

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008, 6:15 P.M.
Oakdale City Council Chambers
277 N. Second Avenue, Oakdale, CA

- CALL TO ORDER 1.1 The meeting was called to order at 6:16 P.M. by President Mike House.
- TRUSTEES PRESENT 1.2 Pam Antinetti, Bill Dyer, Mike House, Rick W. Jones, and Mike Tozzi. Student Representative Evan Boggs was present for Open Session.
- TRUSTEES ABSENT 1.3 None
- VISITORS PRESENT 1.4 Jeff Aprile, Debra Boggs, Jeff Hitchcock, Kathleen Jenkins, Linda Kraus, and Zach Weber Reitz.
- CLOSED SESSION 2.0 President House adjourned the meeting into Closed Session at 6:16 p.m. Open Session reconvened at 6:36 p.m.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 3.0 Trustee Tozzi introduced Oakdale High School Drama Club student Anastasia Sepulveda, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS 12.1 As required each year, the annual organizational meeting of the Board was held, which included election of school board officers and a trustee representative to vote for members of the County Committee on School District Organization.

It was **M/S/C (House/Antinetti)** to nominate Mike Tozzi for President. The nomination was accepted and passed unanimously.

It was **M/S/C (Jones/Tozzi)** to nominate Bill Dyer for Clerk. The nomination was accepted and passed unanimously.

It was **M/S/C (Tozzi/Jones)** to nominate Pam Antinetti as Trustee Representative to vote for members of the County Committee on School District Organization. The nomination was accepted and passed unanimously.

Trustee Tozzi took his seat as Board President.

- AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURES** 12.2 The Board was asked to designate District Office employees authorized to sign orders and warrants in the name of the district, and designate an authorized representative of the district as:
- Superintendent, Fred Rich
 - Assistant Superintendent/Business Services Tim Hern
 - Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Barbara Shook
 - Assistant Superintendent/Human Resources Marc Malone
 - Senior Director of Fiscal Services Susan Dyke
- It was **M/S/C (Jones/Dyer)** to designate District Office employees named above as authorized to sign orders and warrants in the name of the district, and designate Superintendent Fred Rich as the authorized agent of the district. Passed unanimously.
- ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION** 4.0 President Tozzi reported that the Board heard an update on labor negotiations by Assistant Superintendent Malone, and no action was taken in Closed Session.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** 5.0 President House opened the Public Comments portion of the agenda at 6:42 p.m.
- Linda Kraus recognized teacher Bryan Mills for his efforts with the OHS Drama Department in bringing stage productions to Oakdale and opening up opportunities for students. Ms. Kraus reported her second grade class saw “Raggedy Ann”, noted the quality of the props, special effects, actors and direction, and highly recommended taking in a high school production if given the opportunity.
- Public Comments closed at 6:45 p.m.
- APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA** 6.0 It was **M/S/C (Jones/House)** to approve the order of agenda items for this meeting. All members voted in favor.
- RECOGNITION, OHS MODEL UN AWARDS** 7.1 Oakdale High School Model United Nations team member Zach Weber Reitz was presented with a plaque recognizing his Outstanding Delegate award won at the recent competition at Stanford University. Other team members receiving awards who were unable to attend tonight’s meeting included:
- Rupali Mahida - Outstanding Delegate
 - Kyle Perreira - Honorable Mention
 - Chris Gebhart - Honorable Mention
- ORGANIZATION REPORT, OTA** 8.1 Linda Kraus reported she has worked with Mr. Malone and Ms. Lish on updating seniority lists, which has been shared with all certificated staff, and all adjustments seem to have been made. Ms. Kraus reported the OTA Executive Board has nominated Pete Simoncini for a NEA Award on Excellence, and the Oakdale Educational Foundation for the 2008 CTA State Gold Award.

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| ORGANIZATION REPORT, STUDENT | 8.2 | Evan Boggs reported that OHS students were welcomed back from the break by the new marquee, a canned food drive going on until December 12, participation in a “Caroling for Cans” activity last Friday night, Aca Deca competing team selection this week, a Link Crew change from open session to contract services, finals next week, and that students are looking forward to Winter Break. Mr. Boggs also reported that four of the twelve county-wide recipients of American Heritage Essay awards were OHS students. |
| 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 (Jones/Dyer) to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all board members voting in favor. |
| ADOPT MINUTES OF 11/17/08 AS PRESENTED | 9.3.1 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board adopted minutes of its regularly scheduled meeting held Monday, November 17, 2008, as presented. |
| APPROVE INTERDISTRICT REQUESTS, 2008-09 | 9.4.1 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved interdistrict attendance transfer requests, 2008-09, as presented. |
| ACKNOWLEDGE STUDENT DISCIPLINE REPORT, NOVEMBER 2008 | 9.4.2 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board acknowledged the Student Discipline Report for the month of November 2008, and Prior Two-Year Comparison, as presented. |
| APPROVE CAHSEE WAIVERS | 9.4.3 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Waiver for CAHSEE Scores, as presented. |
| APPROVE WARRANTS THRU 11/25/08, CYCLE I & II PAYROLL FOR NOVEMBER 2008 | 9.5.1 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved district warrants prepared for payment through November 25, 2008, and Cycle I and II Payroll for November 2008, 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, OCTOBER 2008 | 9.5.3 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Student Body Accounts, Oakdale Junior High School, October 2008, as presented. |
| APPROVE ASB ACCOUNTS, OHS, OCTOBER 2008 | 9.5.4 | On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Student Body Accounts, Oakdale High School, October 2008, as presented. |

- ADOPT RESOLUTION #08-09-06, 9.5.5 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board
TO UTILIZE SCOE 403(b) PLAN adopted Resolution #08-09-06 to Utilize 403(b)
& COMPLIANCE PROGRAM Plan Document and Compliance Program of the
Stanislaus County Office of Education, as presented.
- APPROVE EMPLOYMENT 9.6.1 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved
C. CARLSON, employment of Clifford Carlson, Science Teacher, East
EFFECTIVE 11/3/08 Stanislaus High, effective 11/3/08, as presented.
- APPROVE TEMPORARY 9.6.2 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board
EMPLOYMENT, D. BANDSMA, approved temporary employment of Donna Bandsma,
EFFECTIVE 12/1/08 - 5/21/09 Grade 2, Magnolia Elementary, effective 12/1/08 –
5/21/09, as presented.
- APPROVE EMPLOYMENT, 9.6.3 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board
CLASSIFIED STAFF approved employment, as presented:
Juanita Galaviz-Pipal, Bilingual Inst/ Aide, OHS,
Effective 12/02/08
Ruben Flores, Custodian I, Cloverland, Effective 12/3/08
- ACCEPT RESIGNATION, 9.6.4 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board accepted
D. McMANUS the resignation of Dana McManus, Admin. Assistant,
Business Services, effective 12/31/08, as presented:
- REPORT, SIERRA VIEW 11.2 Principal Terri Taylor presented an overview of Sierra
SITE PLAN View's Single Plan for Student Achievement, noting
that they focus on the fact that they are there to educate
children as a whole and on what kids need. In her
presentation, Ms. Taylor commented that Sierra View is
a reflection of the community, and shared some of the
challenges they face with a transitory population,
geographic area, and effects of the economy.
- Ms. Taylor noted the positive attitude of staff, staff
collaboration, amazing participation of parents and
volunteers, presenters, assemblies, intersession, a variety
of curriculum and activities including Ag Day, art and
music, science, technology, and character education. She
also noted a very successful Jog-a-Thon which raised
\$36,000, and the PTC contributing \$21,000 to fund field
trips to such venues as the Gallo Center. Ms. Taylor
reviewed test scores, with students above goal in Math
and working on English/Language Arts, and shared that
100% of Sierra View's 5th graders passed the fitness test.
Ms. Taylor summarized with their emphasis on personal
and social responsibility and setting students up for
success to be good citizens, and their goal to increase
parent involvement of their EL population.

REPORT, NUTRITION
POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

- 11.2 Larry Mendonca, Director of Pupil Services and Ray Martinez, Director of Food Services, presented a report on nutrition policy implementation, which included a review of action steps developed by the Nutrition and Wellness Committee for implementation beginning this year. Mr. Mendonca noted statistics on the increase in childhood obesity and the affect on adulthood, the need to educate parents and students, with the subsequent development of a district wellness policy. With high public interest in this area, members of the Strategic Plan Steering Committee, including Trustees Antinetti and Jones, responded to community input and included a Strategic Plan goal to focus on nutrition, physical education and health. Mr. Mendonca noted tremendous district efforts to provide resources and encourage practices that promote healthy eating and physical activity, annual analysis and review of the program.

Mr. Mendonca also shared district participation in the governor's fitness challenge as well as the county *Fit for the Future* campaign with district-wide teacher involvement, including site coordinators at each site.

Mr. Martinez also reviewed district meal programs, noting the new listing of nutrient values on lunch menus, and the goal to better educate students, parents and staff about making more nutritional food choices. He also noted the district's desire to explore opportunities to provide more balanced meals, introduce vegetarian meals and produce from local growers if they meet state health guidelines, and vending machines with healthy food choices. It was noted that a deterrent to having more fresh fruit and vegetables is the cost, and that Food Services has to balance their budget while trying to provide nutritious and healthy foods. Mr. Martinez indicated that the State Commodity Program used to supplement very well, but many items are no longer available. Mr. Martinez stated that 45-50% of our students are on Free & Reduced Lunch Program, and with the paid reimbursable rate is \$1.95 for elementary, and they have to put a meal on the table for less than \$2 just to break even.

In response to a question from Trustee Antinetti, Mr. Mendonca stated that there is not currently a pre-school representative on the district Wellness Committee. In

response to a question from Trustee Tozzi about bringing food vendors on campus, Mr. Martinez stated that most times they do not meet the nutritional guidelines. In response to a question from Trustee Dyer, Mr. Martinez indicated that 45-50% of the elementary students eat the school lunch menu, while the others bring their lunch. While the district cannot enforce regulations on what students bring from home for lunch, they do display policies and regulations at all eating areas, encourage teachers to be role models, and promote education of healthy food choices.

Board members commented on progress made, that we have established a baseline for nutritional content in meals and physical fitness participation rates, the connection between a sound mind and body and the education of life-long learners, and the Board looks forward to hearing about continued efforts and progress. Trustee Jones also commented that physical education is another piece that goes along with nutrition for a cohesive program. In citing the Nutrition/PE/Health Action Plan Goal #13, stating the "Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board at least every two years on the implementation of this policy...", Mr. Jones commented that he would like to hear about this more frequently than every two years.

REPORT, FIRST READING,
BOARD POLICY UPDATE,
0000 SERIES

- 11.3 Marc Malone, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, presented updated board policies and administrative regulations for first reading. The first series being presented to the board is the 0000 Series, Philosophy-Goals-Objectives and Comprehensive Plans, with the other eight series to be presented for consideration over the course of the upcoming board meetings. It was noted that the updated board policies are given to the board in advance for review, and will be on display for public review at the district office. Once approved by the Board, the updated board policies will be available for viewing on the district website.

APPROVAL, FIRST INTERIM
FINANCIAL REPORT 2008-09

- 12.6 Assistant Superintendent Hern presented an overview of the First Interim Financial Report for 2008-09, which included Five-Year Enrollment History, Enrollment by Grade, General Fund Balances/Mandated Designated for Economic Uncertainty and with 2.4% State Reduction, Current Reserves, and Estimated Cash Flow.

Mr. Hern noted the critical state fiscal crisis, and with education being 40% of the state budget it is inevitable that education will be impacted by future cuts. At this time, the state has not indicated the amount to reduce the current and future budgets, but the Governor's budget is expected to be announced January 10. It is projected that it will be 24-36 months before improvement will occur. In reviewing monthly payroll needs and estimated cash flow, with possible February deferment to April, it was noted the state allows us to borrow short term from other funds if necessary. Mr. Hern noted that with proper cash management procedures we may not need to go into general fund, he has devised a plan to keep the district solvent until the end of the fiscal year, and Cabinet is discussing recommendations to keep the district sound. Superintendent Rich noted the vision, foresight and fiscal conservancy of the board which has allowed the district to be in an adequate financial position now.

It was **M/S/C (Dyer/House)** to approve the First Interim Financial Report, as of October 31, 2008, for fiscal year 2008-09, and certify that the district is able to meet its financial obligations. Passed unanimously.

INFORMATION

- 13.1 OHS/OJHS Winter Band Concert, December 9, Magnolia Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- 13.2 OHS/OJHS Winter Choir Concert, December 10, OHS Theater, 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.
- 13.3 Elementary Winter Choral Concert, December 11, Magnolia Auditorium, 6:00 (Grade 3) and 7:30 p.m. (Grades 4-6)
- 13.4 Elementary Winter Band Concert, December 16, Magnolia Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- 13.5 Schools Closed for Winter Break: December 22, 2008 – January 2, 2009
- 13.6 Superintendent Rich presented a plaque to Trustee House recognizing his service as Board President the past two years, noting his integrity and selfless community service.
- 13.7 Trustee Jones announced the Songbirds and Friends Christmas Concert on December 17, 7:00, p.m., at Magnolia. Mr. Jones noted last year's concert raised \$2,400 for district music programs.

- ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA
- 14.1 Approval of Graduation Dates and Board Assignments
 - 14.2 Quarterly Report on Valenzuela/Williams Settlement Complaints
 - 14.3 Report on Oakdale High Site Plan: Meeting the Educational Needs of Students
 - 14.4 Report on OID Grant Funded Salmon and Water Project
 - 14.5 Student Accountability Report Card (SARC) Update
- ADJOURNMENT
- 16.0 The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.