

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
December 14, 2016

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Orange County Board of Education was called to order at 10:08 a.m., December 14, 2016 in the Board Room, 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

INVOCATION

Pastor Becky Tirabassi
Viewpoint Church
436 32nd Street
Newport Beach, CA 92663

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Nina Boyd, Associate Superintendent

ROLL CALL

Present:

David Boyd
Jack Bedell, Ph.D.
Linda Lindholm
Rebecca "Beckie" Gomez

Absent:

Ken Williams, D.O. – arrived later

INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

AGENDA

Motion by Boyd, seconded by Gomez, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Williams absent), to approve the agenda of the December 14, 2016 board meeting with one amendment, adding Trustee Bedell's request that the Board adjourn the meeting in honor of Wendy Benkert's service as Associate Superintendent of Business Services

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Motion by Bedell, seconded by Boyd, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Williams absent), to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2016 board meeting with the following amendments:
-add "Jack Bedell" at the end of the sentence on item #5
-delete "Boy Scouts" from the second bullet point under Superintendent's Announcement

Comment

Trustee Boyd mentioned that Jeff Arthur, a constituent who has addressed this board many times on many different issues, but in particular pension plan issues, passed away about 2 weeks ago after a very long illness.

TIME CERTAIN

Holiday Presentation

1. Special Presentation – Steve Venz, Visual & Performing Arts Coordinator, facilitated a Holiday Musical Presentation by the Willard Intermediate School Advance Band and Concert Choir, Santa Ana Unified School District

Board member arrives

Trustee Williams arrived at 10:20 a.m.

Recess

The Board took a break from 10:35 a.m. to 10:43 a.m.

TIME CERTAIN

2. Charter Submission(s) – there were no charter submissions at this meeting
3. Presentation – Jeff Frost, Lobbyist and Ron Wenkart, General Counsel, conducted the presentation regarding Prop 64: Marijuana Legalization. Jeff Frost and Ron Wenkart will periodically update the Board on the progress of Prop 64.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Williams, seconded by Boyd, and carried by a vote of 5-0, to approve the consent calendar item #4 through item #6

4. Approve granting of a diploma to the students listed from Alternative, Community, and Correctional Education Schools and Services, Alternative Education Division
5. Approve the signing of the certificate of merit and letter of commendation for Joseph Rollino, resigning board member from the Brea Olinda Unified School District
6. Approve and sign the certificates of merit and accompanying letters for the outgoing district board members

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

7. Motion by Williams, seconded by Gomez, and carried by a vote of 5-0, to approve the 2016-17 First Interim Report, which has been certified as positive by the County Superintendent of Schools
8. Motion by Bedell, seconded by Boyd, and carried by a vote of 5-0, to approve the College Readiness Block Grant for ACCESS
9. Motion by Williams, seconded by Bedell, and carried by a vote of 5-0, to approve the College Readiness Block Grant for College and Career Preparatory Academy

10. Motion by Williams, seconded by Bedell, and carried by a vote of 4-0-1 (Gomez abstained), to approve the Agreement between the Orange County Board of Education and Unity Middle College High School and designate the Associate Superintendent to sign the Agreement on behalf of OCBE

INFORMATION ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Superintendent

- Orange County Department of Education is a recipient of the Golden Bell award for the Gift of History
- Nicholas Academic Center – Valley High School, November 21st
- OC Pathways Showcase – Marconi Automotive Museum
- CSBA Conference – San Francisco
- Wendy Benkert, Associate Superintendent of Business Services, retiring

Associate Superintendent

- Ron Wenkart – Article on Mendez
- Laura Strachan – Sunburst Graduation and Pacific Coast High School’s mock trial team
- Renee Hendrick – Esplanade report
- OCSBA Seminar – January 25, 2017
- Holiday Luncheon – December 16, 2016
- Office closed on December 23, 26, 30 and January 2, 16
- The next board meeting is on January 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
 - The submission deadline is December 22, 2016

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Trustee Gomez – Thorman Elementary 3rd graders received free bikes from Bikes for Kids, Foothill Dickens Carolers at Tustin Chamber Breakfast, Sunburst graduation, Mendez Acts of Kindness
- Trustee Boyd – EPIC Charter School visit, CSBA in San Francisco
- Trustee Bedell – CSBA, Golden Bell Award

CLOSED SESSION

Ron Wenkart, General Counsel announced the Board will go into closed session to discuss the following:

(1) a potential litigation regarding a letter received by the Board from an organization, requesting that the Board immediately stop scheduling invocations at its meetings, that the Board removes the words “In God We Trust” from the board room and refrain from adopting resolutions related to religion in the future; and

(2) Whitley vs. Orange County Department of Education litigation which involves the Brown Act and the Public Records Act

Trustee Boyd recused himself from the second closed session item regarding the Whitley vs. Orange County Department of Education litigation.

The Board went into closed session from 12:16 p.m. to 1:13 p.m.

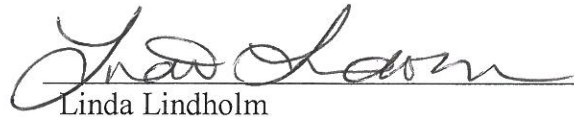
Ron Wenkart, General Counsel, reported the Board took action on the Whitley vs. Orange County Department of Education litigation. The Board reviewed and approved a settlement agreement (Williams, Bedell, and Lindholm voted yes, Gomez abstained, and Boyd recused himself).

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made, and seconded, the Board meeting of December 14, 2016, was declared ended at 1:14 p.m.



Nina Boyd
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education



Linda Lindholm
President, Board of Education

Next Regular Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 10:00 a.m. - The meeting will be held in the Board Room at 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, CA.

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