
Erin Pearson
Tamberly Stone

Carolyn Hinkel
Miranda Rodriguez
Mary Buchanan
Lisa Kjeldgaard

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| RECOGNITION,
SAMANTHA OLIVEIRA | 6.3 | Student board member Samantha Oliviera was recognized for her service as the district's Student Board representative, 2025-2026. The Superintendent and Board members expressed their sentiments about Samantha's service as a student board member, and wished her well in her future endeavors. |
| ORGANIZATION
REPORTS, OTA | 7.1 | Dee Hawksworth, reported for Omar Salinas that the Art Show is Thursday, May 14th and he encourages everyone to attend. Dee thanked Omar for being a great president to OTA. |
| ORGANIZATION
REPORTS, CSEA | 7.2 | No report given. |
| REPORT, STUDENT
BOARD MEMBER | 7.3 | Student Board Member Samantha Oliveira reported that school sites are wrapping up events for seniors this week and are preparing for graduations. Spring sporting events are coming to a close. She stated that AP testing is occurring this week as well. The junior high will be hosting its 8th Grade Award ceremony. |
| PUBLIC
COMMENTS | 8.0 | Student Board Member Oliveira opened the Public Comments portion of the agenda at 6:49 p.m. There being none, Public Comments closed at 6:55 p.m. |
- Jon Blanc
- Jon, a veteran educator with 26 years of teaching experience, including 12 years within the Oakdale district and his current tenure at Fair Oaks Elementary, addressed the Board regarding recent developments in employee benefits. He reported that staff members were recently informed of a pending 12% increase in health insurance premiums for the upcoming year.
- Reflecting on the district's strategy to manage these costs, Jon noted that while an insurance committee was established two years ago, premium rates have continued to climb steadily during that timeframe. He expressed concern that the committee has not been effective in curbing these rising costs and urged the Board to take direct action to address the issue, emphasizing that the current trajectory is unsustainable for employees.
- Dena Adam
- Dena stated she is a district Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) with 14 years of experience and she provided testimony regarding escalating caseload concerns and the necessity of competitive compensation. While emphasizing that SLPs remain dedicated to accepting all referrals, she noted that consistent support is not always available and urged the Board to implement caseload caps and competitive pay to ensure the district can successfully recruit and retain staff on the "frontline" of special education services.

Public Comments Closed at 6:55 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 (Shatswell/Schemper) to adopt the Consent Calendar as amended. Ayes: Gilbert, Shatswell, Schemper, Taylor, Student Board Member Oliveira. Abstain: Duvall. Passes five ayes and one abstention.
ADOPT MINUTES OF 4/20/26 AS PRESENTED	9.3.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board adopted minutes of its regularly scheduled meeting held on Monday, April 20, 2026, as presented.
APPROVE VOL & CIF REPS	9.3.2	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved District and School Representatives to the Valley Oak League and CIF, as presented.
APPROVE RESOLUTION #25-26-15, EXCUSE ABSENCE OF BOARD MEMBER	9.3.3	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Resolution #25-26-15, to Excuse Absence of Board Clerk Bill Duvall, as presented.
APPROVE INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS, 2025-26 OR 2026-27	9.4.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved interdistrict attendance transfer requests, 2025-26 or 2026-27 school year, as presented.
ACKNOWLEDGE STUDENT DISCIPLINE REPORT, 4/26 & 2-YEAR COMPARISON	9.4.2	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board acknowledged the Student Discipline Report for the month of April, 2026, and Prior Two-Year Comparison, as presented.
APPROVE NEW COURSES AT OHS	9.4.3	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved two new courses at OHS: Digital Storytelling and Digital Media Agency, as presented.
APPROVE WARRANTS THRU 4/29/26, AND CYCLE I & II PAYROLL FOR APRIL 2026	9.5.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved district warrants prepared for payment through April 29, 2026, and Cycle I & II Payroll for April 2026, 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 2026	9.5.3	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Student Body Accounts, OJHS, April 2026, as presented.
APPROVE ASB ACCOUNTS, OHS, APRIL 2026	9.5.4	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Student Body Accounts, OHS, April 2026, as presented.
APPROVE JOB DESCRIPTIONS & SALARY SCHEDULE	9.6.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Job Descriptions and Salary Schedule Placement for Reclassifications, as presented:
APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: BRIDGE AUTHORIZATION	9.6.2	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Memorandum of Understanding: Autism Authorization and Education Specialist Bridge Authorization, as presented:
APPROVE EMPLOYMENT, CERTIFICATED	9.6.3	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved certificated employment, as presented: Alayna Azevedo, Agriculture Teacher, Oakdale High School Hanna Lewis, Agriculture Teacher, Oakdale High School Karla Espinoza, Counselor, Oakdale High School
APPROVE RETIREMENT,	9.6.4	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved

CLASSIFIED

classified retirement, as presented:
Elena Velez, Custodian I, Maintenance & Operations

APPROVE RESIGNATION,
CLASSIFIED

9.6.5 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved classified resignation, as presented:
Calista Higginbotham, Yard Duty and ELP Aide, Magnolia
Louis Garcia, Custodian III, Oakdale High School

APPROVE EMPLOYMENT,
CLASSIFIED

9.6.6 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved classified employment, as presented:
Justin Songer, Food Warehouse Driver Custodian, Cafe Services,
Jalynn Gumbs, ELP Aide, Sierra View
Karina Farias, Library Technician 9-12, Oakdale High School
Sierra Hartwig, Computer Education Instructor, Cloverland
Tyler Wilson, Warehouse/Driver/Custodian, Cafe Services

DISPOSITION OF ITEMS
REMOVED FROM CONSENT

10.0 None.

REPORT, FIRST READING:
BP 3400, MANAGEMENT OF
DISTRICT ASSETS

11.1 Chief Business Officer, Kassandra Booth, presented this item revising policy 3400: Management of District Assets. While the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) allows districts to define their own capitalization thresholds, it is advisable to align with deferral standards to ensure compliance and efficiency. Given that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) raised the federal threshold for capital assets to \$10,000, effective October 1, 2024, it is recommended that OJUSD update its current \$5,000 threshold (in place since 2009) to this new \$10,000 standard.

There were no questions.

REPORT, PARENTSQUARE

11.2 Assistant Superintendent, Gillian Wegener, presented this item highlighting a new communication platform that will be implemented in the 2026-2027 school year. ParentSquare provides a front-facing platform and allows two-way home-school communication. Schools and the District can create a ParentSquare post and share it across social media and our website to keep our community informed and reach parents through their preferred channels. This platform will allow staff to send Smart Alerts, quick timely alerts about school closures or reminders about field trips, and urgent alerts, school or district wide messages when there is a natural disaster or a critical threat and the speed of delivery is most important. Because ParentSquare also integrates with Aeries, we will be able to track attendance and send notifications for absent students through the system and we will be able to send home items we have previously mailed. The transition to ParentSquare will happen before the end of this school year, starting with school secretaries and admin and rolling out to families and teachers over the course of the next two months.

Board President Schemper asked if we are going to make a hard push on Back to School Night. Wegener responded that will be sending regular reminders at the district level.

REPORT, PROCESS AND
TIMELINE FOR COMPREHENSIVE
BOARD POLICY UPDATE

- 11.3 Assistant Superintendent, Gillian Wegener, presented this item outlining the process and timeline for the comprehensive board policy update for the district. The last comprehensive policy update was in 2010.

Comparing copies (with strike-outs and underlines) will be provided to the board in June 2026 for policies each department feels may be deemed as 'priorities.' These priority policies will be reviewed by the board between the June and August board meetings as a first reading and for due consideration by the Board. At subsequent board meetings, each department will bring forward their sections for another first reading and then a second reading with any priority policies included again and clearly identified as priority policies. At the April 2027 board meeting, all policies will be brought forward for a third reading and hopeful approval. At any time in the process, board members can ask questions or offer suggestions on any board policy.

June: 1st Reading Priority Policies - all sections

August: 1st Reading Sections 3 and 7

September: 1st Reading Sections 0, 1, 9, 2

October: 1st Reading Sections 6

December: 1st Reading Section 5

February: 1st Reading Section 4

Trustee Gilbert asked what is considered a priority policy? Wegener responded they would be considered a hot topic such as sexual education or the California Healthy Kids survey.

PUBLIC HEARING,
LCAP

- 12.1 The Public Hearing on Local Control Accountability Plan opened at 7:15 p.m.

Assistant Superintendent Gillian Wegener explained that the LCAP provides an opportunity for local education agencies (LEAs) to share their stories of how, what and why programs and services are selected to meet their needs.

Goal 1 states that OJUSD will provide a K-12 continuum of academic excellence producing graduates who are college and/or career ready. Goal 2 states that OJUSD will provide strategic and accelerated intervention in academics, mental health, and behavioral health for identified at-risk students, including but not limited to Students with Disabilities, English Learners, foster youth, and socio-economically disadvantaged students. Goal 3 states that OJUSD will maintain facilities, transportation services, and a technology infrastructure supporting a well-equipped, safe, and secure learning environment for all students and educational partners.

The 26-27 LCAP has three encompassing goals. All members of the OJUSD community will continue to work on these goals. A fourth goal, the Equity Multiplier goal for East Stanislaus High School, has been discontinued as they did not qualify for those funds for the 26-27 school year. The actions from that goal have been rolled into Goal 2 instead. All systems and structures outlined in the LCAP provide an ongoing cycle of improvement for the District and our education partners as we continue to

move forward and strive toward the best educational outcomes for all our students.

Public Hearing closed at 7:28 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING,
CHARTER LCAP

- 12.2 The Public Hearing on Charter Local Control Accountability Plan opened at 7:28 p.m.

Dr. Wegener explained that the overall goals in Charter LCAP are the same as the district LCAP, except for Goal #4. All members of the Oakdale Charter community will continue to work on these goals.

Public Hearing closed at 7:29 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING,
DISTRICT BUDGET

- 12.3 The Public Hearing on District Budget opened at 7:29 p.m. Kassandra Booth, Chief Business Officer, explained the budget does not reflect the Governor's May Revise; details will be released soon.

Public Hearing closed at 7:29 p.m.

APPROVAL OF BOARD
COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT

- 12.4 Superintendent Mendonca presented this item explaining that now that both bargaining units and administrative, management, and confidential staff have agreed to a salary increase retroactive to July 1, 2025. The Superintendent would like to increase Board member compensation by the same amount, a 4% increase in their monthly compensation which is a \$19 increase.

Trustee Taylor disagreed with the new state law that allows Board members to receive increases based on their student population.

It was **M/S/C (Gilbert/Shatswell)** to approve the Board Compensation Adjustment. Passed 3-1-1; Ayes: Gilbert, Shatswell, Taylor; Nay: Duvall; Abstain: Schemper

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF
ELECTION

- 12.5 Superintendent Mendonca presented this item explaining that three four-year term seats on the district's board of trustees will be expiring this November. Per Trustee Areas approved by the Board March 9, 2020, the seats will be:

Trustee Area 1 - President Schemper
Trustee Area 4 - Trustee Diane Gilbert
Trustee Area 5 - Trustee Bill Duvall

Trustee Gilbert asked if the filing date and other information was posted on the website for the public. Superintendent Mendonca confirmed that it will be once this Resolution is passed.

It was **M/S/C (Duvall/Shatswell)** to adopt Resolution #25-26-16, Ordering Governing Board Member Election. A Roll Call Vote was taken with five board members and one student board member present voting in favor. Passed 5-0. Ayes: Duvall, Gilbert, Schemper, Shatswell, Taylor, Student Oliveira (Advisory);

INFORMATION

- 13.1 Elem. Choir Spring Concert: Int. Choir Magnolia, Magnolia Auditorium, May 12, 6:00 pm

- 13.2 OHS Jazz and Steelband Concert, OHS Theater, May 12, 6:30 pm
 - 13.3 Elem. Choir Spring Concert: Int. Choir Fair Oaks and Cloverland, Magnolia Auditorium, May 13, 6:00 pm
 - 13.4 8th Grade Awards Night, OJHS Gymnasium, May 13, 2026, 6:30 pm
 - 13.5 OHS Senior Scholarship Awards Night, OHS Gym, May 14, 6:00 pm
 - 13.6 OHS Instrumental Ensembles, OHS Concert Band and Mallet Ensemble, OHS Theater, May 15, 6:30 pm
 - 13.7 Magnolia Ag Day and Sierra View Ag Day, May 15, 2026
 - 13.8 8th Grade Grade Trip to Boomers in Modesto, May 18, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm
 - 13.9 Final Choir Concert: OJHS & OHS Choirs OHS Theater, May 20, 6:00 pm & 7:30 pm
 - 13.10 7-12 Minimum Day / Finals, May 19 & 20
 - 13.11 K-12 Minimum Day / 7-12 Finals / Last Day of School Year, May 21
 - 13.12 Graduation Ceremonies:
 - Charter - Cloverland Multipurpose Room/Amphitheater, May 20, 5:00 pm
 - East Stanislaus/Valley Oak - Oakdale High School, May 20, 7:00 pm
 - Oakdale Jr. High - OHS Stadium, May 21, 7:00 pm
 - Oakdale High - OHS Stadium, May 22, 7:00 pm
 - 13.13 Memorial Day Holiday, May 25
- ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA
- 14.1 Report on Local Indicators
 - 14.2 Approval of LCAP
 - 14.3 Approval of Charter LCAP
 - 14.4 Approval of 2026-27 Budget
 - 14.5 Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee Report
- ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA
- 15.0 None
- ADJOURNMENT
- 16.0 The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.