

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008, 6:30 P.M.

Oakdale City Council Chambers
277 N. Second Avenue, Oakdale, CA

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| CALL TO ORDER | 1.1 | The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by President Michael House. |
| TRUSTEES PRESENT | 1.2 | Pam Antinetti, Bill Dyer, Mike House, Rick W. Jones, Mike Tozzi. Student representative Jacob DeBoer was present for Open Session. |
| TRUSTEES ABSENT | 1.3 | None |
| VISITORS PRESENT | 1.4 | Jeff Aprile, Chris Arsenio, John Arsenio, Toby Ayers, Maggie Banducci, Mike Bennett, Lorie Bolme, Judith Clark, Michelle Danner, Diane Dickson, Sandee Dillon, Laurel Doerksen, Kellie Felix, Melissa Franca, Rachel Giuffrida, Lisa Greenhow, Melody Ho, Denton Hoeh, Jeannie Hoeh, Cynthia Hoffman, Kathy Hyvernon, Jerry & Jill Ingles, Cheryl Jericoff, Vivian Jones, Nancy Kern, Linda Kraus, Myeshiea Lee, Guy Lilly, Jill Mansfield, Loretta Mathies, Michael McKibban, Mabel McNaught, Catherine Morman, Diane Noon, Nancy Osmundson, Nancy Palmer, Chris Paulsen, Carmen Pedrioli, Ruth Ann Qualls, Stephanie Robinson, Meredith Ruyle, David Seibert, Vickie Simmons, Anita Smith, Marlo Smith, Claire Soares, Claudia Spalding, Sarah Trevena, Terry Trowbridge, Gillian Wegener, Mary White, Pam Wright. |
| CLOSED SESSION | 2.0 | There was no Closed Session. |
| PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | 3.0 | Trustee Tozzi introduced Magnolia Elementary students: Jessica Gorman, Grade 4, Sydne Brainard, Grade 5, and Garrett Brewer, Grade 6. These students led the Pledge of Allegiance and were awarded Certificates of Appreciation for their participation. |
| ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION | 4.0 | President House reported that there was no Closed Session. |
| PUBLIC COMMENTS | 5.0 | President House opened the Public Comments portion of the agenda at 6:38 p.m. |

- RACHEL JONES Sierra View PTC President Rachel Jones announced upcoming performances of the Wizard of Oz, and introduced several cast members. OHS Drama teacher Bryan Mills was acknowledged for his volunteer efforts and bringing theater to Sierra View.
- RACHEL GIUFFRIDA Rachel Giuffrida, parent of a student in Ms. Guichard's Kindergarten class at Fair Oaks, shared letters from several parents lauding Ms. Guichard's teaching ability, and expressing concern about factors leading to the district's decision to not renew Ms. Guichard's contract. Ms. Giuffrida expressed concern about the process and procedure for teacher evaluation, and did not feel the principal's limited classroom observation was adequate to properly evaluate the teacher.
- Superintendent Chun stated that it would not be appropriate for the board to discuss personnel matters in public session. Dr. Chun also stated that teacher evaluation procedure is outlined in (OTA) contract, and invited her or other concerned parents to make an appointment to discuss concerns with Deputy Superintendent Fred Rich. Mr. Rich stated that any and all evaluations are based on performance, and while the district has some budget concerns at this time, no teachers will be laid off. Mr. Rich explained that Education Code allows for teachers to be released without cause during the two year probationary period, and it is the district's prerogative to not renew teaching contracts of probationary teachers if services will no longer be needed.
- Public Comments closed at 6:50 p.m.
- APPROVE ORDER 6.0 OF AGENDA It was **M/S/C (Jones/Tozzi)** to approve the order of agenda items for this meeting. All members present voted in favor.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS 7.0 Superintendent Chun announced that *Modesto Bee* reporter Eve Hightower was in attendance.
- RECOGNITION, 7.1 ACSA EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDING PROGRAM Oakdale High School student Trevor Machado Ching was presented with a plaque in recognition of being selected to represent the district in this program recognizing students who have overcome challenges to succeed in school.
- RECOGNITION, 7.2 2009 OAKDALE JUNIOR MISS Oakdale High School Junior Rupali Mahida was presented with a plaque in recognition of being named Oakdale Junior Miss – 2009, and winning \$3,150 in scholarships.
- RECOGNITION, 7.3 L. BJELDE, LION'S CLUB LOGO CONTEST Eric Montgomery of the Lion's Club presented OHS student Lauren Bjelde with one hundred dollars and a framed copy of her winning t-shirt design for the Don Osborn Memorial Run. Lauren was also presented with a plaque of recognition from the Board.

RECOGNITION,
YOUNG MASTERS
ART SHOW

- 7.4 OHS students were presented with plaques recognizing awards won at the recent Young Masters Art Show:
Lauren Bjelde – Best of Show & 3rd Place Painting
Angelina Humphries – 1st Place Color Drawing
Sarah Trevena – 2nd Place Sculpture

RECOGNITION,
OCCUPATIONAL
OLYMPICS AWARDS

- 7.5 Oakdale High School students were recognized for 1st – 3rd place awards they received at the 23rd Annual Stanislaus County Occupational Olympics held on February 20:
- Brittany Koppinger, Medical Occupations – 2nd Place
 - Noah Russell, Automotive Technology – 1st Place
 - Jacob Fleming, Automotive Technology – 2nd Place
 - Kayleigh Keller, Intro to Business Applications – 1st Place
 - Taylor Hendrix, Intro to Business Applications – 2nd Place
 - Jacob Ingles, Intro to Business Applications – 3rd Place

RECOGNITION,
G. WEGENER,
POETRY AWARD

- 7.6 Oakdale Junior High English teacher Gillian Wegener was presented with a plaque in recognition of being the recipient of a Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Poetry Award, which includes a \$7,500 personal cash prize.

ORGANIZATION
REPORT, OTA

- 8.1 Linda Kraus thanked Dr. Chun, Mr. Rich, Mr. Tozzi and Mr. DeBoer for their RSVP to the CTA Stanislaus Service Center Council School Board Dinner at On Broadway on March 13. Ms. Kraus announced that tickets for the May 9 School Bell Awards Dinner at Seasons in Modesto are \$30 and may be purchased from John Arsenio at OHS by April 18. District School Bell Award recipients this year are Laurel Doerksen and Dee Hawksworth-Lutzow.

Ms. Kraus also commented on the Governor's choosing to decrease the education budget in 2008, and encouraged all to e-mail legislative representatives to guarantee Prop 98 funding. Ms. Kraus announced that OTA looks forward to continuing the negotiations process tomorrow, and realizes next year's budget has been hit hard.

ORGANIZATION
REPORT, CSEA

- 8.2 Mabel McNaught echoed Ms. Kraus's comments urging everyone to contact legislators regarding Prop 98 funding, and announced they will have nominations for annual conference delegates and Unsung Hero recognition at the next chapter meeting. Ms. McNaught was pleased to announce that Oakdale's chapter is one of 13 chapters out of 735 chapters statewide that have been chosen to participate in the ACE (Appreciating Classified Employees) program, and will make an appointment with Dr. Chun and Mr. Rich to preview a DVD that she would like to show at the next board meeting.

- ORGANIZATION REPORT, STUDENT 8.3 Jacob DeBoer reported on activities at the high school which included 10th grade CAHSEE testing tomorrow, an upcoming VOL meeting, the Sadie Hawkins Dance on Saturday, Week for a Better World March 31 – April 4, and community youth job shadow day April 3. Jacob also noted Aca Deca team accomplishments at the state competition, coming in 3rd place with over 43,600 points, Chris Gephart taking 3rd overall in the Honors category, and Jocelyn Tanis and Evan Boggs taking 2nd and 3rd place in the scholastic category.
- REMOVE ITEMS FROM CONSENT CALENDAR 9.1 Trustee Jones requested Item 9.6.5 be removed from the Consent Calendar.
- ADOPT CONSENT CALENDAR 9.2 It was **M/S/C (Tozzi/Dyer)** to adopt the amended Consent Calendar. Passed unanimously.
- ADOPT MINUTES OF 2/25/08 AS PRESENTED 9.3.1 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board adopted minutes of its regularly scheduled meeting held Monday, February 25, 2008, as presented.
- APPROVE INTERDISTRICT REQUESTS, 2007-08 & 2008-09 9.4.1 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved interdistrict attendance transfer requests, 2007-08 and 2008-09 school year, as presented.
- APPROVE 2008 SUMMER SCHOOL CALENDAR 9.4.2 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved the 2008 Summer School Calendar, as presented.
- ACKNOWLEDGE STUDENT DISCIPLINE REPORT, JANUARY 2008 9.4.3 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board acknowledged the Student Discipline Report for the month of January 2008, and Prior Two-Year Comparison, as presented.
- APPROVE NEW COURSE, FINITE MATH 9.4.4 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Additional Course Offerings, Finite Math, as presented.
- APPROVE NEW COURSE, PROBLEM SOLVING 9.4.5 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Additional Course Offerings, Problem Solving, as presented.
- APPROVE CBET APPLICATION 9.4.6 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Community Based English Tutoring Application Form, as presented.
- APPROVE OUT OF STATE 9.4.7 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board

- FIELD TRIP, OHS FBLA approved Out-of-State Field Trip for OHS Future Business Leaders of America to Boeing Company in Seattle, Washington, April 3-5, 2008, as presented.
- APPROVE EXPENDITURE OF BLOCK GRANTS 9.4.8 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Expenditure of Discretionary Block Grants for East Stanislaus, Valley Oak, and Oakdale Charter High Schools and Adult Education, as presented.
- APPROVE WARRANTS THRU 3/4/08, CYCLE I AND CYCLE II PAYROLL FOR FEBRUARY 2008 9.5.1 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved district warrants prepared for payment through March 4, 2008, and Cycle I and Cycle II Payroll for February, 2008, as presented.
- APPROVE ASB ACCOUNTS, OHS, JANUARY 2008 9.5.2 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Student Body Accounts, Oakdale High School, January 2008, as presented.
- APPROVE SUMMER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL SPLIT ASSIGNMENT 9.6.1 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved the 2008 Summer School Principal Split Assignment Between Diana Crofts and Dennis Hitch, as presented.
- APPROVE RELEASE OF EMPLOYMENT 9.6.2 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved release of employment of Araceli Chavez, Campus Monitor, Oakdale High, effective 2/29/08, as presented:
- ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS 9.6.3 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board accepted resignations, effective June 30, 2008, as presented:
 Randall Bartley, History Teacher, OHS
 Mark Beers, Science Teacher, OHS
 Megan Buchanan, Physical Education Teacher, OHS
 Veronica Egger, 2nd Grade Teacher, FO
 Denise Huffstutler, K-6 Teacher, FO
 Patricia Guichard, Temp. Kindergarten Teacher, FO
 Melinda Gunn, English Teacher, OHS
 Mark Partin, Resource Teacher, FO
 Christy Schulze, Noon Yard Duty Aide, MAG
- ACCEPT RETIREMENT 9.6.4 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board accepted the retirement, of Darold Stewart, Lead Custodian, Cloverland, effective May 9, 2008, as presented:
- ACCEPT RETIREMENT 9.6.5 Trustee Jones acknowledged the wonderful contributions of these retirees, which were echoed by other board members. Dr. Chun announced all retirees will be recognized at a reception preceding the May 12 Board meeting.
- It was **M/S/C (Jones/Dyer)** and passed unanimously to accept the retirement, effective June 30, 2008, of:

Frank Bianchi, PE Teacher, OJHS
 Kay Martinelli, Bus Driver
 Ron Quintanal, Music Teacher, OHS

REPORT, MAGNOLIA
 ELA SCORES & PROGRAM

- 11.1 Magnolia Principal Julie Wharff presented a report on Magnolia's school-wide improvement of students' English Language Arts scores, which they attribute to good teaching strategies, well-qualified staff, and many coordinated programs that support the ELA curriculum. Programs highlighted included the After School Program partnership with the City of Oakdale and the Missoula Children's Theater this past weekend.

REPORT, MATH
 CONTINUUM

- 11.2 Assistant Superintendent Barbara Shook introduced members of the Math Continuum committee, Ken Coughran and Keeli Beland, who explained the development of the continuum and its implications for the district's math program. A committee of four sixth grade teachers, two junior high and two high school math teachers worked to develop a continuum that would better demonstrate the flow of math classes starting with the sixth grade through high school, meet expectations and achieve what needed to be achieved. The continuum shows the flow of the program based upon student choice and success in math classes, requirements for advancement from one level to the next, and how students can progress through the math program and fulfill the three year high school math requirement. The high school is also adding two new courses to provide additional options for students, a Problem Solving/Personal Finance class and a Finite Math class.

Superintendent Chun applauded the math Continuum Committee for their efforts, noting this example of vertical teaming at its best, with teachers working together to make sure students can meet our three year math requirement for graduation.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET
 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 12.1 Superintendent Chun reviewed development of these budget recommendations, with a board budget meeting February 12, followed by discussion at the February 25 board meeting. With input from the Board, cabinet, and administrative leadership, a combination of expenditure reductions and use of reserves is being recommended to achieve \$1.6 million in reductions in 2008-09. Assistant Superintendent Hern provided background, reviewing the state budget short-fall of \$16 Billion and subsequent

governor's budget reductions, estimated increased cost of operations, employee contractual obligations and anticipated loss of ADA revenue leading to the district's need to reduce the budget by an estimated \$1.6 Million.

It was **M/S/C (Jones/Antinetti)** to approve Budget Reduction Recommendations for 2008.

Superintendent Chun stated that he believes this is a fiscally responsible budget, that recommendations are as far away from the classroom as possible, and that no classified or certificated employees will receive dismissal notices. Dr. Chun noted the Board's foresight in maintaining a 5% reserve, which will play a big role in helping the district achieve the \$1.6 Million budget reduction, with 1% equal to \$450,000, but noted that reserve could only be used two years because we cannot reduce below a 3% reserve. Dr. Chun reviewed budget reduction recommendations, noting the district can reduce FTE based on enrollment decline, and is trying to squeeze where possible so we don't have to cut programs.

Ms. Kraus expressed appreciation to Dr. Chun and Mr. Rich for reviewing budget information with her, but was disappointed the Assistant Superintendent HR position was not being frozen next year as one of the budget reduction recommendations, that a number of certificated and classified positions are being reduced but there are not reductions in administrative positions, and that the remaining teachers would be picking up the slack for positions not being filled. Ms. Kraus also asked if the board had received teachers' budget reduction suggestions as it did not appear any had been used. Ms. Kraus allowed that some of the teachers' suggestions involved categorical funds which cannot be considered, but felt there were other suggestions that had merit, such as not paying for administrative association dues while teachers have to pay their own dues. Ms. Kraus also indicated disappointment that these recommended budget reductions will go through without more discussion.

In response to a question about the second tier of cuts, Dr. Chun explained that if it becomes necessary to reduce the budget by more than \$1.6 Million, the board will have to look at that list for additional cuts. Dr. Chun noted further study will be given to budget reduction suggestions such as cell phone use and voluntary reduction in work days without pay. Dr. Chun also

noted that in budget cuts several years ago the district reduced two elementary principals that were never replaced, as well as an alternative ed principal and independent study teacher-in-charge. It was noted that budget reduction items were carefully considered, and items were weighted individually and scores aggregated to come up with this recommended list.

Trustee Tozzi stated that the cuts seem to be appropriate for the budget condition the district has to meet. Trustee House expressed appreciation for the teachers' input, that careful consideration was given to items, and with this recommendation feels strongly that the board has done its best to preserve educational programs in the district. Mr. House also noted that no one is being asked to take a cut in pay. Trustee Antinetti noted the district is fortunate to not have to cut as deeply as other districts. Trustee Dyer felt that these cuts will not intrude upon the quality of education or student achievement, and have been implemented in areas that will hurt the least. Trustee Jones noted the economic situation is not over by any stretch of the imagination, but the district will be able to maintain educational programs.

Trustee Tozzi called for the question; motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF
SECOND INTERIM
REPORT, 2007-08

- 12.2 Assistant Superintendent Hern presented the Second Interim Report, and thanked Susan Dyke, Senior Director of Fiscal Services, for working diligently to prepare the information presented. Mr. Hern noted the current state budget is the most devastating cut he has seen in 30 years of education other than Prop 13 cuts, but that the district will be able to meet its financial obligations through the current and two subsequent years. Mr. Hern reviewed Current Designated and Undesignated General Fund Reserves of \$3,993.374, and Multi-Year General Fund Balances with reserves of 5% or 4% for Economic Uncertainty.

In reviewing Fund 40 Reserves, Mr. Hern explained they are not considered part of the general fund operational reserve, are created by the board for a specific reason, and can only be released through board authorization for other than intended use. Superintendent Chun noted the reserve account for Music Uniforms was a commitment the board made six years ago, and he feels it is a matter of integrity not to cut. Trustee Tozzi indicated we may need

to look at Fund 40 Reserves in the future if the budget situation does not improve.

It was **M/S/C (Tozzi/Jones)** to Approve the Second Interim Report and Positive Certification for Fiscal Year 2007-08. Passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF STUDENT
ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

- 12.3 It was **M/S/C (Tozzi/Jones)** to postpone this item until the next meeting. Passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION
#07-08-11, ARTS EDUCATION

- 12.4 Assistant Superintendent Shook presented this resolution proclaiming the month of March Arts Education Month.

It was **M/S/C (Tozzi/Jones)** to approve Resolution #07-08-11, Proclamation of Arts Education Month, March 2008. Trustee Jones noted that at the last 2+2+2 meeting there had been discussion about fostering community programs for parents and students and promoting the Arts. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all board members voting in favor.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION
#07-08-12, WEEK OF THE
ADMINISTRATOR

- 12.4 Assistant Superintendent Shook presented this resolution recognizing the Week of the School Administrator, March 2-8, 2008.

It was **M/S/C (Tozzi/Jones)** to approve Resolution #07-08-12, Proclamation of Week of the Administrator.

INFORMATION

- 13.0 Superintendent Chun announced that Assistant Superintendent Hern has been selected as the ACSA (Association of California School Administrators) Region VII Business Services Director of the Year, and will be honored at the annual spring conference.
- 13.1 OHS/OJHS Band Concert, March 11, Magnolia, 7:00 p.m.
- 13.2 OHS/OJHS Choral Concert, March 12, OHS, 6:00 & 7:30 p.m.
- 13.3 Oakdale Lion's Club Breakfast, March 16, 7:00 a.m.
– Noon, New Gene Bianchi Community Center
- 13.4 Spring Break – March 21 - 28, 2008
- ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA
- 14.1 Report on Cloverland Student Programs
- 14.2 Report on OJHS Co-Curricular/Extra Curricular Activities
- 14.3 Approval of Athletic Handbook
- 14.4 In response to a request from Trustee Tozzi for a Facilities Project Update, Mr. Hern stated that he would like to give

the board a detailed timeline and update once the projects are out of the DSA's office.

ADJOURNMENT

16.0 The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.