

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
January 6, 2021

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

WELCOME

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Orange County Board of Education was called to order by Board President Williams at 5:01 p.m., January 6, 2021 in the Board Room, 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, California and via YouTube live stream.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Rebecca “Beckie” Gomez – Virtual (attended the meeting via Zoom)
Tim Shaw
Mari Barke
Ken L. Williams, D.O.
Lisa Sparks, Ph.D.

INVOCATION

Rabbi Dov Fischer, Rav, Young Israel of Orange County Orthodox synagogue in Irvine, and law school professor

(*)AGENDA

Motion by Williams, seconded by Barke, and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the agenda of the Regular meeting of January 6, 2021 with the removal of item #16.

PLEDGE

Judge Lynne Riddle

INTRODUCTIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

▪ Lynne Riddle

The Board took a recess from 5:19 p.m. to 6:03 p.m. to conduct a closed inter-district appeal hearing.

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Motion by Barke, seconded by Shaw, and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2020 Regular meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Motion by Barke, seconded by Gomez, and carried by a roll call 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
 - EPIC
4. Charter School Public Hearing – Unity Middle College High School renewal – Aracely Chastain, Director, Charter Schools, facilitated the public hearing.
 - Dr. Erin Craig, Roy Kim, Rashi Seth
5. Charter School Public Hearing – Suncoast Preparatory Academy renewal – Aracely Chastain, Director, Charter Schools, facilitated the public hearing.
 - Shawna MacDonald, Interim Executive Director & Principal
7. Charter School Public Hearing – Vista Condor Global Academy material revision – Aracely Chastain, Director, Charter Schools, facilitated the public hearing.
 - Dr. Collin Felch, Principal
 - Dr. Don Wilson, Superintendent
8. Motion by Barke, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the Vista Condor Global Academy material revision.
6. Motion by Barke, seconded by Shaw, and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the Orange County Academy of Sciences and Arts Agreement.
9. Charter School Public Hearing – Ednovate-Legacy College Prep Renewal – Aracely Chastain, Director, Charter Schools, will facilitate the public hearing.
 - Evelyn Castro
10. Motion by Barke, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve Option One for the Ednovate-Legacy College Prep Renewal.
11. Charter School Public Hearing – Orange County Workforce Innovation High School Renewal & Material Revision – Aracely Chastain, Director, Charter Schools, facilitated the public hearing.
 - Julie Parra, Superintendent, Learn4Life

- Lili Gutierrez, Principal
12. Motion by Barke, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve Option One for the Orange County Workforce Innovation High School Renewal.
 13. Motion by Barke, seconded by Shaw, and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve Option One for the Orange County Workforce Innovation High School Material Revision.

The Board took a recess from 7:49 p.m. to 8:13 p.m.

14. Charter School Public Hearing – Irvine International Academy Appeal – Aracely Chastain, Director, Charter Schools, facilitated the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (IA Only)

- Terry Walker, Superintendent, Irvine Unified School District
15. Motion by Williams, seconded by Barke, and carried by a roll call vote of 4-1 (Williams, Barke, Sparks, and Shaw voted Yes; Gomez voted No) to approve Option Two for the Irvine International Academy appeal.

INFORMATION ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Superintendent

- Safe Schools for All plan
- OC Healthcare Agency Vaccination Task Force
- ACCESS Programs
- OC's most influential people- Kirk Anderson, Principal; Beckie Gomez, Board Member; Andrew Pulver, Superintendent of Los Alamitos USD

Associate Superintendent

- Next board meeting is February 3rd – Submission deadline is January 20th
- Office Closure: January 18th, Martin Luther King

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Trustee Barke- ISSAC charter school and Sycamore charter school

COMMUNICATION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- 1ST Interim Report and Harbor Learning Center North
- Rancho Sonado

- Staff report on security at board meetings (carryover to February 3rd board meeting)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Related to Closed Session Only - None

The Board recessed to go into closed session from 9:46 p.m. to 10:18 p.m.

Trustee Gomez attended via Zoom (virtual).

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)

Report Out

Mr. Brenner reported, for Closed Session 1 and 2, the Board received an update from counsel. No action was taken other than approval of Epstein, Becker, and Green invoices dated December 31, 2020. The approval was 4-0-1 (Shaw, Barke, Williams, and Sparks voted Yes; Gomez Abstained) for the General Counsel litigation invoices; and 4-0-1 (Shaw, Barke, Williams, and Sparks voted Yes; Gomez Abstained) for the Budget litigation invoices.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made, and seconded, the Board meeting of January 6, 2021 adjourned at 10:19 p.m.



Nina Boyd
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education



Ken L. Williams, D.O.
President, Board of Education

Next Regular Board Meeting, Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. - The meeting will be in the Board Room at 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, CA and via virtual conference.

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