

**ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION • REGULAR MEETING
Canyon High School • Cafeteria
220 Imperial Highway • Anaheim, California**

*Teleconference with Kathryn Moffat
Hilton Arden West
2200 Harvard Street, Lobby
Sacramento, CA 95815*

**Thursday • February 20, 2014
5:00 P.M. • Closed Session
6:00 P.M. • Regular Session**

MINUTES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Vice President Deligianni called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

Board members present: Deligianni, Ledesma, Surrridge, Wayland

Board members absent: Moffat, Ortega, Singer

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the following items:

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT/DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Properties: 1) Former Killefer School located at 541 N. Lemon Street, Orange;
2) Former Peralta School located at 2190 N. Canal Street, Orange; 3) Former
Riverdale School located at 4540 E. Riverdale Avenue, Anaheim; 4) Walnut
Avenue site located adjacent south of Santiago Middle School, Orange

Agency Negotiators: Michael Christensen; Joe Sorrera; Constance Schwindt,
Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

Purpose: Instructions to negotiators will concern terms and conditions for possible
sale of sites

Board members Ortega and Singer arrived during closed session.

5. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Ortega called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

7. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION DECISIONS

Mr. Christensen stated that the Board of Education authorized the Superintendent or designee to give notice of non-reelection to three probationary certificated employees for the next succeeding school year. The vote was 5-0-2 (Absent: Singer, Moffat).

Mr. Ortega noted that Mrs. Moffat would be participating in the open meeting via teleconferencing from Sacramento, at the address noted above. As required, all votes for the meeting will be roll call votes.

8. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion No. 67

It was moved by Mr. Wayland, seconded by Mr. Surridge, and carried by a vote of 6-0-1 (absent: Moffat) to adopt the February 20, 2014 agenda.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Item 9.A. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Christensen thanked everyone for attending the meeting and encouraged those who have not yet filled out the Facilities Master Plan Community survey to complete and submit it to the Superintendent's Office, adding that the survey can also be found on the District's website. He emphasized that community input is important.

Item 9.B. Board Presidents Report

Mr. Ortega expressed appreciation to the audience for attending the meeting and added that the involvement of the community is huge. He thanked the Board for agreeing to his suggestion to move the Board meetings to each individual high school so that those who participated in the master plan for the school will be able to provide input. He stated, "It is important to go to the community to hear from the community more often."

Mr. Ortega thanked Principal Kimberly Fricker and her staff for the hard work put in to host the meeting at Canyon High School.

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

Mr. Wayland noted that Walt Ehlers, a World War II Medal of Honor recipient, passed away. Mr. Ehlers was the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient who stormed Omaha Beach on D-Day.

Item 9.D. State of the School Report – El Rancho Charter Middle School

Student representatives from El Rancho Charter Middle School presented their state of the school report. Music performances included the El Rancho Charter School Percussion Team under the direction of Mr. Dave Bartel and the El Rancho Charter School Band under the direction of Mrs. Sandy Streeter as well as the String Orchestra.

Mrs. Moffat called at 6:15 p.m. to teleconference.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: Non-Agenda Items

Speakers

Royce Mizoguchi, ASB President at Canyon High School, spoke on behalf of the students and thanked the Board for having the meeting at CHS. He stated that the entire Comanche community is excited to finalize the proposals regarding the high school facilities master plans.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 12.A. High School Facilities Needs Assessments and Master Planning Update – Canyon High School

Canyon High School Principal Kimberly Fricker provided an introduction to this item and introduced gkkworks Architects. The Board received information from gkkworks Architecture on the master plan development process and the outcome of such a process for Canyon High School.

Speakers

The following speakers spoke in support of a facilities bond and modernization of the high schools:

1. Michelle Gabbard
2. Jim Gabbard
3. Jeff Stoddard
4. Brad Graham
5. Andrea Yamasaki
6. Cindy Olivier
7. Thomas Wagner Luke Pope, Paul Lup (Anaheim Hills NJB basketball players)
8. Erik Kuli
9. Seth Itow
10. Gordon Itow
11. Nicolette Gardner
12. Mari Montgomery

Board Discussion

Mr. Surridge stated that he consulted with Mr. Christensen and also with Mr. Ortega and stated that he would like to see a polling firm and a bond consultant on the next meeting agenda.

Mr. Ortega stated that he supported and echoed the same thoughts as the community speakers

and noted that he, too, is in favor of a facilities bond.

The Board members expressed appreciation to the architects for their presentation and followed up with various questions and comments.

13. ACTION ITEMS

Item 13.A. Resolution No. 16-13-14 Authorizing the Sale of District Real Property, Finding the Sale of District Property Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, and Approving the Filing and Recordation of a Notice of Exemption – Riverdale Elementary School Site

Introduction

Mr. Sorrrera introduced this item. Evaluation and disposal of surplus property is identified as a strategy under the “Efficient Use of Resources” area of the strategic plan. In keeping with the strategic plan, a District Advisory Committee was convened for the purpose of studying potential surplus properties and providing recommendations to the Board of Education. The Board received a report from the Committee on September 13, 2012 that stated in part, “The Riverdale property will not be needed in the future for school facilities and should be considered surplus.”

At the October 24, 2013 meeting, the Board of Education adopted Resolution 07-13-14 declaring Riverdale site surplus.

This evening’s action will authorize staff to offer the property for sale at no less than the minimum bid of fifteen million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$15,900,000). However, the Board may also consider counteroffers if no conforming bid proposals are received. The bid option will be held on August 13, 2014, at the District office where the proposals will be opened and declared.

After sealed proposals are opened, all bids will be called. Final acceptance of the highest or successful bid will be made at the August 14, 2014 Board meeting at which time the Board of Education may also reject all bids.

Motion No. 68

It was moved by Mr. Surr ridge and seconded by Mr. Wayland to approve Resolution No. 16-13-14, authorizing the sale of District real property, finding the sale of District property exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, and approving the filing and recordation of a notice of exemption.

Speakers

Stanley Stills, former OUSD parent and resident of Orange urged the Board to come to the public with a strategic and comprehensive plan regarding the surplus properties. He questioned the Board’s approach to the District’s surplus properties. He stated that he is opposed to selling the Peralta Site and thanked the Board for reversing its decision on developing the site.

Michelle Gabler urged the Board to sell the Riverdale site – “it’s a rundown campus” – and fix the

schools now that have dire needs. She stated that the District does not need another elementary school, noting that the Board has been slow to act upon anything.

Gentleman speaker (no name provided) stated that he is against selling the Riverdale Site and that a strategic plan needs to be developed to help the community, students, and District as a whole.

Board Discussion

Mr. Ledesma stated that building a surplus property fund is a step toward investing in our schools for the children in the District. He does not anticipate the District will have a need for any of the properties in the future, if ever. He stated that to not sell the properties, but to increase property taxes through a bond, is irresponsible. He supports selling the surplus properties.

Mrs. Singer stated that she very vested in the City of Anaheim and that the community is neighbored-centric. The schools and parks tie directly to the neighborhoods making Anaheim unique. She stated that she is against selling the Riverdale site because the Canyon Hills School could be relocated to Riverdale. Canyon High School could then utilize the vacated Canyon Hills site. Mrs. Singer stated that the Anaheim community needs to be preserved. She added that the houses that would be built on the Riverdale site if it were sold, would lower the values of the existing homes. She stated that the sale of the neighborhood to cover the schools is not the right solution.

Mr. Surridge stated that two reports, one in 2004 and one in 2008, declared these properties as surplus. There have been demographic studies, five in the last ten years. The schools are under-capacity and there is no money in the general fund to reopen Riverdale School. He added that this District does not have the luxury to sit on things when there is so much need. He urged the Board to show the communities that this Board is dedicated to using every resource possible to improve schools.

Dr. Deligianni-Brydges asked questions regarding the possible development of the property and stated that she is against the development of high density housing.

Mrs. Moffat commented that she thinks it is important to look into the future and make sure that decisions made today don't hamper future needs in the future. She does not believe it is advisable to let go of property that may be needed in the future.

Mr. Ortega stated that budget cuts have compelled the Board to do what was necessary to keep students educated every day. The decisions made in cutting the budget were not easy, especially closing schools. He noted that when it came time to close Riverdale, not one individual spoke against the closing. Financially, it wasn't fiscally prudent to keep the school operational. He stated that the District does not have the money to repair existing schools let alone build a new one. He implored the Board to look at this item rationally and let the city do their function.

Motion No. 68 carried by a carried by a roll call vote of 5-2 (No: Moffat, Singer) to approve the sale of the Riverdale site.

Mrs. Moffat ended the telephone conference at 8:57 p.m.

12. Continued – INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item 12.B. Automated External Defibrillators (AED) Program – Overview

At the October 24, 2013 Board meeting, staff was directed to move forward with the implementation of an Automated External Defibrillators (AED) program. The AED Committee, comprised of representatives from the Education Services, Health Services, Risk Management and Purchasing Departments, interviewed four AED companies:

- AED Authority
- CPR1
- Devices for Life
- SHOCK Saves Lives

After extensive research and consultation with neighboring districts, the AED Committee selected **Devices for Life** to assist in the development and implementation of this program. **Devices for Life** is a full service AED consulting firm headquartered in Orange County with a full range of clients across the nation including Saddleback Valley and Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School Districts.

The Board received a general overview of the selection, program management and implementation timeline for the AED program. There will ongoing work to be done with the AED program in years to come. All high school sites were walked and feedback was received from each principal regarding placement of the AED, which was weighed against the American Heart Association's 90-second rule. The rule in theory is that a person who needs emergency assistance will receive the AED within 90 seconds.

Item 12. C. Proposed Revision to Board Policy 5141, *Health Care and Emergencies*, First Reading

As a follow up to the information item presented in Item 12.B. regarding the implementation of the Automated External Defibrillators (AED) program, the following Board Policy 5141, *Health Care and Emergencies*, was presented for a first reading.

Mr. Ledesma commented that he would like to have Mitchel Cook's name added to the Board policy as in "Mitchell Cook Health Care and Emergencies Board Policy," to honor Mitchell's memory.

Item 12.D. Super Sports Golf and Recreation Center Proposal – Public Request per Board Policy 9322

The following was submitted:

"Kent Hawkins, one of the partners of Super Sports Golf and Rec Center, has requested presenting an updated idea for leasing the property on an ongoing basis. We want to provide information that may help the board look at the site in a new way, making it a more educational oriented facility while still keeping the sports. This may help pave a new idea, where several schools can have their sports as a shared resource. This will help us to pay the district additional rent over time. The proposed new name for the facility would be Super Sports and Education Center. We and the

community want to present information why this may make sense to the board."

Mr. Hawkins spoke about a potential new plan — an idea, an alternative plan – to share with the Board regarding the sports facility being leased at the Peralta Site for the past 19 years. He noted that Olive Crest shares a part of the site, currently two elementary and six high schools utilize the field for after-school programs and golf. Mr. Hawkins stated that he has been working with the neighbors to develop an alternative plan. He proposed bringing additional schools to the site at areas are under-utilized. Mr. Hawkins added that Olive Crest expressed an interest in moving their headquarters from Santa Ana to the Peralta Site. All the while, there would be parking and additional playgrounds. The golf center, tennis, indoor speed soccer, basketball would continue to be maintained.

Speakers

The following speakers spoke in support of Super Sports at the Peralta Site:

1. Todd Saukkola, instructor at Super Sports and golf coach at Canyon High School, noted that students utilize the property for golf practice.
2. Spencer Strobel, OUSD student, commented on the importance of golf in life and added that he utilizes the center to practice golf. It is a unique site.
3. Kiana Kikuchi, OUSD Student, Captain of the Canyon High School girl's golf team stated that the Super Sports Center means a lot to her and her team.
4. Pat Pohlen, CHS golf coach, spoke on the importance of golf and the use of the Super Sports Center throughout the year.
5. Nina Coull, teacher at Olive Crest, stated that she would like to bring their facility to the Peralta Site and continue to serve the children in OUSD.

Daveen Meyers, OUSD parent, spoke in support of the high school facilities master plan and a school bond. She stated that she supports selling all OUSD surplus properties, including the Peralta Site as opposed to maintaining it as a sports center. The District has urgent needs and the District needs to put as much resources as possible toward upgrading its facilities. She urged the Board to sell the Peralta Site and put the resources toward the dire needs of the District facilities.

Mike Learakos stated that is "thrilled" that the Board and his neighbors are on board with a bond. He stated that the Board needs to eliminate every obstacle to passing a bond. He stated that there is too much misinformation in the community and that facts need to be promoted.

Lissa Smith, former school board member, stated that future property development of the surplus properties is the responsibility of the cities for zoning, not the responsibility of OUSD. She added that school districts are charged with aiding and implementing policies that will benefit the education of the student for which they serve. She encouraged the Board to recognize their duties and responsibilities and not confuse them with the duties and responsibilities of the cities and recognize

that decisions on land use is not a part of their scope unless it relates directly to the educational needs of the students.

Board Discussion

Mr. Surridge questioned Mr. Hawkins regarding his proposed plan for the Super Sports Center and the Peralta Site. Mr. Ledesma followed up with additional questions for Mr. Hawkins. Mrs. Singer expressed concern at the “tenor” of the questioning. Mr. Ortega noted that there was no written proposal presented and therefore, the Board has the opportunity to ask questions of the person proposing the verbal plan.

Mr. Ortega asked that Mr. Hawkins provide a written plan/draft proposal to Mr. Christensen for review.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT: Non-Agenda Items

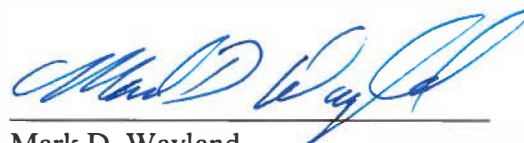
No speakers

17. OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Singer shared that she has been talking with the Anaheim Fire Department to bring goats to Anaheim Elementary School to clear the dry brush on the slope behind the school. Presented at a school assembly, she thinks that that this would be a great environmental learning experience for the students.

18. ADJOURNMENT

By call of the chair, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.



Mark D. Wayland
Clerk of the Board