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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 Barke at 3:00 p.m., March 5, 2025, in the Board Room, 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 and via YouTube live stream <https://www.youtube.com/live/Xur7053MQqo>.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Jorge Valdes, Esq.
Tim Shaw
Mari Barke
Lisa Sparks, Ph.D.

Absent:

Ken L. Williams, D.O. (arrived at 4:16 p.m.)

AGENDA

Motion by Sparks, seconded by Valdes and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Williams Absent) to approve the agenda of the Regular meeting of March 5, 2025 with an amendment to move item #19 to a time certain of 5:10 p.m. to accommodate Supervisor Don Wagner.

MINUTES

Motion by Valdes, seconded by Sparks and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Williams Absent) to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of February 3, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (related to Closed Session) - None

The Board took a recess from 3:02 p.m. to 5:04 p.m. to go into closed session.

TIME CERTAIN

1. Inter-district Appeal Hearing (Closed) – Student #03052025001I - Huntington Beach Union High School District to Newport Mesa Unified School District.

Motion by Barke, seconded by Valdes, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Williams Absent) to approve the appeal and allow the student to attend the Newport-Mesa Unified School District for the period of one academic year (2025-2026).

2. Inter-district Appeal Hearing (Closed) – Student #03052025002I - Laguna Beach Unified School District to Newport Mesa Unified School District.

Motion by Barke, seconded by Valdes, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Williams Absent) to approve the appeal and allow the student to attend the Newport-Mesa Unified School District for the period of one academic year (2025-2026).

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

Report Out

CLOSED SESSION(S) PUBLIC REPORT OUT

Mr. Brenner reported, for closed session 1, the Board approved a settlement agreement by a vote of 5-0, with a news release to be read into record by Board President Williams. The Board also approved the Epstein, Becker, and Brown invoices, 1186937, 1186938, 1190322, and 1190323 by a vote of 4-0 (Barke Absent).

Mr. Rolan reported for closed session 2, the Board provided direction to legal counsel on a matter of potential litigation and approved Nielsen Merksamer invoices, 285923 and 280689.

INVOCATION

Pastor Joseph Pedick
Calvary Chapel of the Harbour

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sam Barke

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

- 19. Discussion and review of OC Board of Supervisors County Investment Policy.
 - Don Wagner, Chair, OC Board of Supervisors

INTRODUCTIONS

Kelly Delaney, Loyola Marymount University Student

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Ariana
- Karen
- Shari

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Barke, seconded by Sparks and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve Consent Calendar items #3, #4, #5, and #6.

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

4. Adopt Resolution #03-25 to recognize April 5-11, 2025 as Week of the Young Child.
5. Adopt Resolution #04-25 to recognize April 2025 as Public Schools Month.
6. Approve invoice #10708 in the amount of \$1,878.30 for the Law Offices of Margaret A. Chidester & Associates.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

7. Charter submissions
 - Compass Charter School
8. Charter School Public Hearing – Tustin International Charter School appeal
Aracely Chastain, Director, Charter Schools Unit, facilitated the public hearing.
 - Steven Cheung, Tustin International Charter School
 - Josie Guo, Tustin International Charter School
9. Charter School Public Hearing – Magnolia Science Academy-Orange County
Material Revision
Aracely Chastain, Director, Charter Schools Unit, facilitated the public hearing.
 - Dr. Maria Rowell, Magnolia Science Academy-Orange County

PUBLIC COMMENTS (item #9)

- Rylan
- Vanessa

CHARTER SCHOOLS (continue)

10. Motion by Williams, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the agreement that was approved by the Unity Middle College High School board on 2/18/25.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

11. Budget Presentation – David Giordano, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services.
12. Motion by Williams, seconded by Valdes, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Second Interim Report that is certified Positive by the County Superintendent of Schools.
13. Presentation – Rancho Sonado Design, David Giordano, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services
14. Motion by Sparks, seconded by Barke, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adopt Resolution No. 05-25, implementing a process for Pre-qualification of Contractors in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 20111.6.

15. Motion by Sparks, seconded by Barke, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adopt Resolution No. 06-25. authorizing the Lease-Leaseback construction delivery method including construction agreement templates, the proposed Request for Proposals (RFP) that will be issued, and the required procedures and guidelines for evaluating the proposals that ensure the “best value” selection (a)(2) process is conducted in a fair and impartial manner in accordance with Education Code section Public Contract Code Section 20111.6, which is attached to, and a part of, this Board Item.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

16. Board update on the President’s Executive Orders by General Counsel.
17. The Board discussed the dissemination of the Ethnic Studies program.
18. The Board discussed board member stipend.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (item #19)

- Francine
 - David
19. Discussion and review of OC Board of Supervisors County Investment Policy.
 - Dean West, Associate Superintendent, Business Services provided an update to the Board.

INFORMATION ITEMS

COMMUNICATION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- Memorial Day Essay Contest - discussed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Superintendent

- Dr. Bean commended the Cabinet team for their leadership.

Deputy Superintendent

- Next board meeting is on Wednesday, April 2, 2025; submission deadline is March 19; packet delivery on March 28, 2025

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- DC Trip (Trustee Barke, Trustee Shaw, General Counsel Greg Rolen) - General Counsel Greg Rolen provided an update to the Board.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

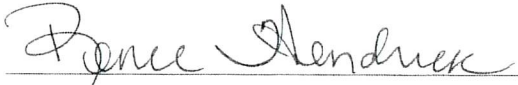
- Trustee Barke – Read Across America, Peterson Elementary in Huntington Beach
- Trustee Shaw – April board meeting via Zoom

NEWS RELEASE

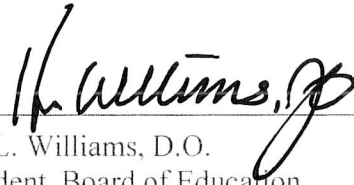
The news release regarding closed session one was read into record by Dr. Williams, Board President.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made and seconded, the March 5, 2025, board meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.



Renee Hendrick
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education



Ken L. Williams, D.O.
President, Board of Education

The next Regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 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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