



Minutes

Ojai Unified School District Board of Education Regular Meeting

📅 Wed March 10th, 2021 ⌚ 4:30pm - 10:00pm PST

📍 Notice of Teleconference Meeting Location: 414 E. Ojai Avenue, Ojai CA 93023

Attendance:

Jane Weil, President

Kevin Ruf, Vice President

Michael Shanahan, Clerk

Rebecca Chandler, Member, Trustee Area 2

Shelly Griffen, Member, Trustee Area 4

Administrators:

Tiffany Morse, Ph.D., Superintendent

Sherrill Knox, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent

Minutes Secretary: Kathy Smith

1 Call Meeting to Order in Open Session at 4:30 p.m.

1.1 Receive Public Comments, if any and adjourn to Closed Session

Closed Session:

1. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code section 54957.6)

- Agency Negotiator: Jane Weil
- Unrepresented Employee: Superintendent

2. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code section 54957.6)

- Agency Negotiator: Dr. Tiffany Morse
- Employee Organization: Ojai Federation of Teachers

3. Conference with Legal Counsel (Government Code section 54956.9)

- Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b). 1 case

There were no public comments received at this time.

1.2 At 5:30 p.m. Reconvene in Open Session

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting reconvened in open session.

1.3 Emergency Additions/Modifications to Agenda

Action

There were no modifications or amendments made to the agenda.

1.4 **Report on Closed Session Action Taken, if any**

Member Weil reported that was no action taken during the closed session.

1.5 **Approval of Agenda**

Action

Member Griffen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Member Ruf seconded the motion which carried with a roll-call vote of 5:0.

2 **Approval of Minutes of the February 10, 2021 and February 16, 2021 Board Meeting**

Action

Member Griffen moved to approve the February 10, 2021 meeting minutes. Member Chandler seconded the motion which carried with a roll-call vote of 4:0:1. Yes: Member Chandler, Griffen, Shanahan and Weil. Member Ruf abstained from the vote as he was not present at the initial meeting.

Member Griffen moved to approve the February 16, 2021 meeting minutes. Member Chandler seconded the motion which carried with a roll-call vote of 5:0.

3 **Recognitions**

3.1 **OUSD Value Awards - San Antonio and Chaparral**

The Rotary Club of Ojai and OUSD will recognize San Antonio 5th grade student Paytyn Dale for the OUSD value of Creativity and Chaparral student Mary Dunleavy for the OUSD values of Environment Stewardship and for Creating an Inclusive Culture.

San Antonio principal Robin Monson introduced 5th grade teacher Anne Gard. Mrs. Gard recognized San Antonio student Paytyn Dale for the OUSD value of Creativity and for being such a great role-model to her fellow students.

Chaparral principal Javier Ramirez introduced Chaparral teacher Leana Graham. Ms. Graham recognized Chaparral student Mary Dunleavy for her commitment to the beautification of the Chaparral campus and for leading by example as well as for creating an inclusive culture among her fellow students and the faculty.

Rotary Peace Ambassador Chair Michael Weaver also congratulated the students and presented them with the Peace Ambassador Award and checks to the students personally and to the individual non-profit organizations of their choice.

3.2 **Kindness and Friendship Awards - Mira Monte**

Recognition of Mira Monte Health Check Greeters Susan Duran, Nicole Diaz, Marisol Ramirez and Kathryn Dzukola, and 1st grade student Isabella Vega for the Kindness and Friendship Award, sponsored by the Center for Spiritual Living.

Mira Monte principal Katherine White and Mira Monte teacher Lindsey Brousseau congratulated first grade student Isabella Vega for always being aware of the needs of other students and for being the first person in the room to ask to help. Isabella was presented with the Kindness and Friendship award sponsored by the Center for Spiritual Living.

Mrs. White also introduced and thanked the Mira Monte Health Check Greeters Susan Duran, Nicole Diaz, Marisol Ramirez and Katheryn Dzukola for the warm welcoming and inviting manner in which they greet students to school each day while easing any tensions a student might have as they comply with COVID protocols and separate from their parents at the gate.

3.3 **OUSD Volunteer Recognitions**

The following members of the community are recognized for their volunteer efforts on behalf of the Ojai Unified School District:

- Laura Denne
- Michelle Henson
- Beverly Schuberth
- Linda Taylor
- Kevin Ruf

Mrs. White also thanked the Ojai West Rotarians who volunteered and worked hours to create Valentine gifts for students. She introduced Michelle Henson who spoke on behalf of Laura Denne, Beverly Schuberth and Linda Taylor and thanked Mira Monte Elementary for providing this volunteer effort. They very much enjoyed having the opportunity to create this festive opportunity for the students.

Dr. Morse recognized Board member Kevin Ruf for the volunteer hours he spends annually coaching Nordhoff students in the Ventura County Mock Trial competitions. Mr. Ruf added that this year the team ranked 7th out of 26 teams in the County and he thanked each the students for his/her dedication to this event and for going above and beyond their school work and other extra-curricular activities.

4 **Monthly Communications**

4.1 **Public Comments**

No general comments were received.

4.2 **Student Advisory Council (SAC)**

SAC member Emily Michie, commented on her experience with the Mock Trial team. She also discussed the meeting she attended and the work students have begun with District Mental Health Clinician Jeanine Murphy on the subject of mental health training opportunities for students.

Dr. Morse added that she is very excited that the District is pursuing a Mental Health pathway for students to enroll in beginning in the 2021-2022 school year.

4.3 **Employee Union Presidents' Comments**

4.3.1 **California School Employee Association (CSEA) president Chuck Crawford**

Mr. Crawford recognized the accomplishments of the District's 170 classified employees. He specifically recognized the bond managers for the new projects that are being completed across the District.

Mr. Crawford thanked the Board for the recent COVID compensation stipends to staff, it was appreciated.

4.3.2 **Ojai Federation of Teachers (OFT) president Angie Genasci**

Ms. Genasci highlighted several items on the agenda this evening, adding that these presentations truly help to keep employees and the general public better informed. With respect to the School Safety Plans, Ms. Genasci asked that the teachers be better trained in the assigned emergency duties.

She added that the OFT membership is satisfied with the agreement that was a result of District and OFT negotiations. She also thanked Dr. Morse for the creation of the COVID Vaccination Center, it was extremely helpful to faculty and staff to have the Center open on the Nordhoff campus.

4.4 **Board Members' Report**

Member Ruf thanked his assistant coach Philip Bagley for assisting with the Mock Trial competition.

Member Griffen announced the upcoming Nordhoff Drama production, *The Masque of the Red Death*.

Member Weil added that the recent District sponsored community event, *Coffee with a Black Guy*, provided helpful guidance on important issues.

Member Weil indicated that as a District, we have talked a lot about COVID protocols and restrictions. She recognized that many people feel frustrated and everyone deserves to be heard. She also acknowledged that many staff members have felt a sigh of relief in returning to campus, with the additional protections afforded by the COVID vaccinations. She added that she worries that strong conversations may have taxed relationships which will need to be rebuilt moving forward.

4.5 **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Morse presented information and shared a student produced video introducing the Matilija Central Kitchen project. She also shared *Designing for Joy* examples in other construction projects around the District. She also thanked Ashley Kocijan for her work on a school bulletin board project.

Dr. Morse highlighted a community partnership with the upcoming Engage to Impact: Empowering Women Past, Present and Future event. She also announced the free weekly mandatory staff COVID testing at each school site. The testing will be in place for all student athletes and voluntary for all other students.

She introduced several other new programs beginning with the new Beacon Alert System and computer content filtering program which alerts parents and staff about potentially dangerous Internet content. It also helps to ensure that students stay on task when using District devices. Member Griffen added that the program also provides parental controls to allow access to the Internet to be shut down after a desired amount of time.

Other news included: a new needs assessment survey sent to Spanish-language preferred parents, a new Special Education plan approved by the CDE, classroom refresh demonstration rooms set-up for teachers to review available new options for furnishings and classroom design, a community stakeholder pool development committee and summer school sessions are being planned for the month of July, complete with an optional extended day child care program.

Dr. Morse congratulated staff members who have been recognized by their colleagues and community members for the Standing Ovation Awards: Laura VanAuker, Karl Rimpa, Marc Prado, Javier Ramirez, Katie Austin, Robin Monson, Isy Colborn, Michelle Valenzuela, Steve Gard, Joel Topping, Cheyenne Silver, Chantal Selleslags, Carson Brown, Stephanie Hull, Susan Dvortcsak, Greg Lepine, Martha Lepine, Andrea Robinson, Alex Mejia, Tracy Oakland, Chris Ando, Nicole Diaz, Sarah Ferranti, Romi Leonard, Nancy Roelle, Tina Mahler, Karin Dingman, Heather Meyers, Catherine McKinnis, Carolyn Burke, Wendy Churchill, Carmen Perez, Coach Stratton, Coach Hannah, Tracey Anderson, Kevin Ruf, Steven Davis, Trey Fonteyn, Amy Bujold, Jennifer Hankins, Korney Whaley, and the Mira Mote Special Education Teachers and Staff.

5 Presentations

5.1 School Spotlight: A Place to Grow

Dr. Knox and Director Sherrie Damas will present information about programs and services in Ojai Unified at A Place To Grow preschool.

A Place To Grow (APTG) preschool director Sherri Damas thanked the Board for the opportunity to present information regarding the District's preschool program. She added that APTG is the only fully inclusive early childhood general and special education program in the County of Ventura, with a fully emergent, play-based curriculum.

She detailed the enrollment fees and the enrollment calendar for general education students. Students with special needs are assessed through the District's Special Education department and eligibility and placement are based on securing the least restrictive environment suited to the student's particular needs. All children must be at least three years-old to attend.

Mrs. Damas shared information about the daily schedule, the curriculum that is age-appropriate and activities stem directly from the curiosity of the students. She introduced the teaching staff and provided details regarding the summer and Safety Town programs.

5.2 Return to Campus: Looking Forward to the 2021-22 School Year

Dr. Morse will present information about potential schedules and preparations being made for the 2021-22 school year.

Public Comments were read into the record:

Monica Hayes - Concern about Matilija I am a parent of 3 students in Ojai Unified School District. I have a child in Elementary school, Matilija and Nordhoff. Being in education myself getting a Preschool up in running in June to accommodate all guidelines was not easy but it was doable. I was very impressed with the Elementary level and the push and drive to get student's back to some "normalcy" and in the classroom. The concern I have is the lack of progress on getting the Matilija and Nordhoff students on campus. What is currently offered is not enough! My High Schooler will be starting back during her assigned time, my Middle schooler is angry and frankly I do not blame her. I receive the ParentSquare messages in regards to the minimal turn in of PE logs. Make PE outside an offered class during the week. They just need something!!!! I have seen my youngest enter back into school, how do I explain to my older children that they don't get to go back as much as their sister. (Not sure if you can even count 1 hour every 3 weeks going back) These students need social interaction just as much as the younger students.

Casey Stevens - Hello Board and Parents. This week I as well as many other parents were informed that some classes would be going back to school 4 days a week. My daughters 3rd grade class is one of the classes staying with hybrid, BUT the other 3rd grade class will be going 4 days a week. I believe all kids should be given the same equal opportunity. This is not equal. There is no way this will be fair or equal until all children have the opportunity to go to school with their teacher in their classroom 4 days week. How are the kids on campus not having a massive advantage going into the next grade level? Being offered kids club is not the same, not even close. I think my child's school and the district as a whole moved far to quickly on this. I respect my child's teacher, but knowing that he/she wasn't ready to have a larger class, then why bother pushing this idea of 4 days knowing it was not going to work.

I want to make it very clear that I do not want the school to cancel there plans of having kids return to campus 4 days week I am very aware that there are very excited kids, and kids that really need the support of on campus help. But like I said before every child should be given equal opportunity, mine included. So what's the next step? There needs to be a better solution. Me telling my daughter sorry honey there is just a couple extra kids in your class, oh well. Ojai needs to do what is best for these kids, our numbers are low, my daughters school only had one case, and it was an adult. Let's get these children back on campus, ALL of them. I have serious concerns for the current TK/K/1st, get these kids off of zoom and in class! I'm already one foot out the door, both of my girls are currently on a wait list for a new school outside the district, and I know I am not the only OUSD parent.

Matt Dwyer - We are parents of a child in one of the three classes that are not going back to four day a week in person instruction at Mira Monte. While we believe the educators are doing their best to accommodate in person learning, this discrepancy not only provides a distinct advantage to those children returning for 4 days but also furthers the detrimental mental and emotional health impacts of those who are not in the classroom. This situation is not simply a fairness issue, it is a serious flaw in the planning and decision making at the Board and School level. What actions will be taken to guarantee the outcome of all students returning in the fall?

Ashley Shirck - I am writing in as a concerned parent in regards to how our children's educational career is starting off. As a parent of a Kindergartener I strongly disagree with her experience thus far. Children should be on campus learning! I will be exploring other options for next school year, until you can guarantee kids can be on campus 5 days a week. I know other parents feel the same as me. Since teachers will be vaccinated by next year I see no problem being able to accommodate this. I want to feel confident sending our daughter to a school where the teachers want to be on campus teaching. Right now our experience has not been that! My daughter and I have been told, "it's our responsibility to keep her classmates and teacher safe" or "I should be thankful my daughter is privileged, speaks English and doesn't come from a low economical upbringing." My husband works very hard to provide a good life for our family and I will not be shamed for him doing so! I have no problem going a different route for our daughters education. One where she can attend 5 days a week, mask free and with teachers who aren't afraid of a virus that has a very high success rate. Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.

Kathleen Roney - I just wanted to put in my comment that I feel the school district should make every effort and accommodation to have all school children back on campus full-time next year, even if it means continuing to wear masks.

Our students are becoming weaker and sicker academically, emotionally, and physically by staying home. Whatever it takes to open a full campus is what needs to occur. I know I am not the only person that feels this way. Please consider all of the social-emotional and familial instability, financial stress and academic burdens on top of the current health issues that are impacted by this decision. Sincerely, Kathleen Roney

Robin Garretson - I look forward to hearing the presentation on what school reopening may look like for the 21/22 school year. I just want to say that I strongly feel that schools need to reopen fully by fall. I understand there will most likely be precautions required still, masks/distancing/temp checks etc. But I believe students need to be back in the classroom full time. If distance learning is still offered, I would like to see separate teachers handle that so that classroom teachers can focus their whole day on educating their kids in person.

I also would really like to see this decision made before summer so that parents can make alternate plans if the schools' reopening plan is not satisfactory to them. Thank you.

Alyssa Duclos - First, I'd like to say I'm thankful for the hard work of our OUSD teachers and staff! I know the events of this last year have turned your lives upside down in many ways, and you are appreciated. That being said, with regard to the remainder of the current school year I feel it's imperative we find a solution to get our secondary students back more than one hour, once a week (in the case Of middle school every other week). The tide is turning, and we can't ignore the mental health of our children who've been out of a classroom now for over a year! Safety measures and millions of dollars have been spent by our school district to protect students, faculty and

administration, and teachers now have the ability to be vaccinated. Our elementary schools have been making it work for months! It's time to get our secondary students back to class!

With regard to the Fall and our 2021-2022 schedule there is mounting evidence from many schools across the nation that returning to the classroom can be done successfully and safely. I know the 6 feet social distance requirement has been a huge hurdle in getting the kids back to the classroom, however numerous epidemiologists and infectious disease doctors have noted that the CDC's six-foot guidance and tethering school openings to community transmission does not reflect the science. A study published in January by the CDC showed minimal in-school spread with students generally NOT maintaining six feet distance. The World Health Organization marks three feet for distancing in its school guidance, and even the American Academy of Pediatrics cautions against strict adherence to 6 feet guidelines if it means students are forced to learn remotely. Recently the California Department of Public Health has allowed for 4 feet social distance in a classroom- and with continued masks, temperature checks, hand washing and sanitizing measures there should be no reason not to send the students back to school five days a week in the Fall. Additionally, by next August we will be in an even better position with regard to rate of infection with the majority of our elderly, immune compromised and most susceptible population vaccinated. When the pandemic first began we listened to the CDC and Dr. Fauci's recommendations and the science and logic behind their decisions. They are now recommending that students go back to school, and millions of dollars are being spent- for what? empty classrooms? We can't keep moving the goal post at the expense of our children. Please bring the students back to school full-time for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mandi - I am a parent of two kids that attend Mira Monte Elementary. They are in one of the few classrooms not able to go back to 4 days a week due to class size. This is a major disappointment to my children and myself as they have to see the other 3rd grade classroom going back and not them. They deserve the same education as the other classroom and I feel like more options are available than just ABC club that are being shot down by administrators. If it is teacher preference then another teacher should be brought in that is comfortable with the 18 kids. Public school is about equal opportunity for everyone and I don't feel like this is at all equal opportunity. This is something that needs to be looked at more thoroughly for next year plans. We need to get ALL of our kids on campus 5 days a week next year no matter what needs to happen. They all deserve the same education, which is not happening now for some students.

Dr. Morse began the presentation by including updated information regarding the current school year and detailed activities under the recent return to campus, under the small co-hort guidance for students at Nordhoff and Matilija.

Looking forward to 2020-2021, Dr. Morse indicated that social distancing requirements are not expected to change and the District will need to hire additional elementary school teachers to accommodate the maximum of 24:1. Secondary class scheduling is a little more complicated, however the goal is to have all students on campus 4-5 days

per week. Staff is currently working on various schedule options including block scheduling. She added that families preferring distance learning will be able to continue with that method.

Dr. Morse thanked athletic director Rene Nakao-Mauch and Nordhoff principal Dave Monson for the significant work they have done to meet requirements for athletic programs to return. She indicated that spring sports are resuming with basketball and a football scrimmage will be scheduled with spectators being limited to household members.

Member Weil read an additional public comment into the record from Kelsey Zimmerman: Dear School Board Members,

Thank you goes out to the Superintendent, the administration, and especially the teachers who are showing up every day for our children. I know how incredibly difficult and ever-changing this environment has been, especially for teachers that also have K-12 kids of their own at home! I'm proud to call some of my friends OUSD teachers and coaches. You have given to these kids year after year, following them along their journey through schools. I am a staunch supporter of the public schools and as a parent and community member, I want to see Ojai schools succeed EACH AND EVERY TIME. I WANT my kids at Matilija and Nordhoff. I WANT my nieces and nephews at elementary in the district. I want everyone to know that parents can both be empathetic, appreciative and also be advocates for their kids to be in person for K-12 full time for the Fall 21-22 school year. This also doesn't always come across on social media, so please be open to parents experiences with their children. They are seeing the very real struggles as a result of not being in-person at school at all levels.

Now that we're coming up on a year with barely any access to campus for our middle and high school students, and hearing the phenomenal job our county has done in vaccinating teachers and staff, 65+, essential food and ag workers, caregivers and the most vulnerable in our community, it's time that we parents get a commitment to the Fall schedule so that we can make informed decisions on where we'd like to enroll our kids. Everything in me wants my daughter to follow in her brother's footsteps and go to Matilija, but honestly, if she isn't back full time in-person, I will not be able to enroll her there. I want my son at Nordhoff for his junior year, arguably the most important year as far as college applications go. I do not want him taking only 2 classes for a semester because of a block schedule. I am not alone. This has been the topic every parent has been talking about for the past month as registration has been opening at private and public schools. While we've watched schools in other states return to full time, we now watch schools in our own county re-open in hybrid at a rapid rate. Ventura Unified's School Board voted to bring back elementary full time starting April 12th and they will be bringing back secondary in hybrid starting April 1st. Conejo Unified which has Newbury Park, Westlake and Thousand Oaks High Schools brought them back hybrid this past Monday. Moorpark High School has been back since November. Obviously getting them to full time is going to take some creativity and work. So, this is a plea to everyone in their power to do everything they can to get these middle and high school students back to school full time in the Fall. I ask that the school board be involved in looking at specifics to the Covid money and instruct that we return to full in Fall for all

K-12. I ask that everyone with power collaborate together to find creative solutions to address the issues. Everyone should have a voice at the table: teachers, staff, parents, parent/teacher organizations, community members, students, and administration.

As for the Covid money we will be receiving even more of, please invest in before/during the summer...adding of HEPA filtration/air scrubber systems to all classrooms, changing furniture, creating larger outdoor spaces (pergolas), whatever it takes for the secondary kids to return full time. Do not make our kids continue to bear the weight of this pandemic. From their perspective, they see things opening up everywhere for everyone, except they are left with crumbs. Parents are feeling unheard and frustrated as emails don't get returned or this decision continues to be kicked down the road. We all know we have Covid and zoom exhaustion, but I have never known Ojai to shy away from a challenge. So, how are we all going to show up?

6 Information/Action Items

6.1 Adoption of Consent Calendar

Action

Member Shanahan moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Member Griffen seconded the motion which carried with a roll-call vote of 5:0.

6.1.1 **Human Resources Certification and Classified Changes**

6.1.2 **Purchase Order - PO # 21-00770 to 21-00871, dated March 3, 2021**

6.1.3 **Blanket Purchase Orders - BO# 21-00300 to 21-00308, dated March 3, 2021**

6.1.4 **Warrant Register - #5020037242 - 5020037505, dated March 1, 2021**

6.1.5 **Deposit Detail - Report dated March 1, 2021**

6.1.6 **Donation Report**

6.1.7 **Local Board Certification of Athletic Coaches**

6.1.8 **Amendment to the Exclusive Right to Negotiate Agreement re. District Office Property**

6.1.9 **General Overview of Fiscal Accounts**

6.1.10 **Ratification of 2021-2022 Annual Renewal of Services with Super Co-Op**

6.1.11 **Notice of Completion for Three (3) Bond Projects**

6.1.12 **Approval of Ojai Unified COVID Safety Plan**

6.1.13 **Measure J Financial Reports**

6.2 **Human Resources**

6.2.1 **Approval of Resolution #20-21-22: Non-Reelection or Release of Temporary or Hourly Certificated Employees**

This resolution allows for the notification of probationary, temporary and hourly certificated personnel who must be released prior to the March 15, 2021 deadline according to Education Code Sections 44949, 44954 and 44955.

Action

Member Ruf moved to approve Resolution 20-21-22. Member Griffen seconded the motion which carried with a roll-call vote of 5:0.

6.2.2 **Approval of Resolution #20-21-23: Reduction or Elimination of Particular Kinds of Certificated Services**

The attached Resolution authorizes overall reductions in the total number of certificated employees.

Action

Member Weil moved to approve Resolution 20-21-23. Member Griffen seconded the motion which carried with a roll-call vote of 5:0.

6.2.3 **Approval of Resolution# 20-21-27 Dismissal/Release of Certificated Management Employees**

Education Code Section 44951 requires that the governing board notify an employee holding a position requiring an administrative or supervisory credential that the employee may be released or reassigned from his or her position for the following school year.

Action

Member Shanahan moved to approve Resolution 20-21-27. Member Chandler seconded the motion which carried with a roll-call vote of 5:0.

6.3 **Curriculum/Instruction**

6.3.1 **Approval of Resolution #20-21-24: Recognition of Arts Education Month**

In March of each year, the state recognizes the importance of Art and Music in Schools. The Ojai Unified School Board would like to recognize the significant efforts of our staff and community in bringing arts education to Ojai Unified students.

Action

Member Weil read from Resolution #20-21-24, whereupon Member Chandler moved to approve the Arts Education Month resolution. Member Griffen seconded the motion which carried with a roll-call vote of 5:0.

6.3.2 **Approval of Resolution #20-21-26: In Recognition of Women's History Month - March 2021**

In March of each year, Women's History Month honors and celebrates the struggles and achievements of American Women throughout the history of the United States. The Ojai Unified School Board would like to proclaim the month of March 2021 Women's History Month and encourage all district schools to commemorate this occasion with appropriate instructional activities.

Member Griffen read from the resolution in recognition of Women's History Month before moving to approve Resolution #20-21-26. Member Weil seconded the motion which carried with a roll-call vote of 5:0.

6.3.3 **Adjustment of Adult Education Credit Requirements**

Staff recommends the Board approve proposed changes to the Adult Education graduation requirements. Action

Following discussion of the adjustments made to the proposed adult education graduation requirements, Member Weil moved to approve the modification to require 40 elective credits for a total of 165 credits required for graduation.

Member Griffen seconded the motion which carried with a roll-call vote of 4:0:1. Yes: Members Griffen, Ruf, Shanahan, and Weil. Abstaining from the vote was Member Chandler.

6.4 **Business/Operations/Facilities**

6.4.1 **Approval and Certification of the Second Period Interim Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2021**

Action

Dr. Morse welcomed Fiscal Services Director Taiwo Madison and thanked him for his work in preparing the Second Interim Financial Reports. Dr. Morse then presented an overview of the school budget reporting cycle and detailed changes in income and expenditures leading to the currently projected and designated fund balance which is currently higher than it was projected when the budget was reviewed at the First Interim.

Member Chandler moved to approve the Second Interim report and approve the proposed plan to allow for a positive certification for the District. Member Shanahan seconded the motion which carried with a roll-call vote of 5:0.

6.4.2 **Bond Update**

Monthly report regarding Measure J projects and finances.

Presentation

The Board received an update from Bond Managers Adam Dutter and Alan White highlighting the current status of several ongoing projects, the status of the remaining Division of State Architect (DSA) outstanding project and the upcoming Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from architectural service firms. They anticipate presenting additional information to the Board at the April meeting.

6.4.3 **Approval of the Comprehensive Safe School Plan Updates for 2020-2021**

California Education Code (EC) sections 32280–32289 require that school safety plans be updated and approved annually.

Action

Member Weil moved to approve the District Comprehensive Safe School Plan. Member Griffen seconded the motion which carried with a roll-call vote of 5:0.

6.5 **Governing Board/Superintendent**

6.5.1 **First Reading of December 2020 batch of CSBA-recommended Board Policies**

As part of the regular revision of policies in conjunction with the California School Boards Association recommendations, 20 policies have been updated for Board consideration.

Information/Potential Action

The Board discussed the CSBA-recommended board policies, waived the second reading and Member Weil moved to approve the Board policies and Administrative Regulations as amended on its face. Member Chandler seconded the motion which carried with a roll-call vote of 5:0.

6.5.2 **Approval of Skate Park Lease Renewal with the City of Ojai**

Dr. Morse will present information regarding renewal and extension of the ground lease for property located at Ojai Avenue at Montgomery Street, utilized by the City as a youth skating facility. The current lease expires on December 31, 2023. The City of Ojai proposes a renewal for the term of 20 years, commencing on the first day of January, 2024 and expiring, unless sooner terminated or extended further, on December 31, 2044.

Action

Member Ruf moved to approve and the Skate Park Lease renewal and extension through December 31, 2044, unless otherwise amended. Member Chandler seconded the motion which carried with a roll-call vote of 5:0.

6.5.3 **Superintendent Contract**

The Board will discuss and potentially take action on amending elements of the Superintendent's contract.

Action

The Board discussed various aspects of the Superintendent's Contract. Member Shanahan suggested a reduction to the superintendent coach/mentor provision subject to review, but to retain it for now. Members also suggested revisiting the provisions of a salary raise when additional information is presented regarding budgetary concerns.

Member Chandler moved to extend the superintendent's contract through June 30, 2025. Member Ruf seconded the motion which carried with a roll-call vote of 5:0.

6.5.4 **Future Agenda Items - Parking Lot Report**

Member Shanahan requested an update regarding the City of Ojai Active Transportation Program (ATP) project and the current status of any potential impact/modifications to the Nordhoff entrance.

Member Chandler asked for a presentation on the subject of California Senate Bill SB-86 and the potential impact on District services.

7 Adjourn Meeting

At 9:31 p.m. the meeting adjourned to closed session.

At 10:30 p.m. Member Weil reported that no action was taken in closed session and the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED: DATE, April 21, 2021