



MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
September 11, 2019

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Orange County Board of Education was called to order by Board President Barke at 10:05 a.m., September 11, 2019 in the Board Room, 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

INVOCATION

William Owens, Author, Christian Life

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Gabriela Mafi, Superintendent, Garden Grove USD

ROLL CALL

Present:  
Lisa Sparks, Ph.D.  
Mari Barke  
Ken L. Williams, D.O.  
Rebecca "Beckie" Gomez  
John W. Bedell, Ph.D.

INTRODUCTIONS

None

AGENDA

Motion by Williams, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a vote of 5-0, to approve the agenda of the September 11, 2019 Board meeting.

MINUTES

Motion by Williams, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a vote of 5-0, to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2019 Special Board Meeting and the August 14, 2019 Regular Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Susan Meyer, General
- Charlene Metoyer, General
- Jill Marks, General
- Lynne Riddle, General
- Dr. Mike Weiss, General

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Williams, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a vote of 5-0, to approve Consent Calendar Items #1 and #2.

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

2. Adopt Resolution #14-19 in support of October 20-26, 2019, as Orange County's Red Ribbon Week campaign, and encourage all community members to promote alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention education programs and activities, and send copies of this resolution to school districts in Orange County.

The Board went into closed session from 10:27 a.m. to 11:03 a.m.

### CLOSED SESSION 1

#### CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Orange County Board of Education v. Orange County Superintendent of Schools, Case No. 30-2018-01023385-CU-MC-CJC

Government Code Section 54956.9(a) and (d)(1)

Mr. Brenner reported the Board received an update regarding the litigation between the Board and the Superintendent. No action was taken with respect to the discussion. The Board also reviewed and approved (3-1-1: Barke, Williams, and Sparks voted Yes; Gomez voted No; and Bedell Abstained) invoices through July 31, 2019 from Epstein, Becker & Green.

### CHARTER SCHOOLS

3. Charter Schools Submissions – There were no charter submissions.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS (continue)

- Michelle Anderson, ISSAC
  - Shelby Tipton, ISSAC
  - Nicole Umholtz, ISSAC
  - Veronica Kroll, ISSAC
  - Thu Nguyen, ISSAC
  - Tho Tran, ISSAC
  - Halimo Mohamed, ISSAC
  - Susanna Davoodi, ISSAC
  - Adrine Davoodi, ISSAC
  - Greer Wylder, ISSAC
4. ISSAC Charter School Update – Renee Williams, Principal, ISSAC and Dr. Padmini Hands provided an update to the Board.
    - ISSAC to be put on the October agenda for further discussions

### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

5. EPIC Update- Paul McGregor, Executive Director of EPIC charter school in California and Bill Hickman, Attorney of EPIC Oklahoma provided an update to the Board.

6. Unity Update- Roy Kim, back office consultant and Rashi Seth, Principal provided an update to the Board.

The Board took a recess from 1:07 p.m. to 1:26 p.m.

9. Adopt amended board policy #100-11. (Williams)- Tabled to the October meeting at the request of Trustee Williams.
10. Approve board resolution #15-19 on adopted 2019-2020 OCDE Budget. (Williams)- Tabled to the October meeting at the request of Trustee Williams.

#### CHARTER SCHOOLS (continue)

7. Charter School Public Hearing – Achiever’s Global Academy – Aracely Chastain, Administrator, Charter Schools facilitated the public hearing.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS (continue)

- Esther Morales, Garden Grove USD
- Tan Wong, Garden Grove USD
- Sara Monge, Garden Grove USD
- Andrea Perez, Garden Grove USD
- Miquel Gudino, Achiever’s Global Academy
- Sanchez Magdalene, Achiever’s Global Academy
- Sylvia Gudino, Achiever’s Global Academy

- Achiever’s Global Academy’s presentation was conducted by Virginia Carillo, Founder.

- Garden Grove Unified School District’s presentation was conducted by Gabriela Mafi, Ed.D., Superintendent and Teri Rocco, Board Member.

The Board took a recess from 2:45 p.m. to 2:58 p.m.

#### CHARTER SCHOOLS (continue)

8. Charter School Public Hearing – Vista Heritage Global Academy– Aracely Chastain, Administrator, Charter Schools facilitated the public hearing.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS (continue)

- Susan Mas, Vista Heritage
- Mirta Catalan, Vista Heritage
- Rosario Ruiz, Vista Heritage
- Araceli Catalan, Vista Heritage

- Vista Heritage Global Academy's presentation was conducted by Dr. Don Wilson, Superintendent and Dr. Collin Felch, Principal.

Trustee Sparks departed the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

The Board took a recess from 3:35 p.m. to 3:41 p.m.

#### TIME CERTAIN

7. Inter-district Appeal Hearing (closed) – Student #09112019001I– Anaheim Union High School District to Irvine Unified School District.

The Board went into closed session from 4:00 p.m. to 4:08 p.m.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Barke, and carried by a vote of 3-1 (Williams, Barke, and Gomez voted Yes; Bedell voted No; Sparks Absent) to deny the appeal and uphold the decision of the Irvine Unified School District.

Kathy Ikola, Interim Coordinator, CWA & SARB, Educational Services facilitated the hearing.

8. Inter-district Appeal Hearing (closed) – Student #09112019002I– Long Beach Unified School District to Los Alamitos Unified School District.

The Board went into closed session from 4:30 p.m. to 4:43 p.m.

Motion by Bedell, seconded by Barke, and carried by a vote of 3-1 (Williams, Barke, and Bedell voted Yes; Gomez voted No; Sparks Absent) to approve the appeal and allow the student to attend the Los Alamitos Unified School District for the 2019-20 academic year.

Kathy Ikola, Interim Coordinator, CWA & SARB, Educational Services facilitated the hearing.

**The Board recessed the Board of Education Regular Meeting to hold the meeting of the Facilities Corporation from 4:47 p.m. to 4:54 p.m.**

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

##### BOARD DISCUSSION

- Trustee salary and benefits (Bedell)- Tabled to the October meeting at the request of Trustee Bedell.

-Term Limits (Bedell)- Tabled to the October meeting at the request of Trustee Bedell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Superintendent

- Met with Don Thompson and Susan Mas regarding Tomorrow’s Leadership Collaborative (TLC)
- Padres Unidos
- Latino Educational Attainment Initiative sponsored by the OCBC- Orange County Business Council
- PLI at Long Beach Convention Center
- eSports
- OCDE Budget

Associate Superintendent

- Next board meeting is October 16 at 10:00 a.m. – Submission deadline is October 2
- 2019 CSBA Annual Conference is December 5 through December 7 in San Diego
- NSBA’s Annual Conference has been announced for Chicago, April 4 through April 6, 2020
- California Charter Schools Association conference is March 16 through March 19
- November board date

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Trustee Gomez recommended the Board hold all Closed sessions from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Trustee Barke- 911 Ceremony

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made, and seconded, the Board meeting of September 11, 2019, adjourned at 5:08 p.m.



Nina Boyd  
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education

Mari Barke  
President, Board of Education

Next Regular Board Meeting, Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. - The meeting will be held in the Board Room at 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, CA.

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