

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 Vice President Sparks at 3:31 p.m., May 1, 2024, in the Board Room, 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, via YouTube livestream https://youtube.com/live/y_xtrqFio4I?feature=share and an alternate location at Residence Inn Sacramento Downtown at Capitol Park, 1121 15th Street, Room 723 Sacramento, CA 95814.

Board Vice President Sparks conducted the board meeting on behalf of Board President Shaw, who joined the meeting via Zoom from an alternate location in Sacramento.

ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA

Motion by Barke, seconded by Williams and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the agenda of the Regular meeting on May 1, 2024, with the removal of item #15, Charter School Public Hearing – Orange County Classical Academy from the agenda. The Orange County Classical Academy has withdrawn its material revision to add an additional facility in Orange USD.

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Motion by Barke, seconded by Valdes and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting on April 3, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (related to Closed Session) - None

The Board took a recess from 3:33 p.m. to 5:02 p.m. to go into closed session to conduct an interdistrict appeal hearing, followed by closed session items.

TIME CERTAIN

1. Inter-district Appeal Hearing (Closed) – Student #05012024001I and #05012024002I – Tustin Unified School District to Newport-Mesa Unified School District.

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Motion by Barke, seconded by Valdes and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the appeal and allow the students to attend the Newport-Mesa Unified School District for the period of one academic year (2024-2025).

Terrance Dunn, Coordinator of Educational Services, facilitated the hearing.

CLOSED SESSION 1

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 2

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Potential litigation pursuant to (d) (4) of Government Code Section 54956.9

CLOSED SESSION 3

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Potential litigation pursuant to (d) (4) of Government Code Section 54956.9

Report Out

Mr. Rolan reported the following:

- Closed Session 1, the Board received information from legal counsel, no action was taken.
- Closed Session 2, the Board gave direction to legal counsel, no action was taken.
- Closed Session 3, no action was taken other than the approval of Nielsen Merksamer invoices 264966, 266572, 268595, 269669, and 270551.

INVOCATION

Rabbi Yisroel Ciner
Beth Jacob Congregation of Irvine

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sunburst Youth Academy Color Guard Presentation of Flags
The National Anthem by Cadet Rosario
Pledge of Allegiance, led by Cadet Scott

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

2. Special Awards Presentation –Presentation of awards to the Tenth Annual Jack R. Hammett Memorial Day Essay and Art Contest participants and winners.
 - Jack Hammett Bio by Timothy Richards and Dwight Hansen of The Freedom Committee of Orange County
 - Ramon Miramontes, Ed.D. – Introductions/ Staff Acknowledgment and Program Overview
 - Analee Kredel – Announcement of Winners
 - Gabi, 3rd Place Essay Winner
 - Brynna, 3rd Place Essay Winner

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- Hieu, 2nd Place Essay Winner
- Ruby, 1st Place Essay Winner
- Emiliano, 3rd Place Art Winner
- Stacy, 2nd Place Art Winner
- Hank, 1st Place Art Winner
- Noah, 1st Place Essay Winner from Connections

The Board took a recess from 5:34 p.m. to 5:39 p.m.

3. Presentation – Sycamore Creek Fourth Grade Students
4. Presentation – Project Kinship, Steven Kim, Executive Director

INTRODUCTIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Kanan
- Lynne
- Michelle
- Gloria
- Linda
- Lorrie
- Alisha
- Hannah
- Kevin
- Tiana
- Judy
- Stephanie
- Aaron
- Mike
- Lori
- Heidi
- Galina
- Windi
- Fabiola
- Cyndie
- Karen

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Barke, seconded by Valdes and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve Consent Calendar items #6, #7, #8, #9, #11, and #13.

6. Approve the granting of diplomas to the students listed from Alternative, Community, and Correctional Education Schools and Services, Alternative Education Division.

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7. Accept a donation of \$50,000.00 from SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union on behalf of the Orange County Teachers of the Year program and send a letter of appreciation to the donor.
8. Accept the 3rd Quarter Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for Orange County Department of Education Student Programs for the period of January 1 to March 31, 2024.
9. Accept the Supervisors of Attendance of the Orange County School Districts, 2023-2024.
11. Approve invoice #3273819 in the amount of \$70,079.74 for Haight, Brown & Bonesteel LLP.
13. Approval of Board President Shaw and Vice President Sparks reimbursements for travel to Sacramento to attend the Senate Education Committee meeting regarding SB 907 on April 16, 2024.

CONSENT CALENDAR (continue)

5. Motion by Williams, seconded by Barke and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to adopt Resolution #08-24 to recognize May 27, 2024, as Memorial Day.
10. Motion by Williams, seconded by Barke and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the signing of the certificate of merit and letter of commendation for Brian Nakamura, resigning board member from the Cypress School District.
12. Motion by Williams, seconded by Barke and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to adopt the annual updated Orange Department of Education Investment Policy.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

14. Charter submissions - None
16. Charter School Public Hearing – Magnolia Science Academy Orange County
Aracely Chastain, Director, Charter Schools Unit, facilitated the public hearing.
 - Alfredo Rubalcava, Chief Executive Officer and Superintendent of Magnolia Public Schools
 - Dr. Maria Rowell, Magnolia Science Academy OC

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Item #16 Only)

- Lourdes
- Gael
- Gokhan
- Javier

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CHARTER SCHOOLS (continue)

17. Motion by Sparks, seconded by Barke and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the Magnolia Science Academy Orange County countywide charter petition.

The Board took a recess from 7:13 p.m. to 7:25 p.m.

TIME CERTAIN

18. Public Hearing – David Giordano, Associate Superintendent, Division of Administrative Services, conducted a public hearing on CSEA’s Initial Proposal to the Superintendent. The hearing was opened at 7:26 p.m. There being no input from the audience, the hearing was closed at 7:27 p.m.
19. Public Hearing – David Giordano, Associate Superintendent, Division of Administrative Services, conducted a public hearing on the Superintendent’s Initial Proposal to CSEA. The hearing was opened at 7:28 p.m. There being no input from the audience, the hearing was closed at 7:29 p.m.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

20. Motion by Williams, seconded by Barke and carried by a roll call vote of 3-0-2 (Williams, Barke, and Valdes voted Yes; Shaw and Sparks Abstained) for the approval of Board Vice President Sparks travel to Washington DC for lobbying, scheduled for May 5 – May 9, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Item #21 Only)

- Colin
- Kapil

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS (continue)

21. Motion by Williams, seconded by Sparks and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve a resolution regarding the Establishment of a Charter School Special Fund.
22. Board action on Board Member stipend – Trustee Valdes withdrew the item from the agenda.

INFORMATION ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Deputy Superintendent Renee Hendrick

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- Next board meeting is Wednesday, June 5; submission deadline is May 22; and the board packet delivery is May 31.
- Organization meeting in June or July
- Charter Schools Update – Aracely Chastain

Deputy Superintendent Ramon Miramontes, Ed.D.

- National History Day
- The 48th Annual Orange County Arts and Disability Festival
- The Orange County Civic Learning Institute Celebration
- AI Summit
- 30, 60, 90-Day ACCESS Transition Plan

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Trustee Sparks - Washington D.C. trip

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continue)

- Esplanade Quarterly Report – David Giordano

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (continue)

- Trustee Williams – SB 1380 by Senator Dodd
- Trustee Shaw – SB 907
- Trustee Sparks – SB 907

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Trustee Shaw – Superintendent Appointment, Student Board Member, Antisemitism
- Trustee Barke – Antisemitism
- Trustee Valdes and Trustee Williams – Met with Orange County School of Arts
- Trustee Sparks – Superintendent Mijares

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made and seconded, the May 1, 2024, board meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.



Renee Hendrick
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education



Tim Shaw
President, Board of Education

The next Regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. All meetings will be held onsite at 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 and via YouTube live stream.

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