



MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
January 4, 2023

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES

WELCOME

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Orange County Board of Education was called to order by Board President Sparks at 4:04 p.m., January 4, 2023 in the Board Room, 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, California and via YouTube live stream.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Jorge Valdes, Esq.  
Tim Shaw  
Lisa Sparks, Ph.D.  
Mari Barke  
Ken L. Williams, D.O.

AGENDA

Motion by Williams, seconded by Barke, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the agenda of the Regular meeting of January 4, 2023 with the following amendments:

-move Proposed Board Policy regarding Parental Rights to Board Recommendations, new item #11  
-move Sunburst Video (Wellness Center) to Communication/Information/Discussion, after discussion on Contract for Equity in OC

MINUTES

Motion by Williams, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a vote 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of December 14, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (related to Closed Session) - None

The Board took a recess from 4:09 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Board did not go into closed session at this meeting.

CLOSED SESSION 1

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION- Orange County Board of Education v. Newsom Case Number 30-2021-01233170 - Government Code §§ 54956.9(a) and (d)(1)

CLOSED SESSION 2

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION Orange County Board of Education v. OC Superintendent of Schools, Al Mijares, and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond Case No 30-2019-01112665-CU-WM-CJC - Government Code §§ 54956.9(a) and (d)(1)

CLOSED SESSION 3

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION Orange County Board of Education v. Orange County Committee on School District Organization – Case Number 30-2022-01242499-CU-WM-CJC - Government Code §§ 54956.9(a) and (d)(1)

CLOSED SESSION 4

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION Michael Sean Wright v. Orange County Board of Education and Al Mijares, Orange County Superintendent of Schools – Case Number 30-2022-01243638-CU-WM-CJC - Government Code §§ 54956.9(a) and (d)(1)

No Closed Session at this meeting.

INVOCATION

Craig Hill  
Taft Ave Community Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Gary Davis

INTRODUCTIONS

None

Comments

Deputy Superintendent announced the Superintendent was not in attendance due to calendar conflict.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Gaston
- Nomi
- Ajay
- Gus
- Gary
- Nicole
- Cindy
- Katie
- Diane
- Mary
- Aaron
- George
- Brenda
- Anna
- Linda
- Lyndsey
- Pam
- Taxpayer
- Tanya
- Joe
- Frank
- Jose
- Jennifer
- Ada

- Dom

## PRESENTATIONS

1. Special Presentation - January National Mentoring Month, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County Mentorship, Jennifer O'Farrell, Chief External Affairs Officer. Board President Sparks presented a Certificate of Recognition to Ms. O'Farrell on behalf of the Board.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

- Motion by Barke, seconded by Valdes, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve Consent Calendar items #2, #3, #4, #5, and #6.
2. Approve the granting of diplomas to the students listed from Alternative, Community, and Correctional Education Schools and Services, Alternative Education Division.
  3. Approve new Board Meeting dates for July 2023 through June 2024.
  4. Approve invoice #3259256 in the amount of \$34,103.88 for Haight, Brown & Bonesteel LLP.
  5. Approve and sign the certificates of merit and accompanying letters for the outgoing board members.
  6. Accept the in-kind donation from Paige Montanio of SnacksOC of a snack cart for Special Education Division and send a letter of appreciation to donor.
  7. Motion by Barke, seconded by Valdes, and carried by a vote of 4-0-1 (Barke, Valdes, Sparks, and Williams voted Yes; Shaw Abstained) to approve invoice #HKSEE036766 in the amount of \$4,600.00 for Trustee Shaw's registration to attend Harvard Kennedy School's Leading Successful Programs: Using Evidence to Assess Effectiveness.

## CHARTER SCHOOLS

8. Charter submissions
  - Sycamore Creek Community Charter School
9. Charter School Public Hearing – California Republic Leadership Academy Capistrano Appeal  
Aracely Chastain, Director, Charter Schools, facilitated the public hearing.
  - Gary Davis, California Republic Leadership Academy
  - Kevin Pratt, California Republic Leadership Academy
  - Dr. Cary Johnson, Capistrano Unified School District

## PUBLIC COMMENTS (CRLA Only)

- Joanna

- Alex
- Zan
- Nate
- Michael

10. Charter School Public Hearing – Irvine International Academy Material Revision  
 Anna Day, Administrator, Charter Schools, facilitated the public hearing.  
 ▪ Stefan Bean, Irvine International Academy

PUBLIC COMMENTS (IIA Only)

- Fernando
- Jaya
- Stacey
- Ellie
- Kendra
- Annie
- Felipe

The Board took a recess from 7:19 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Item #11)

- Lynne
- Brenda

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

11. Proposed Board Policy regarding Parental Rights – Discussed
12. Board action on Contract for Equity in OC Health Implementation-Grant Agreement – Discussed  
 ▪ Video submitted by Trustee Williams

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Item #12)

- Frank
- Taxpayer
- Walter
- Lorrie
- Patty
- Richard
- Jennifer

INFORMATION ITEMS

COMMUNICATION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION  
 -Sunburst Video (Wellness Center)

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
 Deputy Superintendent

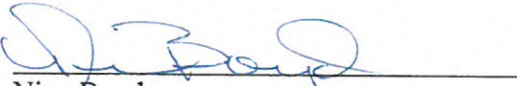
- Next regular board meeting is on February 1, 2023; submission deadline is January 18<sup>th</sup>
- Renee- Audit Report


BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Trustee Barke – Acknowledgment of parents and staff
- Trustee Valdes – Orange County School of the Arts

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made, and seconded, the board meeting of January 4, 2023 adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

  
Nina Boyd  
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education

  
Lisa Sparks, Ph.D.  
President, Board of Education

Next Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. All meetings will be held onsite at 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 with limited seating and via YouTube live stream.

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