

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2007, 5:00 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 5:00 P.M. by Board President Mike House.  |
| TRUSTEES PRESENT           | 1.2 | Bill Dyer, Michael House, Rick W. Jones, Margie Pedro, and Mike Tozzi. Student representative Jacob DeBoer was present for Open Session.   |
| TRUSTEES ABSENT            | 1.3 | None   |
| VISITORS PRESENT           | 1.4 | Pam Antinetti, Michelle Duttera, Dolores Garcia, Misty Garcia, Lisa Graham, Lori Guyll, Linda Kraus, Mabel McNaught, Carla Moore, and Heather O'Hearn  |
| CLOSED SESSION             | 2.0 | <p>Superintendent Chun announced that due to an emergency coming up after the agenda was printed and distributed, there is a confidential student matter as well as possible litigation that he would need to update the board on in Closed Session.</p> <p>It was <b>M/S/C/ (Jones/Dyer)</b> to include these items in Closed Session. Passed unanimously.</p> <p>President House adjourned the meeting into Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. Open Session was reconvened at 6:33 p.m.</p> |
| PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE       | 3.0 | Trustee Tozzi introduced Cloverland Elementary students: Jodie Whitley, Grade 1, Karissa Garcia, Grade 3, Greg Pagani, Grade 4, and Erik Ruiz, 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 in Closed Session the Board heard an update on labor negotiations and voted 5-0 to expel four students (#07-08-04, #07-08-05, #07-08-06, and #07-08-07) for the remainder of the school year.  |
| PUBLIC COMMENTS            | 5.0 | President House opened the Public Comments portion of the agenda at 6:44 p.m.  |

Linda Kraus presented thank you letters written by her first grade students as an exercise in proper writing format to Board President Mike House and Superintendent Chun to thank them for speaking to them on leadership last month. Public Comments closed at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVE ORDER 6.0  
OF AGENDA

It was **M/S/C (Tozzi/Jones)** to approve the order of agenda items for this meeting. All members voted in favor.

RECOGNITION,  
BOARD SERVICE OF  
MARGIE PEDRO

7.1 Superintendent Chun presented a board plaque to outgoing board member Margie Pedro as well as a certificate from County Superintendent Tom Changnon recognizing her term of service as a school board member. Dr. Chun and board members expressed their appreciation for her contributions during her term as a board member, as well as her many years of prior dedicated service to the district, finding her to be a bountiful resource. Ms. Pedro noted her pride in the school district that has been a big part of her life, and in the strides made under the leadership of Dr. Chun. Ms. Pedro thanked her colleagues for their support and many years of ongoing growth in the district.

RECOGNITION,  
BOARD SERVICE OF  
MIKE TOZZI

7.2 Superintendent Chun presented a certificate from County Superintendent Tom Changnon recognizing Trustee Tozzi for eight years of service as a board member.

RECOGNITION,  
OJHS GYM HONOREES

7.3 Superintendent Chun announced that Dale Clipper and Trustee Mike Tozzi were recently recognized at an assembly at the Junior High for being the recipients of this annual award, with Mr. Clipper selected as the Educator Honoree, and Trustee Tozzi as the Community Honoree. Dr. Chun noted that Trustee Tozzi was instrumental in bringing about the Joint Use Agreement to build the Junior High School Gymnasium.

ORGANIZATION  
REPORT, OTA

8.1 Linda Kraus reported on extensive communications with Assistant Superintendent Barbara Shook on Benchmark Testing, Grading, and Use of Collaboration Days, and expressed appreciation for her willingness to discuss and provide clarification on different issues. Ms. Kraus also expressed appreciation for the Technology Site Mentor Training provided last Wednesday, particularly for Kevin Brown's efforts and understanding as they learn the new Aeries system.

ORGANIZATION  
REPORT, CSEA

8.2 Mabel McNaught noted outgoing Board member Margie Pedro was instrumental in Mabel's getting hired with the district. Ms. McNaught reported that they will take the last round of nominations and vote on negotiations team members at the upcoming chapter meeting on November 19, and will take the last round of nominations for Executive Board to be voted on at the December chapter meeting.

- ORGANZIATION REPORT, STUDENT 8.3 Jacob DeBoer reported on activities at the high school which included participation in a Band Review at Lincoln High School on November 17, a Renaissance Student Conference on November 27, the leadership class attending an upcoming VOL meeting, and Renaissance team Craft Faire on December 1. Jacob also reported on the JV and Varsity Football wins over Sonora and advancement to CIF playoffs, and Varsity Soccer's 4th league title in 5 years.
- Superintendent Chun announced that Mr. Cox and Mr. Moore will report on the very successful Fall Sports Season at the next board meeting.
- REMOVE ITEMS FROM CONSENT CALENDAR 9.1 There were no requests to remove items from the Consent Calendar.
- ADOPT CONSENT CALENDAR 9.2 It was **M/S/C (Dyer/Jones)** to adopt the Consent Calendar. Passed unanimously.
- ADOPT MINUTES OF 10/08/07 AS PRESENTED 9.3.1 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board adopted minutes of its regularly scheduled meeting held Monday, October 8, 2007, as presented.
- ADOPT REVISIONS, AR 6175, HOME & HOSPITAL 9.3.2 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Second Reading: Revisions to AR 6175, Home and Hospital, as presented.
- APPROVE INTERDISTRICT REQUESTS, 2007-08 9.4.1 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved interdistrict attendance transfer requests, 2007-08 school year, as presented.
- ACKNOWLEDGE STUDENT DISCIPLINE REPORT, 10/07 & 2-YEAR COMPARISON 9.4.2 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board acknowledged the Student Discipline Report for the month of October, 2007, and Prior Two-Year Comparison, as presented.
- APPROVE FIELD TRIP, OHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT TO WASHINGTON & CANADA 9.4.3 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved the OHS Music Department Trip to Washington and Canada, March 24-30, 2008, as presented.
- APPROVE OUT OF STATE CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE, R. JONES 9.4.4 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Out of State Conference Attendance for Rick Jones to attend the National Association of Secondary School Principals in San Antonio, Texas, February 22-24, 2008, as presented.

- APPROVE WARRANTS THRU 11/02/07, & CYCLE I PAYROLL FOR OCTOBER 2007 9.5.1 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved district warrants prepared for payment through November 2, 2007, and Cycle I Payroll for October, 2007, as presented.
- APPROVE CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS 9.5.2 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Consultant Agreements, as presented.
- APPROVE ASB ACCOUNTS, OJHS, SEPTEMBER 2007 9.5.3 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Student Body Accounts, Oakdale Junior High School, September, 2007, as presented.
- APPROVE ASB ACCOUNTS, OHS, JULY - SEPTEMBER 2007 9.5.4 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Student Body Accounts, Oakdale High School, July - September, 2007, as presented.
- APPROVE SALARY INCREASE, ALT. ED CNA INSTRUCTOR 9.6.1 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Salary Increase for CNA Instructor at Alternative Ed from \$35/hour to \$40/hour, effective January 1, 2007, as presented:
- APPROVE EMPLOYMENT 9.6.2 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved employment, as presented:  
 Johnny Cipriani, Groundswoker, effective 11/07/07  
 David Difabio, Bus Driver, effective 11/05/07  
 Karen Hendon, Payroll Technician, District Office, effective 11/05/07  
 Jennifer Feit, Cafeteria Clerk, Cloverland, effective 10/11/07  
 Anita Smith, Secretary II, District Office, effective 10/15/07
- REPORT, DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCIENCE REVIEW 11.1 Superintendent Chun introduced district elementary science teacher Anne Marie Bergen, who thanked the Board for their support of this program, and to Dr. Chun, whose vision was instrumental in the development of this program. Ms. Bergen also noted the support of Assistant Superintendent Barbara Shook in providing two minimum days which included science in-service sessions.
- Ms. Bergen provided a brief overview of elementary science activities, events, and lessons in the classrooms, including the Passport to Science Program, annual Science Fair, and recent grant from OID of \$15,000 over three years to continue the Salmon Project and work with OID on a Water Resource project on environmental and water quality issues. Ms. Bergen also noted the district's ability to measure the success of the program through STAR 5th

grade test results, with the percentage of Oakdale students scoring above proficient steadily increasing and well above the county and state averages.

Ms. Bergen noted the district's success in training a cadre of teachers to effectively present science standards in the K-6 classrooms, and particularly noted volunteer Lynn Hansen for her enormous contribution to the development and growth of the district's program over the last seven years. Several of the science cadre teachers, Jeanne Meil, Lisa Graham, and Heather O'Hearn, along with Linda Kraus, participated in a special recognition presentation to Lynn Hansen.

Ms. Hansen expressed her pleasure in being able to share her love of science with students, and noted her upcoming trip to Antarctica as yet another learning opportunity, to which Trustee Tozzi expressed interest in being updated on Ms. Hansen's experiences in Antarctica. Trustee Tozzi noted the district's success in enriching the elementary science program, and suggested the district look at ways to develop something similar and produce that same enthusiasm at the secondary level.

Board members expressed their appreciation to Ms. Bergen and Ms. Hansen for their contributions to the district, and Dr. Chun noted that many believe that OJUSD has the best science program in the state. Deputy Superintendent Rich noted that Barbara Shook, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, was sorry she was unable to attend tonight's meeting because of a commitment to attend a School Improvement Conference out of town, but shared her praise and appreciation for their contributions as well.

#### REPORT, POWER OF ONE PROGRAM

11.2 Kristi Rapinchuk, Director of Categorical Programs, presented an update on the program now in its fifth year of implementation, including character education activities and prevention programs, as well as data indicating trends in decreased risk behavior and increased school connectedness as measured by the results of the California Healthy Kids Survey administered in 2004 and 2006.

In response to Trustee Tozzi's question about Peacemaker Training, Ms. Rapinchuk explained this is a conflict resolution training which will be given to identified junior high and high school staff and leadership students through a grant the district is sharing with Turlock High School over the next five years.

Also in response to a question from Trustee Tozzi about whether there has been a decrease in the number of teenage pregnancies, Ms. Rapinchuk indicated that the California Healthy Kids Survey does not include that data, and she did not have those numbers at hand, but that staff can provide numbers of those they are aware of. Ms. Rapinchuk explained that the CHKS questions are posed in a specific format to gather information on student exposure or participation in certain risk behaviors. Ms. Rapinchuk noted that any risk behavior that is increasing is of concern, particularly alcohol use which appears to be a gateway drug in Oakdale, and data will continue to be analyzed to determine how to best meet needs. Ms. Rapinchuk indicated the desire to focus on alcohol and marijuana use, and to increase emphasis on prevention starting in 4th and 5th grades. Ms. Rapinchuk noted that we also need to think in terms of it taking ten years to shift culture, and that when she shares our trends with county coordinators, is quite encouraged.

In response to a question from Trustee Jones about future program plans, Ms. Rapinchuk indicated that we will become more strategic, and that experts recommend increasing prevention efforts. She particularly thanked the OHS Link Crew for their intervention efforts in taking the message to elementary students. Board members noted that there is no control group to see where influences are coming from, that each class has its own personality and influences on each group, and we don't know how bad it might have been if we hadn't made the effort.

Tozzi noted bullying and harassment were not addressed in the summary. There was some discussion about Gang Awareness efforts, with a parent presentation each year that reviews signs and behaviors to watch for, and the need for preventive rather than reactive efforts and education of students.

In closing, Ms. Rapinchuk reported that all activities of the five-year plan will have been implemented by the end of the 2007-08 school year with the exception of a full-time Prevention Coordinator (not fiscally feasible) and Youth Center on or near the high school campus. She also reported that the Action Team is already starting to draft a new five-year plan to address needs that are still evident.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE  
ORDER, CLOVERLAND  
MODERNIZATION PROJECT

- 12.1 Assistant Superintendent Hern reviewed this Change Order for board approval.

It was **M/S/C (Tozzi/Dyer)** to approve Change Order for Bid #05/06 B-4, Cloverland Elementary Modernization Project, Change Order #B 001 to Collins Electrical. Passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE  
ORDER, MAGNOLIA  
MODERNIZATION PROJECT

- 12.2 Assistant Superintendent Hern reviewed this Change Order for board approval.

It was **M/S/C (Dyer/Tozzi)** to approve Change Order for Bid #05/06 B-4, Magnolia Elementary Modernization Project, Change Order #B 002 to Collins Electrical. Passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE  
ORDER, OAKDALE HIGH  
MODERNIZATION PROJECT

- 12.3 Assistant Superintendent Hern reviewed this Change Order for board approval, noting the amount of the change order for some unforeseen conditions and some staff directed adjustments for items not addressed in contract documents is still within the contingency budget for this modernization project.

Trustee Jones commented on several of the change orders accounting for almost \$62,000, including the ceiling shift, duct work, and architect decisions, and would like to see future contracts limited to 2%, with anything over that charged back to the contractor. Trustee Tozzi also questioned why some of these changes were not anticipated. Superintendent Chun and Assistant Superintendent Hern explained that some of these were the result of having to change architects in mid-stream, and because we had to push to stay in line with state funding timeline, and would lose more money by not moving forward with the project.

It was **M/S/C (Tozzi/Jones)** to approve Change Order for Project #06/07 D-1, Oakdale High School Modernization Project, Change Order # 004 to Bollo Construction. Passed unanimously.

INFORMATION

- 13.1 Minimum Day K-6, Tuesday–Friday, November 13-16  
13.2 Minimum Day K-12, Wednesday, November 21

- 13.3 Thanksgiving Holiday Observance, Thursday-Friday, November 22-23
- 13.4 Strategic Planning Steering Committee Meeting, November 27, 6-8:00 p.m. *Rick W. Jones and Pam Antinetti will represent the Board on this committee.*
- 13.5 Deputy Superintendent Rich reported the board reviewed the proposed contract to OTA this evening, and it will be presented to the negotiations team tomorrow morning and will be on display at the District Office for the next 30 days.
- ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA
- 14.1 Annual Organizational Meeting/Election of Board Members
- 14.2 First Interim Financial Report
- 14.3 Report on OHS Model U.N. Program
- 14.4 Approval of Single Plans for Student Achievement
- ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA
- 15.1 OEF Grants Update (Tozzi)
- 15.2 Report on Secondary Science Program (Tozzi)  
Superintendent Chun reported that secondary teachers teach to state curriculum standards and frameworks and do not have a program similar to the elementary science program, but do have a high school science Olympiad team that competes at the county competition.
- 15.3 Nutrition Report (Tozzi)  
Superintendent Chun reported this is one of the Strategic Plan Objectives that the board will hear a report on at the end of the year.
- ADJOURNMENT
- 16.0 The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.