

**Orcutt Union School District  
Board of Trustees  
Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Orcutt Union School District was held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, in the District Office Board Room, beginning with Shaun Henderson calling Public Session to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joe Dana. It was moved by Melanie Waffle seconded by Mark Steller to adopt the November 8, 2023 agenda. Members Present: Henderson, Waffle, and Steller. Absent: Liz Phillips. Board Member Morinini joined the meeting at 6:30 PM. Administrators Present: Edds, Salucci, Dana, and Knight.

**CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Mark Steller seconded Melanie Waffle and carried to adjourn to Closed Session at 6:01 p.m. Ayes: Henderson, Waffle, and Steller.

**RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION**

It was moved by Mark Steller seconded by Melanie Waffle and carried reconvene to Public Session at 6:47 p.m. Shaun Henderson reported that by a vote of 3-0, the Board approved a settlement of a special education dispute in the matter of Student v. School District OAH Case No. 2023080830.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

OAHs ASB shared a video message to the Board where they updated them on everything Homecoming and even shared some highlights from the Homecoming Rally. The Orcutt Jr. High Robotics team, Radioactive Mustangs, led by Ginger Fredriks, put on a skit to demonstrate some of the fun hands-on learning, engaging research and problem-solving skills that the team is gaining through the FIRST Lego League robotics program. The Radioactive Mustangs were a top finisher in the Lego League qualifying tournament which earned them a place in regional competition in Ventura. Joe Dana, Assistant Superintendent, of Educational Services gave two presentations to the Board. The first presentation was Orcutt School & Drug Use Prevention which detailed our approach on drug education and prevention. The second presentation was Orcutt's Path to Improving Student Achievement which includes improving classroom instruction, academic intervention, PLC practices, and our approach to state testing all while focusing on school attendance, student behaviors and school connectedness.

**ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

Mark Steller spoke about the importance of community. Strong communities are critical because they provided a source of social connection and sense of belonging. This was demonstrated during the Old Orcutt Marchant Association (OOMA) Halloween event where over 800 community members participated. He's proud to be part of a community/school district bonded by common goals and attitudes. Melanie Waffle thanked Shaun Henderson for serving the Board this past year as President and congratulated him on a job well done. Melanie also solicited feedback from her fellow board members and the audience on what strategies are working and what are some challenges we are facing concerning mental health issues. Melanie will be attending the CSBA Delegate Assembly Meeting as a member and will use this feedback in discussions and for advocacy during the meeting. Liz Phillips was not in attendance but passed a message along thanking the OUSD groundkeepers for doing a wonderful job. Our school sites look fantastic and she is very appreciative of all the work they are doing. Lisa Morinini thank the OJH Robotics Team for a fabulous and entertaining presentation, she thoroughly enjoyed it and complemented them on their teamwork and theatrical abilities. Shaun Henderson thanked staff for participating in all of the staff development training centered around emergency preparedness and emphasized the importance of being prepared and proactive. He also

wished everyone a happy and restful Thanksgiving.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Monique Segura, OEA President, informed the Board that she was able to attend the New Educators Conference with some of our new teachers and that she appreciated the District's support and collaboration. OEA also held a benefit meeting for members to become more familiar with OEA and CTA benefits.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Classified Personnel Action Report
- B. Certificated Personnel Action Report
- C. Approval of October 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- D. Approval of October 25, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- E. Approval of Warrants
- F. Board Policy 1325 Advertising and Promotion, for the second reading
- G. Board Policy 1330 Use of School Facilities, for the second reading
- H. Child Nutrition Super Co-Op Contract for the 2024-2025 School Year
- I. OAHS Boys Basketball Team Overnight Trip to attend the Frank Ainley Invitational Basketball Tournament in Visalia, CA on December 14-16, 2023

It was moved by Lisa Morinini seconded by Melanie Waffle and carried to approve consent agenda items A – I, as submitted. Ayes: Henderson, Morinini, Waffle, and Steller.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Acceptance of Donations:**

- A. **From Marcy Michel (The Lash & Beauty Loft):** a donation of a \$100 to Patterson Rd. Elementary School Robotics Program.
- B. **From T & J Salazar (Jack's in Old Orcutt):** a donation of \$350 to Patterson Rd. Elementary School Robotics Program.
- C. **From Bautista Family Farms:** a donation of \$250 to Patterson Rd. Elementary School Robotics Program.
- D. **Hector Perez (Hacienda Roofing):** a donation of \$250 to Patterson Rd. Elementary School Robotics Program.
- E. **Patrick Stay (Stay True Construction):** a donation of \$550 to Orcutt Junior High School Cheer Team.
- F. **Whispering Tree Nursery:** a donation of six (6) bags of potting soil with an estimated value of \$84 to the Orcutt Junior High School Garden.

It was moved by Melanie Waffle seconded by Mark Steller and carried to approve that the donation be accepted and that a letter of appreciation be sent to the donors. Ayes: Henderson, Morinini, Waffle, and Steller.

#### **Set Annual Organizational Meeting**

It is was moved by Mark Steller seconded by Lisa Morinini and carried to approve the Annual Organizational Meeting for December 13, 2023, with Public Session beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room, 500 Dyer Street, Orcutt, CA., as submitted. Ayes: Henderson, Morinini, Waffle, and Steller.

#### **Resolution No.5 Support of Allan Hancock College Offering a Bachelor's Degree**

It was moved by Mark Steller seconded by Melanie Waffle and carried to adopt Resolution No. 5 Support of Allan Hancock College in its application to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to offer a bachelor's degree in Applied Professional Studies, as submitted. Ayes: Henderson, Morinini, Waffle, and Steller.

#### **Board Policy 1160 Political Processes**

It was moved by Melanie Waffle seconded by Lisa Morinini and carried to approve the revised Board Policy 1160 Political Processes, for the first reading and that it be placed on the next Consent Agenda for the second reading. Ayes: Henderson, Morinini, Waffle, and Steller.

**Board Policy 0410 Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities**

It was moved by Lisa Morinini seconded by Melanie Waffle and carried to approve the revised Board Policy 0410 Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities, for the first reading and that it be placed on the next Consent Agenda for the second reading. Ayes: Henderson, Morinini, Waffle, and Steller.

**Board Policy 9124 Attorney**

It was moved by Mark Steller seconded by Lisa Morinini and carried to approve the revised Board Policy 9124 Attorney, for the first reading and that it be placed on the next Consent Agenda for the second reading. Ayes: Henderson, Morinini, Waffle, and Steller.

**Facility Use Agreement with Orcutt Area Seniors in Service (OASIS), Inc.**

It was moved by Lisa Morinini seconded by Melanie Waffle and carried to approve Facility Use Agreement with Orcutt Area Seniors in Service (OASIS), Inc., as submitted. Ayes: Henderson, Morinini, Waffle, and Steller.

**Board Policy 3312 Contracts**

It was moved by Melanie Waffle seconded by Mark Steller and carried to approve the revised Board Policy 3312 Contracts, for the first reading and that it be placed on the next Consent Agenda for the second reading. Ayes: Henderson, Morinini, Waffle, and Steller.

**Board Policy 3460 Financial Reports and Accountability**

It was moved by Mark Steller seconded by Lisa Morinini and carried to approve the revised Board Policy 3460 Financial Reports and Accountability, for the first reading and that it be placed on the next Consent Agenda for the second reading. Ayes: Henderson, Morinini, Waffle, and Steller.

**Board Policy 3551 Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund**

It was moved by Lisa Morinini seconded by Melanie Waffle and carried to approve the revised Board Policy 3551 Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund, for the first reading and that it be placed on the next Consent Agenda for the second reading. Ayes: Henderson, Morinini, Waffle, and Steller.

**Resolution No. 4 CA Department of Social Services Authorization of Designated Personnel to Sign Contract Documents for the 2024-2025 School Year**

It was moved by Mark Steller seconded by Lisa Morinini and carried to adopt Resolution No. 4 CA Department of Social Services Authorization of Designated Personnel to Sign Contract Documents for the 2024-2025 School Year, as submitted. Ayes: Henderson, Morinini, Waffle, and Steller.

**School Plans for Student Achievement for Alice Shaw Elementary, Joe Nightingale Elementary, Olga Reed Elementary, Lakeview Junior High, and Orcutt Academy Charter**

It was moved by Melanie Waffle seconded Mark Steller and carried to table this agenda item to the December 13, 2023 Board Meeting. Ayes: Henderson, Morinini, Waffle, and Steller.

**Board Policy 4151/4251/4357 Employee Compensation**

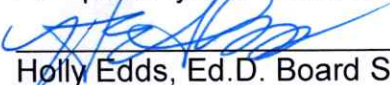
It was moved by Lisa Morinini seconded by Melanie Waffle and carried to approve the revised Board Policy 4151/4251/4357 Employee Compensation, for the first reading and that it be placed on the next Consent Agenda for the second reading. Ayes: Henderson, Morinini, Waffle, and Steller.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Unless otherwise noticed, the next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2023 beginning with Open Session at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Boardroom, 500 Dyer St., Orcutt, CA 93455

**ADJOURN**

It was moved by Melanie Waffle seconded by Mark Steller and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:89 p.m. Ayes: Henderson, Morinini, Waffle and Steller.

  
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Holly Edds, Ed.D. Board Secretary

  
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Lisa Morinini, Clerk, Board of Trustees