

Oxnard Union High School District

Oxnard, California

REGULAR BOARD MEETING September 29, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Oxnard Union High School District was called to order by President Hall on September 29, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., District Office Board Room, 1800 Solar Drive, Oxnard, California.

Trustees present:

Steve Hall, Ed.D., President
Beatriz R. Herrera, Vice President
Karen M. Sher, M.Ed., Clerk, arrived at 5:45pm
Wayne Edmonds, Member
Elizabeth M. Botello, Member

Administration present:

Tom McCoy, Ed.D., Superintendent
Deborah Salgado, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent Human Resources
Roger Adams, M.Ed., Assistant Superintendent Educational Services
Ted Lawrence, M.Ed., Assistant Superintendent Business Services

Sylvia M. Diaz, Executive Assistant

Student Representative:

Zoe Gonzalez

Translator:

Lourdes Campbell and David Gala.

Guests present:

Shannon Houston-Scott, Dr. Darlene Garcia, Jeff Shetler, Dr. Freda Rossi, Anna Litz, Ali Villegas, Olivia Hardley, Corina Cherry, Daniel Gonzalez, Mayte Ipatzi, Jake Delgado, Kenshin Lyn, Maya Lopez, Andres Nedilskyj, Maria Zavala, Israel Lozano, Monica Robles, Sara Bustamante, Chari Farias, Citlali Diaz, Judith Isaac, Stephanie Almstrom, Melody Rodriguez-Servin Fernanda Ruiz, Sara Gochez, Ester Dominguez, Tracy Wong, Jorge Castillo, Stephanie De la Torre, Rafael Cahue, Caroline Gonella and Naomi Zhang.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Moved by Trustee Herrera to adopt the agenda of September 29, 2021, pulling consent item 13L, action item 14B and moving action item 14G up to be heard as the first action item after the consent calendar. Seconded by Trustee Botello and carried by a vote of 4:0:1. Trustee Sher arrived late; therefore, she didn't vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Trustee Herrera to approve the minutes of September 15, 2021 Regular Board meeting, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Botello and carried by a vote of 4:0:1. Trustee Sher arrived late; therefore, she didn't vote.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

No comments were received.

6. CLOSED SESSION

President Hall announced that the Board of Trustees were going into Closed Session at 5:03 p.m. to discuss confidential material relating to the following items noted below.

- A. Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Resignation/Appointment/ Reassignment /Employment - Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)
- B. Conference with Labor Negotiator(s) Government Code Section 54957.6 – Agency Negotiator: Dr. Deborah Salgado, Assistant Superintendent – Human Resources
Employee Organization: Oxnard Federation of Teachers and School Employees (OFTSE) - Classified, Certificated and ParaEducator Bargaining Units
- C. Student Personnel: [Education Code §35146, 48912, 48919]
- D. Consideration of Confidential Student Issues Other Than Expulsion and Suspension, Pursuant to Education Code §35146

- E. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9 (d)
a. Number of cases: Three
- F. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Govt. Code § 54956.8) PROPERTY: Multiple District-owned parcels, including: (1) District Office Campus 309 and 315 South K Street, Oxnard, CA, APNs 202-0-010-630; (2) 1101 W. 2nd St., Oxnard, APN 202-0-233-255; (3) 280 and 300 Skyway Drive, Camarillo, CA, APN 230-0-130-105
AGENCY NEGOTIATOR: Dr. Tom McCoy, Superintendent and Dr. Joel Kirschenstein, Consultant Sage Realty Group Inc.
NEGOTIATING PARTIES: To be determined
UNDER NEGOTIATION: Price and terms of payment

7. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC: REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTION
The Board reconvened at 6:30 p.m. President Hall reported that no action was taken during Closed Session.

8. RECOGNITION
Maria Zavala is a senior at PHS. She has challenged herself academically through Honors and AP courses. Maria has shown strong leadership skills as the HOSA Vice President, as a mentor to Freshman students through the Triton Transition program and has been an integral part of the Health Science Academy. She currently has a cumulative GPA of 4.04 UC/CSU and is in the top 5% of her class. Being a part of and giving back to her community is very important as she is an intern at the Westminster Free Clinic in Oxnard. Maria is on track to receive the Seal of Biliteracy for her fluency in French and English. She has applied to UC Davis, USD and USC nursing programs and plans to pursue a BSN to specialize in Labor and Delivery.

Andres Nedilskyj is a senior at PHS. He is part of the Robotics team, lead programmer, and is the leader of his CyberPatriot team. Last year Andres and two of his teammates won the Congressional App Challenge for California's 26th congressional district Rep Julia Brownley with the Mustard Math app that teaches young kids math and recycling using a video game. Besides being dedicated to the CODE Academy and Robotics programs, Andres is a key player and one of the leaders for the PHS soccer team.

Trustees congratulated Maria and Andres for their achievements and look forward to their future achievements as well.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Jeff Schettler thanked Dr. McCoy, Dr. Salgado, Dr. Garcia, Mr. Adams and Mr. Lawrence for attending the Unions SpEd Committee meeting last week. He addressed Trustees about the needed vans for Special Education.

Daniel Gonzalez, Director of Organizing and Advocacy for FLA, Mayte Ipatzi, Oxnard Youth Organizer for FLA, and several FLA student representatives asked Trustees to support the Mental Health Resolution that was on the agenda for consideration. All of the FLA representatives thanked Trustees for continuing to support students.

President Hall called for a break at 6:58pm and the meeting reconvened at 7:01pm

10. PUBLIC HEARING
A. Williams Act - Sufficient Textbooks and Instructional Materials
Annually the Board of Trustees is required to certify compliance with all regulations regarding Instructional Materials per Education Code Section (E.C.) 60422(a) and California Code of Regulations Title 5, Section 9531(a). This includes holding a public hearing to determine whether the district has sufficient standards-aligned textbooks and instructional materials and a Board Resolution to confirm the sufficiency. Annually, Educational Services works with each school site to order new textbooks and instructional materials as well as to replace lost, stolen and damaged textbooks prior to each school year. At this time all sites have the textbook and instructional materials required to meet student needs. OUHSD annually budgets \$1.1 million dollars for textbooks and instructional materials.

President Hall opened the public hearing at 7:03pm. There being no public comments President Hall closed the public hearing at 7:04pm.

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. McCoy's highlights:

- OUHSD is *In Person* for the 2021-2022 School Year
- Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee, first meeting took place 9/17/21
- Voter Registration Update
- Trustee Area Elections – Timeline
- Public Comment in Board Meetings

The three meetings taking place for community members to give their input about the Trustee Area Elections will take place as follows:

October 14, 2021 – PHS Performing Arts Center, October 18, 2021 – ACHS Library and October 19, 2021 – HHS Gym.

12. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT TO THE BOARD – Zoe Gonzalez

Zoe Gonzalez provided her report since the last meeting on September 15, 2021.

Ms. Gonzalez was excited to announce that the new Oxnard District Council, ODC, President is a senior at FHS, Mark Mendoza.

- Trustees inquired about the lunch and bathroom lines and bathroom closures due to construction at district sites. She asked Dr. McCoy to update Trustees on these concerns for each campus through a Friday Update.
- Trustees asked Dr. McCoy for an anonymous safety report option, addressed through video announcements that ODC requested, when students see something such as COVID-19 protocols not being followed or if they just have questions.
- Trustee Botello thanked Ms. Gonzales for her thoughtfulness about what students are seeking. She asked Ms. Gonzalez what the diversity with the dress code looks like and what awareness is there for students regarding sexual harassment; what are the protocols if something does happen so students know they're being heard by the action taken.

13. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Trustee Herrera moved to approve the Consent Calendar, pulling 13L as noted at the adoption of the agenda. Seconded by Trustee Botello and carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0

A. Consideration of Approval of Purchase Orders and Direct Pays, September 7-19, 2021

Purchase orders totaling \$4,863,434.01 and Direct Pays totaling \$31,860.47 be approved, as presented.

B. Consideration of Approval of a Contract Award to Hughes General Engineering to Replace a Sidewalk at the ACHS Front Office Area - Measure A

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees Approve a Contract Award to Hughes General Engineering to Replace a Sidewalk at the Adolfo Camarillo HS Front Office Area, as presented.

C. Consideration of Approval of a Contract Award to DaveBang Associates for the Installation of a Shade Structure for Anacapa Adult Transition Program - Measure A

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees Approve a Contract Award to DaveBang Associates for the Installation of a Shade Structure for Anacapa Adult Transition Program, as presented.

D. Consideration of Approval of a Contract Award to Smith Mechanical to Replace Existing HVAC at PHS Classrooms M-13, M-14, M15 & M-16 - Routine Restricted Maintenance

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees Approve a Contract Award to Smith Mechanical to Replace Existing HVAC at PHS Classrooms M-13, M-14, M15 & M-16, as presented.

E. Consideration of Approval of a Contract Award to Kiwitt's General Building for a Kitchen, Restroom and Doors at the Classroom Buildings at Anacapa Adult Transition Program - Measure A

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees Approve a Contract Award to Kiwitt's General Building for a Kitchen, Restroom and Doors at the Classroom Buildings at Anacapa Adult Transition Program, as presented.

- F. Consideration of Approval of a Contract Award to California Electric Company to Retrofit the Maintenance Building Restroom at RCHS - Routine Restricted Maintenance
It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees Approval of a Contract Award to California Electric Company to Retrofit the Maintenance Building Restroom at RCHS, as presented.
- G. Consideration of Renewal of Contract Adjustment to Parsons Constructors, Inc. to Provide Additional Project Labor Agreement Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement with no Cost Increase throughout Measure A Projects
It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the renewal contract for Parsons Constructors, Inc., as presented.
- H. Consideration of Approval of Contract to Scott and Sons Electric to Restore Elevator Service at CIHS - Measure A
It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve a contract adjustment for the value as noted to Scott and Sons Electric, as presented.
- I. Consideration of Approval of VenTERRA Environmental, Inc. (VTE) for Demolition of Plaster Walls throughout the First Floor of Bldg. C at CIHS - Measure A
It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve proposal for the value as noted to VenTERRA Environmental, Inc., as presented.
- J. Consideration of Approval of Contract Annual Rate Increase for Vernier Construction Services for Projects throughout the District - Measure A
It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve a Contract adjustment to Vernier Construction Services, as presented.
- K. Consideration of Approval of Contract Agreement to Pro-Fab Construction, Inc. to Install Security Bars for Administration Offices at DSHS - Measure A
It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the agreement for the value as noted to Pro-Fab Construction, Inc., as presented.
- ~~L. Consideration of Approval of Contract Reduction to Fast Track Construction for Reduced Scope of Work Associated with HVAC Modernization Project at CIHS~~
~~It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve a contract value reduction as noted to Fast Track Construction, as presented.~~
Pulled
This item was pulled from the agenda; therefore, no action was taken.
- M. Consideration of Approval of a Contract Award to United Electric to Provide Power to Building Relocated from Former OAS to HHS - Measure A
It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees Approval of a Contract Award to United Electric to Provide Power to Building Relocated from Former Oxnard Adult School to Hueneme HS, as presented.
- N. Consideration of Approval of a Contract Award to PacifiCom to Replace the Campus Wide Public Address System at OHS - Routine Restricted Maintenance
It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees Approve a Contract Award to PacifiCom to Replace the Campus Wide Public Address System at Oxnard HS, as presented.
- O. Consideration of Approval of Little Diversified Architect Consulting for Added Design Scope and Project Closeout Certification at Multiple Sites - Measure A
It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve a contract value as noted to Little Diversified Architectural consulting, as presented.

P. Consideration of Approval of Non-Public Schools (NPS) Placements According to the Student's IEP Team and the Director of Special Education

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Non-Public Schools (NPS) placements according to the student's IEP Team and the Director of Special Education, as presented.

Q. Consideration of Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Oxnard Union High School District (OUHSD) and the West Ventura County Business Alliance (WVCBA)

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Oxnard Union High School District (OUHSD) and the West Ventura County Business Alliance (WVCBA), as presented.

R. Consideration of Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding Between Oxnard Union High School District and Butte County Office of Education Mini-Corp Tutors for the Years 2021-2023

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding between Oxnard Union High School District and Butte County Office of Education Mini-Corp Tutors for the Years 2021-2023, as presented.

S. Consideration of Renewal of Participation Agreement with Kern County Superintendent of Schools and Oxnard Union High School District for Random Moment Time Study (RMTS)

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Renewal of Participation Agreement with Kern County Superintendent of Schools and Oxnard Union High School District for Random Moment Time Study (RMTS), as presented.

T. Consideration of Approval of Agreement Between Oxnard Union High School District and Smart and Final Channel Islands- WorkAbility Program for School Year 2021-2022

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Agreement between Oxnard Union High School District and Smart and Final Channel Islands- WorkAbility Program for School Year 2021-2022, as presented.

U. Consideration of Approval of Agreement Between Oxnard Union High School District and Smart and Final Oxnard Blvd.- WorkAbility Program for School Year 2021-2022

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Agreement between Oxnard Union High School District and Smart and Final Oxnard Blvd. - WorkAbility Program for School Year 2021-2022, as presented.

V. Consideration of Approval of Agreement Between Oxnard Union High School District and Surfside Seafood Restaurant - WorkAbility Program for School Year 2021-2022

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Agreement Between Oxnard Union High School District and Surfside Seafood Restaurant - WorkAbility Program for School Year 2021-2022, as presented.

W. Consideration of Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding Between Camarillo Hospice and Oxnard Union High School District for Grief and Bereavement Services During the School Year 2021-2022

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding between Camarillo Hospice and Oxnard Union High School District for grief and bereavement services during the school year 2021-2022, as presented.

X. Consideration of Renewal of Agreement Between Maxim Healthcare Staffing Services, Inc. and Oxnard Union High School District for Specialized Mental Health Treatment Services and Programming for the 2021-2022 School Year

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Renewal of Agreement Between Maxim Healthcare Staffing Services, Inc. and Oxnard Union High School District for Specialized Mental Health Treatment Services and Programming for the 2021-2022 School Year, as presented.

Y. Consideration of Approval of Stipulated Student Expulsions by Agreement of the Student Services Administration, the Student, and the Student's Parent/Guardian, as per Board Policy 5144, Section 22

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve Stipulated Student Expulsions by Agreement of the Student Services Administration, the Student and the Student's Parent/Guardian, as per Board Policy 5144, Section 22, as presented.

Z. Consideration of Approval of Personnel Items

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel items, as presented.

AA. Consideration of Approval of Revisions to Job Description: Social Media and Communications Specialist, [First Reading]

It is the recommendation of district administration that the revisions to job description: Social Media and Communications Specialist, [First Reading] be approved by the Board of Trustees, as presented.

BB. Consideration of Approval of Annual Revisions to 2021-2022 Classified Management, Classified, and Confidential Salary Schedules as Required by California STRS and PERS

It is the recommendation of district administration that the revisions to 2021-2022 Classified Management, Classified, and Confidential Salary Schedules as Required by California STRS and PERS be approved by the Board of Trustees, as presented.

CC. Consideration of Revision of Board Policy 5030: Student Wellness [First Reading]

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Revision of Board Policy 5030: Student Wellness [First Reading], as presented.

14. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration of Adoption of Resolution #21-35 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of 2021 Refunding General Obligation Bonds (Federally Taxable) in the Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$125,000,000 for the Purpose of Refinancing Outstanding General Obligation Bonds of the District, and Approving Documents and Official Actions Relating Thereto

Motion: Trustee Herrera moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-35, Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of 2021 Refunding General Obligation Bonds (Federally Taxable) in the Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$125,000,000 for the Purpose of Refinancing Outstanding General Obligation Bonds of the District, and Approving Documents and Official Actions Relating Thereto, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Sher and carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

- Taxpayers would begin to see a reduction in their tax payments beginning in 2022.
- Mr. Jon Isom, Isom Advisors, affirmed the terms of the loan would remain the same and added that by law, the terms of the loan can't be changed.

Approved

~~B. Consideration of Adoption of Resolution #21-36 Authorizing and Ratifying Certain Emergency Repairs Pursuant to the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act for the CIHS Cafeteria~~

This item was pulled; therefore, no action was taken.

Pulled

C. Consideration of Adoption of Resolution #21-34 Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials for the 2021-2022 School Year

Motion: Trustee Sher moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-34, regarding sufficiency of textbooks or instructional materials for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Botello and carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

Approved

D. Consideration of Adoption of Resolution No. 21-37 Affirming the District's Commitment to Mental Health Awareness and Accessibility

Approved

E. Consideration of Renewal of the Proposal between Illuminating SOL Therapy, Inc. and Oxnard Middle College High School for the 2021-2022 School Year

Approved

F. Consideration of Approval of Request to Hire Additional Positions: Site Administrative Secretary, Information Technology Support Technician, Campus Supervisor, Speech and Language Pathologist Assistant, and Psychologist

Approved

G. Consideration of Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 4119.11, 4219.11, 4319.11: Sexual Harassment [First Reading]

This item was heard after the consent calendar

Approved

Motion: Trustee Botello moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-37 Affirming the District's Commitment to Mental Health Awareness and Accessibility, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Herrera and carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

Trustees thanked the FLA students for attending the meeting to promote this resolution.

Motion: Trustee Sher moved to approve the renewal of the proposal between Illuminating SOL Therapy, Inc. and Oxnard Middle College High School for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Herrera and carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

- The LCSW onsite availability, one day on-site up to 15 hours per week, is based on need.
- LCAP funds are available if there is a need to increase the number of hours.

Motion: Trustee Botello moved to approve the hiring of additional positions: Site Administrative Secretary, Information Technology Support Technician, Campus Supervisor, Speech and Language Pathologist Assistant, and Psychologist, as presented. There being questions from Trustees, Trustee Botello withdrew her motion, as requested by President Hall. After questions were asked and answered Trustee Sher moved to approve the hiring of additional positions: Site Administrative Secretary, Information Technology Support Technician, Campus Supervisor, Speech and Language Pathologist Assistant, and Psychologist, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Botello and carried by a roll call vote of 3:2. Trustees Edmonds and Herrera voted no.

- The CIHS four hour campus supervisor position would become permanent due to the increase of the total number of students there. Student enrollment is currently at 2,975.
- Trustees understood the importance of hearing the Special Education report first, scheduled for October 27, but felt CIHS needs the support of an additional speech and language pathologist.
- If the Special Education positions are not approved, there would be a delay in scheduling IEPs and evaluations.
- None of these positions would impact the unit share. The campus supervisor, school psychologist and speech and language pathologist are paid by LCAP. The remaining positions would be paid from the general fund.
- The psychologist is strictly a growth position due to the increase in case load across the system.
- All of these positions were not approved in the budget, adopted in June 2021, but there is enough funding in reserves to cover the positions paid by the general fund and the LCAP.
- The two IT technicians being requested were part of the five-year IT plan and weren't hired due to COVID-19. Dr. McCoy stated that an amendment to the five-year plan would be brought for consideration, if an additional IT technician is needed for DSHS during year one. There is a possibility the current IT team can cover DSHS since it would open up with only one grade level.

Motion: Trustee Herrera moved to approve the revisions to Board Policy 4119.11, 4219.11, 4319.11: *Sexual Harassment* [First Reading], waiving the second reading. Seconded by Trustee Botello. Trustee Sher requested to have this Board Policy brought back for a final read due to the revisions requested. Trustees Herrera and Botello withdrew their motions. Trustee Sher moved to approve for the first read. Seconded by Trustee Hall and carried with a unanimous roll call vote of 5:0

- Dr. McCoy noted that education code mandates the district to have a written policy on sexual harassment. Board Policy 4119.11, 4219.11, 4319.11: *Sexual Harassment* relates to OUHSD employees, volunteers, adults and employment issues. Board Policy 5145.7: *Sexual Harassment Affecting Students* has information with student to student incidents and Trustees approved the updated policy in December of 2020.
- The Administrative Regulation (AR), page six, states the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources is the compliance officer and would be the "designee" as stated in the Board Policy (BP). The BP would be updated to align with the AR.

15. STAFF REPORTS and BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Wellness Centers & Wellness Programs Update

- Dr. McCoy explained the job application piece relates to having a quid pro quo for someone to receive a job from the district, but it's not specific to OUHSD.
- Language can be added stating the compliance officer can be an additional person an employee reports to but typically an employee would be offered to provide a neutral party to report to that isn't involved.

This academic school year, Wellness Centers have been implemented at each of the sites in the District – Post COVID-19. The purpose of the presentation was to provide an overview of the implementation and highlight the services provided to students.

Several OUHSD school site Wellness Specialists and student Wellness Peers reported on some activities that take place at each of the Wellness Centers.

- Dr. Rossi would like to see this program student driven so the mental health awareness survey can gauge student response. This should aid in serving as a marker for staff to develop this program both in the Wellness Centers and in the mental health campaign.
- There is a plan for all sites to have parent programming that's aligned to the mental health campaign.
- Wellness Centers have student walk-ins, self-referrals, staff referrals and peer referrals. These referrals can take place during Nutrition, lunch, after school and during class, if staff referred.
- Wellness Specialists meet with the Wellness Peers and staff to get their input on services and activities for the Wellness Centers. Trustees suggested that the Wellness Specialists keep a wish list in case something beneficial for the centers can be afforded to them.
- Trustees would like to see some form of emotional support animals at school sites.
- It was suggested to add a Wellness Center at OAS, if possible.
- Trustees would like to ensure that the Wellness Specialists' social/emotional needs are cared for while they're serving students as this might have an impact on them.
- The Wellness Specialists have collaborated with the Newcomer Centers. Dr. Rossi has met with the Director that's overseeing the Newcomer Centers Program and the Principals at HHS and OHS to ensure these students are completing the well-being survey to be able to meet their needs.
- There is a connection to community resources at some of the Wellness Centers in that they have a food pantry and/or care closet which allows these students access to hygiene products, school supplies and clothing.
- Wellness Peers have already participated in the safe talk training. There will be an upcoming opportunity for CIHS and OHS students to partake in the same training and it would be offered to all students.
- Students have been providing mental health presentations in classrooms. Dr. Rossi added that she is developing and expanding crisis, rape and suicide assessment protocols to ensure there's uniformity at all school sites.

Trustees thanked Dr. Rossi, the Peer Mentors and the Wellness Specialists for their presentation as they were highly impressed and very proud to see all of the great work that's been created in the last year and structured throughout the district. Trustee Sher thanked the Executive Cabinet, Principals, Dr. Rossi and her fellow Trustees for supporting the fruition of the Wellness Centers. Trustees appreciated the destigmatization of mental health.

President Hall called for a break at 9:12pm and the meeting resumed at 9:21pm

B. Farm 2 School Update

The OUHSD Farm 2 School Program provides a connection between the classroom and garden-based nutrition education to improve student wellness and leadership. The report focused on the Farm 2 School program accomplishments, future goals and next steps in providing students, staff and families the tools to live healthy fulfilled lives.

- This program has served different SpEd programs and students with emotional distress.
- Ali Villegas and Olivia Hardley, Nutrition Educators, are bilingual and plan to reach out to the bilingual students.
- Trustee Herrera, Ventura College Counselor, mentioned that OUHSD graduates that are attending Ventura College and participated in the Farm2School Program have mentioned how this program has inspired them to study dietetics and/or Environmental Science.
- Trustees encouraged the district's communication specialist to make a video as this program is part of project based learning, students love it and it would be nice to have the program showcased.

Anna Litz, Program Coordinator, thanked Shannon Houston-Scott and Mr. Adams for their support during her transition to coordinator.

Trustees expressed their gratitude for the work that Anna, Ali and Olivia do along with their commitment to the program.

C. Transportation

Mr. Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent Business Services, and Ms. Cherry, Transportation Supervisor, presented on the Transportation Department responsibilities, bus driver requirements, fleet inventory and budget development process recommendations.

- Diesel buses have been requested for long distance field trips as the electric buses can only travel up to 100 miles and sometimes less depending on the route taken. Diesel buses are replaced only if Trustees approve a replacement.
- The district is expecting three new electric buses once the charging stations have been installed.
- Approximately 60-65 students are transported daily per bus. Prior to COVID-19 OUHSD transported approximately 200,000 students per year.
- Ms. Cherry stated the district transports a lot of students for extra-curricular activities within a 50 mile radius and this makes the home to school trips difficult.
- The district still contracts with outside agencies and since Roadrunner Shuttle went out of business there aren't enough companies available to assist the district as the legal requirements to transport students must be met.
- Ms. Cherry must ensure she's been notified by the DMV that every employee that drives a district vehicle has a clean driving record, before the vehicle has been issued, or if they have received some type of driving infraction. This is done using a "pull notice" and it's good for up to 12 months.
- The Clearinghouse notices are specifically for bus drivers and they allow Ms. Cherry to receive immediate notification if any bus driver has received an infraction in or out of State.
- Every bus driver possesses a special driving certificate that's good for five years. Ten hours of classroom study is required within the five years for the certificate to be valid.
- Vehicle requests are approved by Principals. Weekend approvals have occurred for employees that attend weekend conferences or trips for student events.
- Principals oversee their own transportation budgets and they determine which groups are allowed a vehicle/bus for events.
- Zonar, district student bus pass program, has been purchased but the passes have not yet been issued. Students currently show their school ID to board a bus.
- Trustees requested that protocols be developed to keep track of students on buses.
- District mechanics maintain the buses and white fleet for the district.
- Trustees requested that a percentage for transportation and IT refresh be included in the development of future budgets.

Trustees thanked Mr. Lawrence and Ms. Cherry for their report.

16. BOARD REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Trustee Hall
 - Congratulated Trustee Sher for being recognized as the Public Servant of the Year by the Camarillo Business Alliance.
 - Trustee Herrera
 - No report.
 - Trustee Sher
 - Attended several athletic events and back-to-school nights at several different school sites. It was nice to welcome students back to school along with the faculty and staff.
 - Trustee Edmonds
 - Attended a district wellness in-service on Thursday, September 23. Feels OUHSD is a special place and enjoyed the activity.
 - Trustee Botello
 - Attended back-to-school nights and thanked the sites for inviting her as it was great to see everyone engaging and collaborating.
 - Attended several athletic events at different school sites.
 - Gave a shout out to students, especially Sophia, for the campus tours at RCHS.
 - Holding office hours at all district sites and the district office this year. Will be at HHS on Thursday, October 7. Principals have been asked to notify staff of these events via global staff emails and Parent Square prior to the visits.
- 17. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**
- Trustees reviewed the items for future consideration.

18. ADJOURNMENT

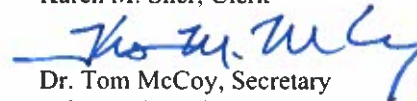
President Hall adjourned Open Session at 10:28 p.m.

Approved, as presented
October 13, 2021

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Karen M. Sher, Clerk



Dr. Tom McCoy, Secretary
and Superintendent

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