

Oxnard Union High School District

Oxnard, California

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

March 18, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Oxnard Union High School District was called to order by President Sher on March 18, 2020 at 3:39 p.m., District Office Board Room, 220 South K Street, Oxnard, California/Google Meet (Remote attendance).

Trustees present:

Karen M. Sher, President
Dr. Gary Davis, Vice President - absent
Beatriz R. Herrera, Clerk.
Wayne Edmonds, Member
Dr. Steve Hall, Member

Administration present:

Dr. Penelope A. DeLeon, Superintendent of Schools
Jeffrey Weinstein, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services
Dr. Tom McCoy, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services
Sylvia M. Diaz, Administrative Assistant

Translators present:

Ana Rangel, Lourdes Campbell

Guests present:

No guests present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Sher asked Trustee Edmonds to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Trustee Herrera to adopt the agenda of March 18, 2020 Special Board meeting, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Edmonds and carried unanimously. Vote 4/0/1. Trustee Hall attended remotely. Trustee Davis was not in attendance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

No comments received.

5. DISCUSSION

A. Plan for School Closures

Dr. DeLeon gave a heartfelt thank you to the entire OUHSD team of certificated and classified employees along with administrators who have worked so hard to have everything up and running for students. She noted that the collaboration within the district union brethren has been incredible. Dr. DeLeon also noted that she is working on a schedule that allows employees to come in on a limited schedule and is proactively working with IT to provide devices for employees that need to work remotely.

Dr. DeLeon presented the current district plan by answering the following questions:

- 1) When will school reopen? OUHSD will be closed at minimum until Friday, May 1, 2020 and it is likely that school may not resume this school year but it's not known yet. Weekly updates will be sent out on Thursday evenings no later than 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Will graduation and promotion ceremonies be held? Dr. DeLeon replied that in the case in-person ceremonies are not possible due to public health concerns, alternative ways of recognition will be explored. The district is being mindful to honor the class of 2020 seniors.
- 3) Will remote learning be provided for students at home? Yes, plans are in progress to provide remote learning for district students and devices will be provided for each student. Distribution of devices, hotspots, battery packs, if needed, training and equitable access for all students, including students with special needs. Some current programs the District will continue using are Ed Puzzle and No Red Ink. Students that aren't available for a general six hour school day through distance learning will be offered digital citizenship and social emotional learning lessons with resources being added once students and teachers show capacity. Dr. McCoy

noted that a meeting will take place on Friday, March 20th with the district's special education leadership team to discuss how to best serve students with IEP's during distance learning. He also noted that the severely handicapped and adult transition families have already been contacted to determine what needs they have, that were used in the classroom, that can be delivered to their homes. IT is working vigorously to have devices ready for students to begin school work on Monday, March 23, 2020. PBS TV is also offering at-home learning opportunities at: www.kcet.org/at-home-learning.

- 4) Will remote work be graded? OUHSD is in the process of determining how to best grade students equitably, while learning remotely. Dr. DeLeon stated there are no current State guidelines for grading at this time but it is being reviewed and she will send out any updates as she receives them. The only language in regard to State guidelines at this time is in the Ed Code which needs to be followed. VCOE is seeking a legal opinion on how to equitably provide grades, especially for those students with IEP's etc., but in the meantime Dr. DeLeon has asked staff to be flexible with grading until she hears otherwise.
- 5) Are students required to participate in remote learning? Yes, students are required to participate once the remote learning plan is in place. If any students have questions, they can contact their site Principal.
- 6) What's happening with SAT, ACT, AP and IB testing? The College Board has canceled the March 28, 2020 makeup and May 2, 2020 SAT test dates. The next date is June 6, 2020 with a May 27, 2020 deadline registration. The College Board is working on remote AP learning and a plan to allow AP tests to be taken at home. Students can visit: <https://pages.collegeboard.org/collegeboard-covid-19-updates> for the latest updates.

The April 4, 2020 ACT test date has been rescheduled to June 13, 2020. Visit: www.act.org/content/act/en/covid-19.html for more information.

Visit: www.ibo.org/news/news-about-the-ib/covid-19-coronavirus-updates for more information about IB testing.

Maricruz Hernandez, OMCHS Principal, is in touch with the district's College Board representative on a daily basis to get the most current information on testing as they are in control of all of the rescheduling of the dates and times of the Advanced Placement tests.

- 7) Will school meals continue to be provided? Yes, OUHSD students will continue to be provided meals and can pick them up at any of the schools noted below, including elementary district partners and Rio Vista M.S. Pick-up times are 10:00 – 1:00 p.m. daily at: ACHS, CIHS, HHS, OHS, PHS, RMHS, RMHS(offsite) Garden Acres Water Company. www.vcoe.org/meals or www.vcoe.org/comida has a list of meal pickup locations and times throughout Ventura County. Dr. DeLeon thanked Mr. Weinstein for working with district vendors: Flewelling & Moody, OHNO Construction, and Kiewit to donate money to provide meals for adults that show up without students. The public is welcome to email Mr. Weinstein if they would like to donate to this cause.
- 8) Will schools provide childcare? The district is aware of the serious childcare challenges at this time but providing childcare will defeat the purpose of the school closures; therefore, it is not being offered at the district pre-school sites at this time.
 - Dr. DeLeon gave a special shout out to the nurses for all they've done to assist students before the district closure occurred
 - The district website contains a tab labeled coronavirus for parents to refer to in case they miss any district communications mailed out
 - Lost days will not have to be made up, per current legislation, as the district is considered to be in intercession and the school year ended on February 28, 2020
 - Principals will communicate with counseling staff via Google Meet by Friday, March 20, 2020 to discuss continuing registrations, seniors, credit recovery, transcripts and deadlines. Summer school registrations will continue to be collected with a start date of July 6, 2020.

- Student Intervention Specialists have been asked to begin reaching out to students they've contacted throughout the year to see if they're accessing their outside mental health services or if groups are required to meet remotely via Google meets.
- Incoming 9th grade online registrations are 60-70% complete. Counselors have been asked to create lists of incoming freshmen so Principals can help contact the remaining students to complete the registrations.

B. Consideration of Adoption of Resolution No. 20-15, Resolution Delegating Authority to Take Necessary Action to Protect Students and Staff from the Spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Trustee Herrera moved to adopt Resolution No. 20-15, Resolution Delegating Authority to Take Necessary Action to Protect Students and Staff from the Spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), as presented. Seconded by Trustee Edmonds and carried. Vote 4/0/1. Trustee Davis was absent.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

President Sher announced the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Approved as presented
April 29, 2020

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Beatriz R. Herrera, Clerk



Dr. Penelope A. DeLeon, Secretary and Superintendent of Schools

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