

**ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION • REGULAR MEETING
District Education Center • Board Room
1401 North Handy Street • Orange, California**

**Thursday • March 6, 2008
7:00 P.M. • Closed Session
7:30 P.M. • Regular Session**

MINUTES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board President Poutsma called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Board Members Present for Closed Session:
Nichols, Ortega, Poutsma, Smith

Board Members Absent from Closed Session:
Ledesma, Moffat, Rocco

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
California School Employees Association

5. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Poutsma called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:
Ledesma, Moffat, Nichols, Ortega, Poutsma, Rocco, Smith

6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Poutsma invited Ahtziri Martinez from Yorba Middle School to lead the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

7. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION DECISIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE BROWN ACT

There was nothing to report.

8. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion No. 82

It was moved by Mrs. Nichols, seconded by Mrs. Smith and carried by a vote of 6-1(No: Rocco) to adopt the March 6, 2008 agenda.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Item 9.A. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Godley congratulated Jennifer Arellano from Orange High School for being selected to represent the Orange County Chapter of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, March 6-9, 2008.

Dr. Godley expressed pride and commended the Canyon High School Mock Trial team with regard to their competition on February 26th against Woodbridge High School in the semi-finals. Dr. Godley along with Board members and staff attended the competition and noted the high level of competency of the student participants. The teams meet at the Central Justice Center for eight rounds of competition. Superior Court, California Appellate and Federal Court judges preside at the trials and attorneys observe and rate the performance of student teams.

Dr. Godley announced that Palmyra Elementary School's Distinguished Schools walk-thru takes place on March 7th and Panorama Elementary School's Distinguished Schools walk-thru takes place on March 21st.

Item 9.B. Board President's Report

No Report

Item 9.C. Board Recognition of Students, Staff and Community

Mrs. Smith recognized Canyon High School SACBE representative, Brendan Adams, who was one of the team members participating in the Mock Trial competition.

Mr. Rocco commented that the Superintendent from Capistrano Unified School District declined to accept a salary increase.

Item 9.D. State of the School Report – Ahtziri Martinez, Yorba Middle School

Ahtziri Martinez, student representative from Yorba Middle School, gave a brief presentation regarding academics and student activities at Yorba Middle School.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 7, 2008 (Regular Meeting)
February 21, 2008 (Regular Meeting)

Motion No. 83

It was moved by Mrs. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Ortega and carried by a vote of 6-1 (No: Rocco) to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2008 regular meeting.

Motion No. 84

It was moved by Mrs. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Ortega and carried by a vote of 5-1-1 (No: Rocco; Abstain: Poutsma) to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2008 regular meeting.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: Non-Agenda Items

Speakers

The following speakers spoke in support of the track and field program and the program's coach, Patrick Bendzick, at Canyon High School:

1. C.J. Carlisle
2. Mike Kelly
3. Steve Goto
4. Kathi Kobayashi
5. Bill Bryant
6. Marguerite Voorhees

12. ACTION ITEMS

Item 12.A. Second Interim Financial Report and Transfer Resolution No. 24-07-08

Mr. Archibald gave a Power Point presentation overview (attached) of budget constraints the District will be facing during this challenging year. He noted that this year is a bit unusual from other years because the governor has proposed some dramatic reductions without giving Districts much time to respond to the proposals.

In accordance with state requirements, all school districts are required to file the Second Interim Report by March 15 of each year to certify positive, qualified, or negative financial status based upon the most updated information available. The Second Interim Report is available under separate cover and not only reflects actual information as of January 31, 2008, but also projects anticipated revenues and expenditures known to date. The District will file a positive certification in regard to the ability to meet its financial obligations.

Average Daily Attendance: The total budgeted attendance of 27,036.45 (not including District charter schools) reflects a total decrease of 69.73 as compared to December 2007 estimates; comprised of a 27.77 increase in Orange Unified ADA, net with a 97.5 decrease in special education and community day (OCDE) pass through.

Revenue Limit: The current revenue limit calculations of \$161,182,398 from the Orange County Department of Education are based upon the most recent State Department of Education information. The effect is a net decrease of \$300,193.

Federal Revenue: Federal income totaling \$14,237,132 includes a slight increase of \$215,955.

Other State Income: State income of \$58,668,177 reflects a composite increase of \$3,339,305.

Other Local Income: Local income totaling \$10,179,894 includes a decrease of \$882,135.

Expenditures: Expenditures have been adjusted to conform to site and program budgets to date.

Ending Balance: The projected ending balance is \$9,969,46.

Mr. Archibald stated that the District will be holding two community informational meetings concerning the impact of the budget on the District on March 24 and 26 in the Board Rooms at the District Office. It is hoped that these meetings will educate the community on school funding, Proposition 98 and the state budget in general.

Motion No. 85

It was moved by Mrs. Nichol and seconded by Mrs. Smith to certify and approve the positive financial status as shown in the District Certification of Interim Report for the Fiscal Year 2007-08, authorize staff to implement the necessary transfers as shown in Transfer Resolution No. 24-07-08, and certify whether the District is able to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year and, based on forecasts, for the two subsequent fiscal years (Attachment A).

Discussion/Comments

Mrs. Smith reiterated that the action being taken tonight is approving the Second Interim Report, which will indicate to the county and thereby to the state, that these are the options and these are areas that the District can look at to balance our budget if the worst case scenario happened. These are the items we will deliberate about and will be proposed to us when it becomes necessary for the District to make reductions. Mrs. Smith stated that the District is not making those reductions this evening.

Mr. Archibald agreed. He added that what the District is really committing to is that when the time comes when cuts are required, that the Board of Education will exercise its fiduciary responsibility to make those cuts. Mr. Archibald noted that the amount of \$11 million is what would need to be cut in order to get to the worst case scenario. However, the Board is not making any specific cuts tonight.

Mrs. Moffat proposed that the school Board join the California State School Boards Association, California PTA, ACSCA and other education groups in urging the preservation of Proposition 98 by way of a letter and or that a resolution be sent to state legislators urging them to save Proposition 98.

Motion No. 85 carried by a vote of 6-1 (Abstain: Rocco).

Item 12.B. Proposed Board Policy Revisions – 6000 Series, Instruction – First Reading

The Educational Services staff has been working with the law firm of Parker & Covert to update and revise the 6000 Series pertaining to Instruction. Parker & Covert has submitted its recommendations in conjunction with appropriate staff members' input for Board consideration. Due to the volume of the 6000 series, these policies will be presented in two sections. The first section encompasses BP 6000 through BP 6159.4.

Mr. Poutsma suggested changing the title in Board Policy 6146.5 change title to from "graduation" to "promotion."

Mrs. Nichols noted that she has a few changes and will notify Mrs. Reider.

Mrs. Moffat remarked that the District has made progress in the areas math and science instruction by encouraging students to take more classes in math and science. The District has also been timely in responding to state academic standards which have increased the expectations for students, especially in terms of math.

Motion No. 86

It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Nichols and carried by a vote of 5-1-1 (No: Ledesma; Abstain: Rocco) to approve the proposed Board Policy revisions BP 6000 through BP 6159.4, Instruction for a first reading.

Item 12.C. Approval of a Search Firm to Assist in the Process for Hiring a New Superintendent

Mr. Poutsma suggested that a special board meeting be held on Thursday, March 13, at 6:00 p.m. to interview the two firms that are recommended to the Board by staff for a superintendent search.

Dr. Godley explained that there are only two firms to interview given the fact that the District is at least in the top 40, size-wise, in the state. He added that there are only two firms that can handle a search in a viable way in a district of this size. There are many firms that do small districts, but the only two in California who are most qualified are the two as presented (California School Boards Association and Leadership Associates).

With Board consensus, Mr. Poutsma called for a Special Meeting to be held on Thursday, March 13, 2008, 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Moffat commented that she had a long-standing obligation that will take her out of town. It was agreed upon that Mrs. Moffat would teleconference from San Jose in order to participate in the special meeting.

13. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

No Items

14. CONSENT ITEMS

Speakers

No Speakers

Motion No. 87

It was moved by Mrs. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Ortega and carried by a vote of 6-1 (No: Rocco) to approve the consent items.

Item 14.A. Purchase Orders List

The Board approved the Purchase Order List dated February 11 through February 24, 2008 in the amount of \$1,439,239.01. See attached Purchase Orders List.

Item 14.B. Warrants List

The Board accepted the Warrants List dated February 24 through February 10, 2008 in the amount of \$3,747,224.74. See attached Warrants List.

Item 14.C. Gifts

The Board accepted the following gift and cash donations as listed (see attachment):

- Variety of Books to Olive Elementary School library, donated by Karin Maine

Item 14.D. Contract Services Report – Business Services

The contract services report for Business Services was approved as follows:

MGPA ARCHITECTURE, INC.

The District requires the services of a qualified architectural firm for upgrades of the fire alarm system at Anaheim Hills. MGPA architects will prepare project specifications and all required drawings. They will also obtain the Department of the State Architect approval for the project and provide project oversight.

Deferred Maintenance.....not-to-exceed.....\$35,000

JB CONSTRUCTION

The Transportation Department has a need for a new CNG compressor and four fill stations. JB Construction will provide a set of site plans, including electrical, plumbing, and mechanical

drawings for the CNG infrastructure for the slow fill fueling stations. This is part of the previously Board approved CNG powered bus procurement and AQMD grant program.

General Fund.....not-to-exceed.....\$4,500

Item 14.E. Acceptance of Completed Contracts and Filing of Notices of Completion

The Board accepted the following contract(s) as complete, authorized staff to file appropriate notice(s) of completion and release the retention payment(s) to the contractor(s).

BID NO. 593 – Restroom Renovation

Project(s):	Villa Park High School
Board Approval:	June 21, 2007
Original Purchase Order:	800710
Completion Date:	February 8, 2008
Contractor:	Harry H. Joh Construction, Inc.
Original Project Amount:	\$132,000.00
Change Order(s) Amount:	\$ -0-
Total Project Amount:	\$132,000.00
Fund(s):	Deferred Maintenance (14)

Item 14.F. Resolution No. 25-07-08: Approval to Utilize the School Bus Price Agreement Between the Waterford Unified School District and A-Z Bus Sales Inc., Procurement of 17 School Buses and Lease-Purchase Finance Agreement Approval

The Board approved District utilization of the Waterford Unified School District Bus Bid for the procurement of buses and authorized the lease-purchase of 17 buses with Sun Trust Equipment Finance & Leasing Corp., through appropriate agreements.

Item 14.G. Approval of Contract Award for Professional Audit Services & Annual Financial Statement

The Board authorized staff to enter into an appropriate agreement for Professional Audit Services & Annual Financial Statement with Nigro, Nigro & White for an initial one-year term, followed by two one-year options.

Item 14.H. Liability Claim No. 07/08-011

The Board rejected Liability Claim No. 07/08-011.

Item 14.I. Personnel Report

The Board approved the attached Personnel Report.

Item 14.J. Teacher Assignment/Consent – Variable or Short-Term Waiver

The Board approved the variable term waiver as presented.

Item 14.K. Tentative Agreement between the District and California School Employees Association, Chapter #67, for 2007-08 Re-Opener Negotiations

The Board ratified the Tentative Agreement between the Orange Unified School District and the California School Employees Association, Chapter #67. This Tentative Agreement provides for an additional salary increase of .25% to the classified salary schedules, effective July 1, 2007.

Item 14.L. Contract Services Report – Educational Services

The Board approved the Contract Services Report – Educational Services as presented.

ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Reading First Grant)

The Orange County Department of Education oversees The Reading First Grant Program and provides a contract with the District. At this time, it is necessary to amend this agreement due to the addition of the number of participants needing to be trained. The OCDE will conduct customized training to support the District’s Reading First Schools in the implementation of their “Reading First” grant. The training workshops will focus on Universal Access emphasizing differentiated instruction; reflect, revisit and revise instruction to teach all students; analyze data to determine tiered groups and plan effective instruction; and engage in collaborative conversations to guide purposeful inquiry. Services for participants of Reading First Schools will take place October 2, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Fiscal Impact: This contract was previously approved for \$50,000. The amendment will increase this contract by \$25,000, for a total amount of \$75,000. The cost for each participant will be \$500 for three days of training, not to exceed a total of 45 participants.

Reading First Grant funds . . . not-to-exceed \$75,000

MARSHALL FULLBRIGHT

Marshall Fullbright, Music Director at Long Beach City College, will conduct rehearsals and serve as guest conductor for the High School Honor Orchestra Concert. The District Honor Band/Orchestra Concert is scheduled to be held on March 19, 2008, at Chapman University.

Professional Services not-to-exceed \$400

DAVID BETANCOURT

David Betancourt, Music Director at Cerritos College, will conduct rehearsals and serve as guest conductor for the High School Honor Band Concert. The District Honor Band/Orchestra Concerts are scheduled to be held on March 19, 2008, at Chapman University.

Professional Services not-to-exceed \$400

BRENDAN MC BRIEN

Brendan Mc Brien, Music Coordinator at Cerritos College, will conduct rehearsals and serve as guest conductor for the Middle School Honor Band Concert. The District Honor Band/Orchestra Concerts are scheduled to be held on March 19, 2008, at Chapman University.

Professional Services not-to-exceed : \$400

GARY HUNG

Gary Hung, Music Coordinator for the Placentia Yorba Linda Unified School District, will conduct rehearsals and serve as guest conductor for the Middle School Honor Strings Concert.

The District Honor Band/Orchestra Concerts are scheduled to be held on March 19, 2008, at Chapman University.

Professional Services not-to-exceed \$400

INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION, INC.

Kathy Weigel, Consultant for International Center for Leadership in Education, Inc. will present a Successful Strategies Workshop to the staff at Canyon High School and also Yorba Middle School. These workshops will focus on the strategies necessary to develop an award winning school. Ms. Weigel will present to Canyon High School on March 28, 2008 and to Yorba Middle School on March 29, 2008.

Professional Services not-to-exceed \$8,000

RONALD BLOOM LIFESCAPE PROFESSIONAL GROUP

Ronald Bloom, Lifescape Professional Group will conduct a series of six workshops for parents at Portola Middle School beginning in March through May 2008. These workshops will be conducted in English and Spanish and will include printed instructional materials. Topics will include *The Active Parent*, *Courage and Self-Esteem*, and Teen Behavior and Problem Solving. These parenting classes will be funded from Title I and EIA/LEP monies.

Professional Services not-to-exceed \$2,500

EAGLE SOFTWARE

Eagle Software will provide a consultant to present a one-day training workshop for administrators and counselors on March 19, 2008. The training will cover the various areas of the Aeries program utilized by OUSD for student accounting and master scheduling.

Professional Servicesnot-to-exceed \$1,100

Item 14.K. Study Trips

The Board approved the following study trips:

El Modena High School – Boys’ Volleyball Team – Las Vegas, Nevada – March 16 – 18, 2008

El Modena High School Boys’ Volleyball Team under the direction of coach, Larry Bounds, will travel to Las Vegas to participate in the Annual Two Day Las Vegas Easter Invitational Men’s Volleyball Tournament. The experience of this competition will prepare the student/athletes for CIF competition later in the season. The thirteen male students will be accompanied by three male and two female adult chaperones. Transportation will be provided by parents. Parents will have an OUSD approved driver certificate on file prior to this trip. The group will be housed at the Palace Station Hotel. The cost per student is \$200 and scholarships are available. The students will miss two school days and no substitute will be required.

Canyon High School – Boys’ and Girls’ Swim Teams – Fresno, CA – March 27 – 28, 2008

Canyon High School Boys’ and Girls’ Swim teams under the direction of coach, Steve Anderson, will travel to Fresno to compete in the CIF Central Section swim relays. These student/athletes have earned the opportunity to compete against teams from Central and Northern California.

The twenty-five male and thirty female student/athletes will be accompanied by four male and five female adult chaperones. Transportation will be provided by OUSD and the expense will be paid by the Aquatic Boosters. The group will be housed at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites and the total cost is \$100 with scholarships available. The students will miss one school day and there is no substitute required.

Orange High School – Key Club – Sacramento, CA – April 18 – 20, 2008

Orange High School Key Club under the direction of advisor Elsa Arrellano, will travel to Sacramento to participate in the 62nd Annual Key Club District Convention. The students will attend workshops, participate in caucus sessions for district office candidates, as well as meet new Key Club members from California, Nevada, and Hawaii. The twenty female and eight male students will be accompanied by one female and one male adult chaperone. Supervision will also be provided by other adult Key Club advisors on site. The group will travel by Certified Transportation Bus arranged through Kiwanis. The students and advisor will stay at the Hyatt Regional Hotel. The total cost of the trip is \$300 and scholarships are available. The students will miss one school day and no substitute will be required

Orange High School – Future Farmers Association – Fresno, CA – April 19 -22, 2008

Orange High School FFA under the direction of advisor, Patti Williams, will travel to Fresno to participate in a state level Leadership Conference. The students will attend workshops, team building events as well as self awareness and self-esteem building classes. The five female and six male students will be accompanied by two female and one male adult chaperone. Transportation will be provided by the OUSD agriculture truck with drivers having an OUSD approved driver certificate on file prior to this trip. The group will be housed at the Picadilly Inn University in Fresno. The cost of this trip is \$200 per student, scholarships are available. The students will miss two school days and a substitute will be required. The cost of the substitute will be funded by the Perkins Agricultural Grant.

Item 14.N. 2008 Summer School Program

The Board authorized the 2008 Summer School Program. See attached.

Item 14.O. Vocational and Applied Technology Act Tech Prep Consortium-Sub Contract Agreement

The Board approved the Vocational and Applied Technology Act Tech Prep Consortium Subcontract Agreement for the 2007-08 school year.

Item 14.P. Course Approvals: Introduction to Chinese/Summer Course, Chinese I, Link Crew Leadership

The Board approved the above-described courses presented by the District's Curriculum Council.

Item 14.Q. School Readiness Program: Orange Children and Parents Together Preschool for 2008-09

The Board authorized the superintendent or designee to approve the School Readiness Program: OCPT Preschool for Taft Elementary for the 2008/09 school year and authorize entering into an agreement with OCPT to implement this project.

Item 14.R. Community Based English Tutoring (CBET) Grant – Intent to Re-Apply

The Board authorized staff to submit the Community Based English Tutoring Program Grant application for the 2008-09 school year.

Item 14.S. Textbook Adoptions – 30-Day Review by Public

The Board placed the attached list of textbooks on display for the 30-day review period and be considered for adoption at the April 17th Board meeting.

Item 14.T. California High School Exit Exam Waiver: Student I.D. No. 225034

The Board authorized the superintendent or designee to grant this CAHSEE waiver as presented.

Item 14.U. California High School Exit Exam Waiver: Student I.D. No. 269252

The Board authorized the superintendent or designee to grant this CAHSEE waiver as presented.

Item 14.V. Expulsion of Student: Case No. 07-08-27

The Board upheld the recommendation of administrative staff.

Item 14.W. Contract Services Report – Pupil Services

The Board approved the Contract Services Report – Pupil Services as presented.

CHILDREN’S LEARNING CONNECTION, INC.

The services of Children’s Learning Connection, Inc., may be required in the areas of occupational and physical therapy. Assessments for the pupil services department during the 2007-08 school year.

Special Education not-to-exceed \$5,000

NATHAN HUNTER, PH.D.

The services of Nathan Hunter, licensed psychologist, are required to conduct independent educational evaluations for special education students during the 2007/2008 school year.

Special Education not-to-exceed \$6,000

SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT #349842

As the result of an IPE, the District will reimburse parent for one-way transportation of a special education student beginning January 2008 for the remainder of the 2007/2008 school year.

Special Education not-to-exceed \$540

LAW OFFICE OF JACK H. ANTHONY

As the result of a settlement in OAH Case No. N2007100003, the District will reimburse the parents for attorneys’ fees and costs upon presentation of itemized billing statements.

Special Education not-to-exceed \$9,500

Item 14.X. Special Education Non-Public Schools & Designated Instructional Services 2007-08

The Board authorized non-public school/agency placement for the student identification numbers listed on the attached report.

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Non-Agenda Items

There were no speakers.

16. OTHER BUSINESS (Board/Staff Conference and Comments)


Mr. Rocco stated that he attended the February 20th Legislative Coalition meeting. He inquired as to the status of Legislative Coalition with regard to their statement that they are preparing.

Dr. Godley responded that it was his understanding that the consensus of LegCo is going to draft a statement of who they believe they are and how they believe they should operate before they bring that to the Board. Once the statement is prepared, it will be presented to the Board of Education.

Mrs. Moffat commented that she has been a member of PTA for 25 years and that she remains active in the organization because it stands for what's best for children and families. Mrs. Moffat has been a volunteer advocate for the state PTA. Currently, she is state vice president for community concerns and continues to be a volunteer for PTA. She expressed pride to be a part of PTA and is proud of her fellow PTA volunteers.

17. ADJOURNMENT

By call of the chair, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p. m.



Kimberlee Nichols
Clerk of the Board