

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

**Thursday • January 17, 2013
• Regular Meeting •**

**None • Closed Session
7:00 P.M. • Regular Session**

MINUTES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board President Surridge called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

Board Members present: Deligianni, Moffat, Ortega, Singer, Surridge, Wayland

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

No Speakers

4. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session

5. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Surridge called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Surridge invited the audience to join together in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

7. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION DECISIONS

Closed Session was not held.

8. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Wayland asked to move the Information Item, School Safety Preparedness, to follow the minutes.

Motion No. 51

It was moved by Mrs. Singer, seconded by Mrs. Moffat, and carried by a vote of 6-0-1 (Absent: Ledesma) to adopt the January 17, 2013 agenda and to move the information item, School Safety Preparedness, to follow the minutes.

Mr. Ledesma arrived at 7:05 p.m.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Item 9.A. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Christensen commented on the seminar he attended at the Orange County Department of Education – *Transformational Change in Education* – an informative, worthwhile seminar. Additional OUSD staff members attended as well. He added that the District is as progressive as any other school district with regards to Common Core.

He shared that as a result of the good work that goes on Educational Services, a second school has been nominated for Blue Ribbon status – Sycamore Elementary School.

Mr. Christensen remarked on the Mandarin Dual Language Immersion Program orientation meeting held last night at the District Office. Mrs. Moffat also attended. Helen Chung Lu, Principal at Fletcher, presented a power point presentation. It was an informational meeting for parents of incoming kindergartners. The District is one of only two dual language Mandarin immersion programs in Orange County.

Item 9.B. Board Presidents Report

Mr. SurrIDGE remarked on his hopes for the District over the course of this next year. He hopes that the Board will look at the OUSD facilities and identify areas where the learning environments can be improved. There is a real need for investment in regards to OUSD schools. That investment comes from the local community that has the obligation to maintain schools in a way that make them stellar facilities for both teachers and students. Ultimately, Mr. SurrIDGE hopes that the Board does a better job of identifying funds and what is required beyond the funds to make certain that we are competitive amongst our peer cities to ensure that student needs are provided.

Mr. SurrIDGE noted that during his school visits, especially to the elementary schools, that there was unused acreage at various sites. He would like to see the acreage used to benefit the community as well as the schools.

Another area that interests Mr. SurrIDGE is the governing size of school boards. He noted that most of the school districts in Orange County have five-member governing boards; OUSD has seven members. It is an area he would like to look into over the course of the year.

Additionally, Mr. SurrIDGE noted that there is a need for discussion regarding Board Governance as it relates to how the Board deals with the Superintendent, how to engage with fellow board members, and how to be cohesive in terms of the District's vision. This would be a positive and important step as the Board continues to engage in facilities conversations and the need for a bond. Having an opportunity to interact has great merit.

Mr. SurrIDGE summarized his remarks by stating that he looks forward to the upcoming year. There are many exciting things happening in the District and he hopes the Board can be an asset in the process of getting the word out to the community.

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

Mrs. Moffat shared her recollection of former Superintendent Thomas A. Godley, Ed.D., who passed away on December 24, 2012. She read a prepared statement and recognized Dr. Godley for his dedication and service to Orange Unified School District. Mrs. Moffat asked for a moment of silence.

A moment of silence was held in recognition of Dr. Godley.

Item 9.C(i). Outstanding Employee of the Month

The Board of Education recognized Patricia Lemke, Career Guidance Technician for the Workability Program, as the recipient of the Outstanding Customer Service Award for the month of January. On behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. Surridge presented a Certificate of Recognition to Ms. Lemke and expressed appreciation for her dedication to the students of the District.

Item 9.D. Student Advisory Council to the Board of Education (SACBE) – Introduction

Brian Cully, SACBE Representative from Canyon High School, presented his state of the school report which highlighted many of the clubs and educational activities that provide community services. There are over 30 clubs at Canyon High School. Brian commented on the importance of clubs and their impact on the community.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None to approve

13. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item 13.A. School Safety Preparedness

Goal No. 3 of the District's Strategic Plan is *Safe and Welcoming Schools* – "Students will learn and staff will work in a safe and welcoming environment." Educational Services staff provided information on School Safety Preparations and how they are being practiced in Orange Unified Schools. Mike Pollok, Director of Student and Community Services, presented a power point presentation highlighting strategy implementation. See attached presentation.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: Non-Agenda Items

No Speakers

12. ACTION ITEMS

Item 12.A. Proclamation of the Board of Education Honoring Fairhaven Elementary School as a National Blue Ribbon School

In October 2012, Fairhaven Elementary School received the National Blue Ribbon School Award for producing outstanding student achievement results for six consecutive years as an Exemplary Improving School. Fairhaven is the first National Blue Ribbon School for Orange Unified School District.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools program recognizes schools in one of two performance categories. The first category is "Exemplary High Performing," in which schools are recognized among their state's highest performing schools, as measured by state assessments. The second category is "Exemplary Improving," where at least 40 percent of students are from disadvantaged backgrounds and demonstrate the most progress in improving student achievement levels, as measured by state assessments. Fairhaven Elementary School was recognized in the Exemplary Improving Schools category.

A National Blue Ribbon School has become a trademark of Excellence in Education. The Board of Education will present Fairhaven Elementary School with a proclamation in recognition of significant improvements made in students' levels of academic achievement and learning at an awards ceremony on January 24, 2013 at Fairhaven Elementary.

Motion No. 52

It was moved by Mr. Ortega, seconded by Mrs. Singer, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the Proclamation for Fairhaven Elementary School in recognition of being awarded the distinction as a National Blue Ribbon School.

Item 12.B. Educational Services: Proposed Revisions to Board Policies – First Reading

The District's Board policies are reviewed and updated periodically. As new state and federal laws and regulations are enacted, affected policies must be revised or updated. The following Board Policies were presented for a first reading:

- BP 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures
- BP 3260 Pupil Fees (New)

The Board received Educational Services' proposed Board Policy revisions as noted above for a first reading.

Item 12.C. Board of Education: Proposed Revisions to Board Bylaws – First Reading

The District's Board policies and bylaws are reviewed and updated periodically. As new state and federal laws and regulations are enacted, affected policies must be revised or updated. The following Board Bylaw was presented for a first reading:

- BB 9321 Closed Session Purposes and Agendas

The Board received Board Bylaw 9321 revisions for a first reading.

Item 12.D. Resolution No. 13-12-13 Declaring Intent to Sell Surplus Real Property – Silverado Site

Speakers

Chaylynn Peterson, a representative of the former group, "Save our School – Silverado Elementary," noted that there have been conversations with the Orange County Supervisors to secure the Children's Center to serve the day care and afterschool needs of the community. Additionally, an

interest was expressed to allow the Silverado community use of the site for community events. In moving forward, Ms. Peterson asked, that their group be considered to participate at the negotiations table whenever possible. She suggested that a one acre area on the site could be utilized as community gardens as well as a potential site for the Silverado Library. Currently, the Silverado Library is an Orange Public Library on an unsecured lease.

Mr. Christensen responded that as the Board makes a decision about this property, a meeting can be coordinated between the County of Orange, the District, and interested community members.

Introduction

Evaluation and disposal of surplus property is identified as a strategy under the “Efficient Use of Resources” area of the three-year strategic plan. In keeping with the strategic plan, a District Advisory Committee was convened for the purpose of studying potential surplus properties and making recommendations to the Board of Education. The Board received a report from the Committee on September 13, 2012 that stated in part, “The Silverado property will not be needed in the future for school facilities and should be considered surplus.” The Board’s action will officially declare the Silverado site as surplus and authorize staff to offer the property for sale at fair market value to the priority entities in keeping the requirements of Education Code 17464.

Motion No. 53

It was moved by Mr. Ortega, seconded by Mr. Wayland, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve Resolution No. 13-12-13, declaring the Silverado site surplus and offering the same for sale at fair market value to the priority entities in compliance with Education Code 17464.

Item 12.E. Board Member Request: Reconsideration of 2013 Calendar of Regular Board Meetings

At the December 13, 2012 Annual Organizational Meeting, the Board of Education approved a calendar of Regular Board meetings for 2013 as follows:

January 17	July 25
February 21	August 15
March 14	September 12
April 18	October 17
May 9	November 14
June 6	December 12

Should the need arise for additional meetings, placeholder dates are as follows:

March 28
May 23
October 3

Mrs. Moffat requested the Board reconsider the calendar of meetings for 2013 to include two regular meetings per month, with exceptions made for summer months and for short months, such as December and April. Exact proposed dates are to be determined based on availability of Board members, and brought back for calendar adoption at the first meeting in February.

Mrs. Moffat stated that she is bringing this item forward mainly because of concerns expressed that there has not been enough time for the Board to discuss important matters nor to receive information. She believes that the Board would benefit if there was more time to spend together discussing the important items that come forward.

Motion No. 54

It was moved by Mrs. Moffat to approve February 7th as a meeting date and authorize staff to work with Board members to settle upon a revised calendar of board meeting dates to be approved at the February 7th meeting.

Motion No. 54 failed due to the lack of a second.

13. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

This item was moved for presentation following Approval of Minutes.

14. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion No. 55

It was moved by Mr. Ortega, seconded by Mr. Wayland, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the consent items.

Item 14.A. Gifts

The following item and attached list of cash donations totaling \$65,558.32 was donated to the District for use as indicated. A letter of appreciation will be forwarded to the benefactors.

- 70 task chairs to be used as needed, donated by Xerox Corporation

Item 14.B Purchase Orders

The Board approved the Purchase Order List dated November 12 through December 31, 2012, in the amount of \$2,306,338.17. See attached Purchase Orders Lists.

Item 14.C. Warrants List

The Board approved the Warrants List November 12 through December 31, 2012, in the amount of \$11,154,567.40. See attached Warrants List.

Item 14.D. Personnel Report

The Board approved the attached Personnel Report.

Item 14.E. Contract Services Report – Educational Services

The following contract services were approved:

JACQUE NUNEZ, *Acjachemen Nation*

Jacque Nunez, 2009 Native American Teacher of the year, Storyteller and Workshop Presenter of the Acjachemen Nation, will present to the Orange Unified School District Title VII Native American Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting in January 2013. The presentation will consist of

information regarding Tribal Federal Recognition and what it means to the Tribe. Ms. Nunez will also provide additional Dream Catcher workshop assistance for attendees. Fiscal impact will be the expenditure of restricted categorical fund monies.

Title VII (Native American).....not to exceed.....\$490

SCHOLASTIC READING COUNTS

Scholastic Reading Counts!, a lexile-based independent reading program, is providing 100 additional Scholastic Reading Counts Server Student Licenses for Imperial Elementary. This is a one-time fee of \$1.00 per student. These licenses entitle Imperial Elementary to add an additional 100 students to the K-12 *Scholastic Reading Counts!* software-based, reading assessment program. This program helps to develop independent reading skills and to motivate students to read fiction and nonfiction books.

Educational Technologies.....not-to-exceed.....\$555

LAW OFFICES OF MAUREEN GRAVES

As the result of an agreement, the District will pay for attorneys' fees and other expenses.

Special Education not-to-exceed.. . . . \$8,000

SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT #280187

The District will reimburse parents for attorney's fees and legal costs.

Special Education not-to-exceed.. . . . \$30,000

Item 4.F. Study Trips

The following study trips were approved by the Board of Education:

Anaheim Hills Elementary – 6th Grade Class – Forest Center – Forest Falls – Outdoor Science School – March 4 - 8, 2013

The sixth grade students from Anaheim Hills Elementary School, under the supervision of teachers Jeff Hawley, Christopher Tanioka, and Cass Clagg, as well as trained Orange County Department of Education camp staff, will participate in the Outdoor Science School Program. This five-day program provides students an opportunity to explore established trails, investigate geological features, observe wildlife and compare plan adaptations. Students will study the night sky through telescopes, participate in line and folk dances, create and perform science and nature skits. The curriculum at the camp is aligned with the California Science Content Standards and the California Science Framework. Transportation to and from event will be provided by OUSD Transportation. The cost per student is \$425 and no student is prevented from making the field trip due to lack of sufficient funds per Education Code 35330(b), 35331. There is no impact to the general fund.

El Modena High School – Girls Varsity Softball Team – Bullhead City, AZ - March 7-9, 2013

El Modena High's Girls Varsity Softball Team, under the supervision of counselor Steve Harrington, will travel to Bullhead City to participate in the Tournament of Champions Softball Tournament. El Modena High is one of forty state ranked and/or nationally ranked teams invited. College coaches are present to evaluate, recruit, and offer scholarships. The seventeen female students will be accompanied by fifteen female and six male adult chaperones. Chaperones and students will stay at the Tropicana Express Hotel. Parents will provide transportation for their student and any parent driving a student other than their own will have an OUSD Driver Certification on file prior to this

trip. There is no cost to the students for this trip. Students will miss two days of school. A substitute is not required

Panorama Elementary – 5th Grade Class – Catalina Island – Toyon Bay – Catalina Island Marine Institute – March 20-22, 2013

The fifth grade students from Panorama Elementary School, under the supervision of teachers Dana Encheff and Richard Ireland, as well as trained CIMI staff, will travel to Catalina Island Marine Institute. The students will be accompanied by two adult chaperones. The program focuses on hands on experiences in Science. This includes a combination of labs, aquariums and touch tanks on land as well as snorkeling, kayaking and collecting data in the field. Students and teachers will learn about the many ecosystems of the island and ocean and get to see and touch a whole range of fish, algae, sharks and rays. Transportation to and from event will be provided by OUSD Transportation. The cost per student is \$350, and no student is prevented from making the field trip due to lack of sufficient funds per Education Code 35330(b), 35331. There is no impact to the general fund.

Villa Park High School – Drama Department - Upland, CA - March 22-24, 2013

Villa Park High's Drama Department, under the supervision of teacher Stacy Castiglione, will travel to Upland to participate in the California State Thespian Festival. Students get the opportunity to have their performances adjudicated by professionals, audition for college programs and scholarships, and participate in a variety of workshops. The fourteen female and twelve male students will be accompanied by two female and one male adult chaperones. Transportation will be provided by OUSD bus. Chaperones and students will stay at the Holiday Inn. The total cost per student is \$260 and no student is prevented from making the field trip due to lack of sufficient funds per Educational Code 35330(b), 35331. The students will miss one day of school. A substitute will be required.

Villa Park High School – Boys Golf Team – Bandon, Oregon, – April 1–8, 2013

Villa Park High's Boys Golf Team, under the supervision of teacher Chris Salio, will travel to Bandon, Oregon to participate in the exclusive Bandon Dunes golf tournament. The students will have the opportunity to play quality golfers from throughout the United States. College golf coaches will be present to evaluate and offer scholarships. The eight male students will be accompanied by two male adult chaperones. Air transportation will be provided by Continental Airlines from John Wayne Airport. Chaperones and students will stay at a rented private residence. The cost per student is \$1,000 and no student is prevented from making the field trip due to lack of sufficient funds per Educational Code 35330(b), 35331. The students will not miss any school days. A substitute is not required.

Fletcher Elementary - 6th Grade Class – Irvine Ranch – Outdoor Science School – June 3 - 6, 2013

The sixth grade students from Fletcher Elementary, under the supervision of teacher Cindy Ottens, as well as trained Irvine Ranch camp staff, will participate in the Irvine Ranch's Outdoor Science School program. This four-day program provides students an opportunity to explore established trails, investigate geological features, observe wildlife and compare plant adaptations. The curriculum at the camp is aligned with the California Science Content Standards and the California Science Framework. Transportation to and from program will be provided by OUSD Transportation. The cost per student is \$300, and no student is prevented from making the field trip due to lack of sufficient funds per Education Code 35330(b), 35331. There is no impact to the general fund.

Item 14.G. Second Quarter Report of Uniform Complaints for the Williams and Valenzuela Case Settlements

No Uniform Complaints have been reported during the second quarter.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT: Non-Agenda Items

None

17. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Ledesma commented on potential Proposition 30 funds. He suggested that these funds be processed back into the District in the order that they were cut. Programs and/or individuals that were cut first should have funding reinstated first.

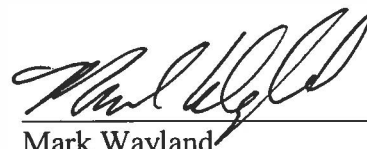
It was noted that some of the programs may be cost-prohibitive to reinstate and that it would be a good idea to see a report of what was cut and when.

Mr. Wayland cautioned against allocating one-time money. The facilities are in great need of modernization. He is hesitant to reinstate programs that have an ongoing cost that may need to be pulled again. Mr. Ledesma concurred.

Mrs. Moffat commented that she was disappointed that the Board had no interest in providing itself with more time for discussions. In her view, the calendar of meetings is not sufficient to conduct the business of the District.

18. ADJOURNMENT

By call of the chair, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.



Mark Wayland
Clerk of the Board