

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING 4-14-2021 TRANSCRIPTION

[PRESIDENT WILLIAMS STRIKES THE GAVEL THREE TIMES TO SIGNAL THE BEGINNING OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING]

Williams: Good evening. Welcome to the April 14 special meeting of the Orange County Board of Education. The time now is about 6:05 PM. And for the benefit of the record, this special meeting is called to order. And let me take the extraordinary opportunity to remember a fellow Board member, Jack Bedell, who was with us for many years and who played a great role in this Board providing leadership, and who has made a big difference in his community. Upon his death, we remember him for all the goodness and righteousness and good things he has done to our community. And with that, I will begin with a short invocation. Lord, we thank you for the goodness and mercy that you give to us. And give us great wisdom this evening. And we'll follow with the Pledge of Allegiance led by our trustee, Mari Barke.

Barke: Please put your hand over your heart, and begin.

Barke: 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 please do the roll call?

Boyd: Trustee Sparks?

Sparks: Here.

Boyd: Trustee Shaw?

Shaw: Here.

Boyd: Trustee Gomez? Vice President Barke?

Barke: Here.

Boyd: And President Williams?

Williams: I am here. And for the record, Trustee Gomez is at her regular board meeting for the city of Tustin, and she will be excused for such meeting. She has been offered the opportunity, if she has time during her meeting tonight, to phone into our meeting here. Are there any introductions moving on with the meeting today?

Boyd: There are no introductions at this meeting.

Williams: Very good. May I have a motion for the adoption of the special meeting Agenda?

Barke: So moved.

Williams: And a Second by -

Shaw: Second.

Williams: - Tim Shaw. Any discussion? Being that there's none, all those in favor, say, "Aye".

Board: Aye.

Williams: Motion passes 4-0. There are no minutes to approve. And moving on to public comments. Any public comments?

Boyd: We have none.

Williams: Very good. At this time, the Board will be in closed session for closed session one and two.

[PRESIDENT WILLIAMS STRIKES THE GAVEL ONCE TO SIGNAL THE BEGINNING OF THE CLOSED SESSION. UPON CONCLUSION, PRESIDENT

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CONTINUATION OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING]**

Williams: Okay. The board of education is out of closed session and we're going to report out. And just so I know, I assume there is no public comments at this time?

Boyd: There are none.

Williams: Okay. Very good. So, we will report out from closed session. Mr. Brenner?

Brenner: Thank you, Mr. President. It's good to be with you and the rest of the trustees and staff tonight. This is the report out for closed session items one and two. The Board held a discussion with counsel and Trustee Gomez joined the closed session at 7:27 PM, and was present along with all the other trustees for the duration. She's with us here now in open session as well. The Board took three actions at closed session items one and two. And with respect to closed session one, the Board, by a vote of 5-0, authorized counsel and the Executive Committee to post an announcement response, and additional information, regarding the general counsel litigation on the Board's information website.

Second, the Board authorized under closed session item number two, authorized counsel to make a settlement proposal to the superintendent of the county, and the superintendent of the state, in the budget litigation. That authorization was made by a vote of 5-0 unanimously. And thirdly, under closed session item number two, the Board authorized counsel to make a proposal to both superintendent defendants in the budget litigation regarding litigation and trial procedure, in accordance with instructions given to counsel in closed session by the Board. And that authorization was also 5-0 unanimously, all trustees present voting in favor. And that's the report out for the closed session. Thank you.

Williams: Do we need the report out who made the motion and the second?

Boyd: No.

Williams: Very good. Okay. May I have a motion for adjournment?

Barke: So moved.

Sparks: Second.

Williams: So moved. Adjournment made.

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CONCLUSOIN OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING]**