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MINUTES
Regular Meeting
March 3, 2021

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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WELCOME

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Orange County Board of Education was called to order by Board President Williams at 5:05 p.m., March 3, 2021 in the Board Room, 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, California and via YouTube live stream.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Rebecca "Beckie" Gomez
Tim Shaw
Lisa Sparks, Ph.D.
Mari Barke
Ken L. Williams, D.O.

(*)AGENDA

Motion by Barke, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the agenda of the Regular meeting of March 3, 2021.

PLEDGE

Mari Barke, Board Vice President

INTRODUCTIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Lorrie Kaylor, Ethnic Studies
- Michelle, Ethnic Studies
- Mrs. G, Ethnic Studies
- Michael Scott, Irvine International Academy
- David, Ethnic Studies

INVOCATION

Pastor Christina Williams, Harbor Light Church, Costa Mesa

INFORMATION ITEMS

COMMUNICATION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- Harbor Learning Center North
- Rancho Sonado
- Staff report on security at board meetings
- Staff communications with Board
- Education Vaccination Update
- Update on Governors proposed budget
- Reopening of schools plan

9. Motion by Barke, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Orange County Workforce Innovation High School Agreement.
10. Charter School Public Hearing - Suncoast Preparatory Academy Renewal – Aracely Chastain, Director, Charter Schools, facilitated the public hearing.
 - Shawna MacDonald, Suncoast Prep Academy
11. Motion by Barke, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve Option II for Suncoast Preparatory Academy Renewal.
12. Charter School Public Hearing – Unity Middle College High School Renewal – Aracely Chastain, Director, Charter Schools, facilitated the public hearing.
 - Erin Craig, Unity
 - Roy Kim, Unity
13. Motion by Williams, seconded by Barke, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve Option I for Unity Middle College High School Renewal.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

14. Motion by Williams, seconded by Barke, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the 2020-2021 Second Interim Report, which has been certified as positive by the County Superintendent of Schools.
15. Motion by Barke, seconded by Gomez, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve Electrical and Water Easements for Harbor Learning Center North.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

16. Motion by Williams, seconded by Barke, and carried by a vote of 4-1 (Williams, Barke, Sparks, and Shaw voted Yes; Gomez voted No) to approve new legal contract per state Education Code 1042 for the retention of the legal services and counsel of Greg Rolen, Haight Brown and Bonesteel.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Michelle, Ethnic Studies
- Saga Conroy, Ethnic Studies

The Board recessed to go into closed session from 7:45 p.m. to 9:35 p.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)

Report Out

Mr. Brenner reported, for Closed Session 1 and 2, the Board received an update from counsel. The Board approved the January 15, 2021 and February 11, 2021 invoices for Haight, Brown, and Bonesteel by a vote of 4-1 (Shaw, Sparks, Barke, and Williams voted Yes; Gomez Abstained). The Board also approved Epstein, Becker, and Green invoices dated February 28, 2021 on the General Counsel and Budget litigations by a vote of 4-0 (Shaw, Sparks, Barke, and Williams voted Yes; Gomez Abstained).

The Board approved a statement regarding the General Counsel settlement to be posted on the Board’s webpage and resolved to have an abridged version to be read into the record.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made, and seconded, the Board meeting of March 3, 2021 adjourned at 9:55 p.m.



Nina Boyd
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education



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

Next Regular Board Meeting, Wednesday, April 7, 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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