ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education – Special Meeting
1401 N. Handy Street, Building H
Orange, CA 92867

Thursday, July 14, 2016
6:00 p.m. – Open Session

M I N U T E S

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
   The Board of Education met for a special meeting on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at the Education Center, 1401 N. Handy Street. Mr. Ledesma called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM
   Board members present: Deligianni, Ledesma, Moffat, Surridge, Wayland, Yamasaki
   Board members absent: Ortega

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
   Mr. Ledesma invited the audience to join together in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion No. 1
It was moved by Dr. Deligianni, seconded by Mr. Wayland, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to adopt the July 14th agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Speakers

Reggie Mundekis stated she appreciates the polling that has taken place but is also aware of what is crafted by polls. She commented that it is unacceptable to split up the District with SFID bonds and that the Board needs to first build confidence in the District. She is concerned that this [proposed measure] is not ready for “prime time.”

6. INFORMATION ITEM

Item 6.A. School Facilities Assessment and Planning Project Update – Poll Results

The Board of Education continuously receives regular updates from consultants and staff in an effort to determine the feasibility for a school bond on the November 2016 election. If a school facility bond is determined to be feasible, the Board may take action to place a measure on the ballot.

On June 9, 2016, the Board approved a contract with True North Research to conduct a statistically reliable survey of voters in the District to assess the feasibility of placing a bond measure on the November 2016 ballot. The objective of the survey is to track the support of a bond measure and identify how to structure a measure so that it is consistent with the community’s priorities.
Dr. Tim McLarney, President of True North Research, presented the methodology, results, and conclusion of that effort. Dr. McLarney has been doing polling for the District since the election in 2014. He concluded that while the latest polling results provide a compelling argument on behalf of going forward with SFIDs, the support for the District-wide bond was slightly higher.

**Discussion**

Mr. Ledesma stated that the Board needs to give consent direction to staff which option to go with because there are documents to be prepared for next week’s meeting if the Board is to take a vote to put a measure on the ballot (one week away).

Mr. Christensen explained the options. If the Board decides to call for a District-wide election, then we would tell the Registrar of Voters to stop working on the SFID maps. If the Board decides to go with SFIDs, then SFIDs need to be formed – two resolutions, one each to form the SFIDs 1 and 2. The second resolution calling for the election in each of those. There would be four resolutions, tax rates need to be established for each resolution. Mr. Christensen agreed that anything to bring the options down to a more manageable level would be helpful.

Mrs. Moffat commented that this is an information item and giving direction to staff indicates action on an important decision that has not been announced to the public.

Mr. Ledesma responded that direction can appropriately be provided to the Board adding that the public has been made fully aware of the proposed measure. Additionally, this is a time-sensitive issue. He stated that there are different scenarios and Mr. Christensen needs direction on which scenario to proceed with. There is a lot of documentation that needs to be prepared including establishing a tax rate. In consideration of staff, preparation of next week’s Board agenda, and filing deadlines, time is running out for having everything in order.

Following Board member comments in disagreement with Mr. Ledesma’s request for providing direction to staff, Mr. Ledesma stated that he would work with Mr. Christensen to put together the July 21 agenda. The July 21 agenda will be composed of the many different scenarios as has been discussed.

Mr. Christensen stated that he would work with legal counsel with whatever the Board decides for a tax rate, then work with the financial analyst to have the numbers drawn up to be inserted into the documents so the Board can take their action. There will be a resolution for a district-wide general obligation bond; a public hearing and resolution to form SFID No. 1; a public hearing and resolution to form SFID No. 2; a resolution to call for the election in SFID No. 1; and a resolution to call for the election in SFID No. 2.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

By call of the President, the special meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Kathryn A. Moffat  
Clerk of the Board