

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Orange County Board of Education was called to order by Board President Barke at 9:03 a.m., December 11, 2019 in the Board Room, 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

ROLL CALL

Present:

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

(*)AGENDA

Motion by Williams, seconded by Barke, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2019, removing item #4, Scholarship Prep public hearing from the agenda, as the charter school has withdrawn the petition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Related to Closed Session Only - None

The Board went into closed session from 9:05 a.m. to 10:05 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)

CLOSED SESSION 2

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 3

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Discussion of risk mitigation options in light of significant exposure to litigation in the opinion of legal counsel pursuant to (d) (2) of Government Code §54956.9

Mr. Brenner reported the Board did not complete closed sessions 1 and 2, so no action was taken. Closed Session 3 has not been conducted.

The Board intends to return to the closed sessions later on the agenda.

INVOCATION

Rabbi Dov Fischer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ken L. Williams, D.O., Board Vice President

INTRODUCTIONS

None

MINUTES

Motion by Williams, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a vote of 5-0, to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2019 Regular Board Meeting and the minutes of the November 26, 2019 Special Board Meeting with one correction on page 5, item #3 of the November 6, 2019 minutes. Change Updaste to Update.

1. Special Presentation – Holiday Musical Presentation Laurel Elementary School Choir, Brea-Olinda Unified School District, under the direction of Mrs. Shirley Lee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Tammy Jackson, Charter Schools
- Glenn Rogers, Item #3- Charter Submissions
- Sue Guilford, General
- Lynn Riddle, OCBE Litigation
- Debbie Schroeder, Charter Schools
- Jiazhen “Joan” Chen, Irvine International
- Paulette Chaffee, General
- Ben Savill, General

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Motion by Bedell, seconded by Williams, and carried by a vote of 5-0, to approve the granting of diplomas to the students listed from Alternative, Community, and Correctional Education Schools and Services, Alternative Education Division.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

3. Charter Schools Submissions- Kelly Gaughran facilitated.
 - ISSAC Material Revision – Padmini Srinivasan

- Irvine International Academy – Dr. Michael Scott

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

5. Motion by Bedell, seconded by Gomez to discuss resolution #21-19: Term Limits. Trustee Bedell recommends the Board create an Ad Hoc Committee to develop term limits and recommendations for the Board to consider.

Subsidiary motion by Williams, seconded by Barke, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to create a subcommittee to bring back findings regarding term limits, using the Board of Supervisors policy as a model. Williams and Gomez were selected for the subcommittee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Jordan Brandman, item #5

6. Motion by Bedell, seconded by Williams to discuss resolution #22-19: Orange County Board of Education Benefits.

Subsidiary motion by Williams, seconded by Barke, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to create a subcommittee to bring back findings regarding board benefits, in March 2020. Barke and Bedell were selected for the subcommittee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Jordan Brandman, item #6
- Martha Fluor, item #6

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

7. Motion by Williams, seconded by Barke to approve moving board meeting start time to late afternoon or early evening.

The original motion was withdrawn by Williams.

Subsidiary motion by Barke, seconded by Bedell to start the board meetings at 6:00 p.m., first Wednesdays.

Subsequent subsidiary motion by Williams, seconded by Gomez, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to table the item and bring back for discussion at the January 8, 2020 board meeting.

The Board took a recess to go into closed session from 11:58 a.m. to 12:39 p.m.

Report Out by Mr. Brenner

For Closed Session #1, the Board received an update and concluded its discussion. The only action taken was to approve the invoices for Epstein, Becker, & Green and Haight, Brown, & Bonesteel. The Board voted 4-1 (Barke, Williams, Sparks, and Bedell voted Yes; Gomez voted No) to approve the Epstein, Becker & Green's invoice dated November 30, 2019 and the Haight, Brown, & Bonesteel invoices dated October 4, 2019; November 7, 2019; and December 5, 2019.

For Closed Session #2, the Board received an update and concluded its discussion. The only action taken was to approve the Epstein, Becker, & Green's invoice dated November 30, 2019 for this litigation. The invoice was approved by a vote of 4-1 (Barke, Williams, Sparks, and Bedell voted Yes; Gomez voted No).

Report Out by Mr. Rolan

With regard to Closed Session #3, there was no discussion and no action was taken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

8. Motion by Sparks, seconded by Williams, and carried by a vote of 3-2 (Sparks, Williams, and Barke voted Yes; Bedell and Gomez voted No) to table the approval of the 2019-20 First Interim Report, which has been certified as positive by the County Superintendent of Schools to the January 8, 2020 meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

BOARD DISCUSSION

- Charter Schools Certificates (Williams)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Superintendent

- Golden Bell Award, MTSS
- OCBC Turning Red Tape into Red Carpet Award
- Sunburst Youth Academy Graduation
- OC Pathways Showcase at the Marconi Automotive Museum

Associate Superintendent

- Next board meeting is January 8th at 9:00 a.m. – Submission deadline is December 18th
- Office Closed: 12/24/19, 12/25/19, 12/31/19, 1/1/20

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Trustee Bedell- Golden Bell Award at CSBA

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made, and seconded, the Board meeting of December 11, 2019, adjourned at 2:15 p.m.



Nina Boyd
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education



Mari Barke
President, Board of Education

Next Regular Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 8, 2020 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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