

## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – 9/22/2020 TRANSCRIPTION

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### **[DR. WILLIAMS BEGINS THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING BY STRIKING THE GAVEL THREE TIMES]**

**Williams:** Welcome to the special meeting of the Orange County Board of Education. Today's date is September 22, 2020, and the time is now about 5:10 or so. For the benefit of the record, this special meeting of the Orange County Board of Education is called to order. For today, there will be no official invocation, but I think today is a good day to remember a very important person in the history of this great country. That is, of course, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who died from complications of pancreatic cancer last Friday. In honor of her, I thought that we would just take a moment of silence to remember what she did. And I just want to talk a little bit about her. Justice Ginsburg was in her eighties, and she has become a legal and cultural icon.

Chief Justice Roberts said, "Our nation has just lost a justice of historic stature. We at the Supreme Court have lost a cherished colleague. May we mourn, but with confidence, that future generations will remember Ruth Bader Ginsburg as we knew her. A tireless, resolute champion of justice." It is with that thought and those comments by the chief justice that we'll begin this meeting and just take a few moments to remember what good things she did for this country.

### **[THE BOARD MEMBERS TAKE A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO HONOR THE LEGACY OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG]**

**Williams:** The next part of our meeting we will hear the Pledge of Allegiance. I ask Trustee Shaw to do that.

**Shaw:** Thank you. Please stand if you are able and join me in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to our great country. Ready? Begin.

**Shaw, Board and Audience:** I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic, for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**Williams:** Very good. Nina, will you do a roll call for us?

**Boyd:** President Williams?

**Williams:** Present.

**Boyd:** Vice President Barke?

**Barke:** Present.

**Boyd:** Trustee Shaw?

**Shaw:** Here.

**Boyd:** Trustee Gomez?

**Gomez:** Present.

**Boyd:** Trustee Sparks?

**Williams:** Very good. Are there any introductions?

**Boyd:** There are no introductions.

**Williams:** By the way, Trustee Sparks hopefully will be with us at 6 pm. She's currently

teaching at this time. Okay. On the adoption of the Agenda, I do have one correction. On page two, at the very end, where it says, "The next regular Board Meeting October 7." Because of circumstances, we're actually going to begin at 6 p.m. - that meeting. It's listed here. It's 4 p.m. Other than that, I'll make the motion for that. I need a second.

**Barke:** I'll second the motion.

**Williams:** Okay. We have a motion and a second. Any questions? Barring none, roll call, Nina.

**Boyd:** Trustee Gomez?

**Gomez:** Present.

**Williams:** You're voting yes for the Agenda.

**Gomez:** Yes.

**Williams:** I can hear her saying that.

**Boyd:** Trustee Shaw?

**Shaw:** Yes.

**Boyd:** Vice President Barke?

**Barke:** Yes.

**Boyd:** President Williams?

**Williams:** Yes. Very good. We have no minutes to adopt. That will be at the October 7 meeting Any public comments, Nina?

**Boyd:** There are no public comments.

**Williams:** Very good. Moving on with our meeting tonight, we will clear the room for the closed hearings. We will call on Mr. Dunn to facilitate these meetings. Thank you, sir.

**Barke:** Can we check if Greg Rolen's on?

**Boyd:** We're clearing the room, and we're taking a recess.

**Barke:** Got it.

**[PRESIDENT WILLIAMS STRIKES THE GAVEL ONCE TO SIGNAL THE  
CONCLUSION OF THE CLOSED HEARINGS]**

**Williams:** Okay. The Board of Education is back into session. Moving on with our meeting here. On the Agenda, may I have a motion to adopt board recommendation No. 5, the online admonition?

**Barke:** So moved.

**Williams:** Motion. I'll second that. Let me begin the discussion. This is a minor edit for the online admonition, for the public to gain information to communicate with us. What was created was with our legal counsel to make it more consistent with our board policy. Any questions? Comments?

**Gomez:** Yes. I have a couple of questions. I've not had time to read this, so I don't want to vote on this until I have an opportunity to ready it. This also has something to do with the public comments, which Tim and I were tasked to address. I don't want to vote on this tonight.

**Williams:** That's fine. You don't have to vote on this, Beckie. This has nothing to do with your committee or anything like this. This is an online admonition that just needed a little bit better clarification language and that's all this is. If you don't want to read it, I'm sorry that you didn't read it before getting here.

**Gomez:** I just got it on the dais.

**Williams:** I don't think so.

**Shaw:** Can I clarify one thing? This doesn't change the existing policy for taking comments if

I'm reading this redline version right. It's the part on the second page that talks about the public comment period that's being left alone. Am I reading that right?

**Barke:** Nina? Is Greg in?

**Williams:** Nina, when did this go out to the Board?

**Boyd:** In your Agenda, the document that you prepared was included. What is at the dais is the redline showing the changes, because that was not included with the original.

**Williams:** The redline version wasn't. The original admonition was in the Agenda packet.

**Boyd:** Correct.

**Williams:** Okay.

**Shaw:** Would it be your intent, Ken, to adopt this as written here tonight? Then, at our next meeting, we're going to have the item about taking public comments – Trustee Gomez and I had been tasked on that committee – at that point we would also incorporate those suggestions? This doesn't preclude those from happening at that meeting?

**Williams:** If the Board were to change the current Board policy then that would be reflected on the online admonition. Absolutely.

**Shaw:** Okay.

**Gomez:** Just for clarification, I'm looking at this document here. It says modified duty procedures for August 5.

**Boyd:** That's one that you have been using for the last four months. We gave you the documents that was used previously. Ken modified the document, and that was posted with this Agenda and it was included in your packet. You have a redline, because we've been requested to provide the changes so that you can see the comparison. We gave you the August 5, because you wouldn't have known what the other document looked like and what they corrected except on the redline. That's why you have that document.

**Williams:** Okay.

**Gomez:** The original document that I'm looking at, because I took this out of our packet. It doesn't have that on their nor does that have the changes on the revised Agenda that we had in our red folder. That's why I'm a little confused as to what we're supposed to be looking at here.

**Boyd:** Again, I'll take you back to last Friday. We had an Agenda that was approved, and then it was modified. The modification was in your original Board packet. You had the document, just the Agenda, because we hadn't had clarification yet from the Board president and what we were adding to the Agenda. After the packets had been delivered, we made all the corrections to the Agenda. We posted the correct Agenda. We sent you an electronic email that stated one of the inter-districts has been removed, and you should have received also that document that's referenced as the admonishment. This document is posted every month with the Agenda.

**Barke:** Okay.

**Boyd:** Okay. The document was shared with the Board in April when we first went into COVID. It was just in your red folders. We had conversation. I just asked you all to take a look at it. Give us some feedback, because we developed it. In conversations with Dr. Williams, there was some concern with some of the language that we had in there. They worked with Mr. Rolan, and they made the adjustments. That's what you have now before you.

**Gomez:** I would respectfully request that when we have a deadline, that we stay to that deadline. That's kind of how I plan my time so I know what I need to do once I get the Agenda. Changes after the Board deadline kind of get a little more difficult for planning purposes.

**Williams:** Any other comments? Barring none, Nina, will you take a roll call vote?

**Boyd:** Trustee Shaw?

**Shaw:** I'm sorry. Yes.

**Boyd:** Trustee Gomez?

**Gomez:** No.

**Boyd:** Vice President Barke?

**Barke:** Yes.

**Boyd:** And President Williams?

**Williams:** Yes. Moving on with our Agenda. The Board will be in closed session one.

**[PRESIDENT WILLIAMS STRIKES THE GAVEL ONCE TO SIGNAL THE BEGINNING OF THE CLOSED SESSION. UPON CONCLUSION, PRESIDENT WILLIAMS STRIKES THE GAVEL ONCE MORE TO SIGNAL THE CONTINUATION OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING]**

**Williams:** Okay. The Board of Education is out of closed session. We're back in open session. Mr. Robert Tyler will report out from closed session number one, with follow-up on closed session number two.

**Tyler:** With regard to closed session number one, information was provided and a vote was taken on the bill from Tyler & Bursch invoice number 9959826. It was voted to approve that bill. It was voted in favor by Trustee Williams, Trustee Barke, Trustee Shaw. Trustee Gomez had to leave early. She did not vote on it. Those were the only ones present. In regard to closed session number two, information was given and no action was taken.

**Barke:** Thank you.

**Williams:** Thank you, Robert.

**Tyler:** Thank you.

**Williams:** Okay. Any public comments at all, Nina?

**Boyd:** No. There are no public comments.

**Williams:** Very good. May I have a motion to adjourn?

**Barke:** I will move your motion to adjourn.

**Williams:** And a second. The meeting is concluded.

**[PRESIDENT WILLIAMS STRIKES THE GAVEL ONCE TO SIGNAL THE CONCLUSION OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING]**