



Orland Unified School District  
903 South Street  
Orland, CA. 95963

Minutes of the Regular Session Governing Board Meeting  
Thursday, September 17, 2020

**OPEN SESSION:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Present: via zoom Aguiar, Kochems, Ovard, Allen, Changus

1.1 President Kochems called the meeting to order at 5:03pm

1.2 Public Comment Regarding CLOSED SESSION Agenda Items.  
No Public Comment

The meeting was remanded to closed session at 5:04pm

1.3 Closed Session Items

1.3.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS [GC 54957.6]

**OPEN SESSION:**

President Kochems called the regular meeting to order at 6:04pm

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

2.1 Announce Any and All Actions Taken in Closed Session:

1.3.1 No Action Taken

2.2 Pledge of Allegiance: Led By Suzi Kochems

2.3 Approval of Agenda

**Motion by:** Aguiar/Changus

Trustee	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Changus	X			
Aguiar	X			
Ovard	X			
Kochems	X			
Allen	X			

2.4 Requests to have any agenda items heard at a specific time: No Requests

2.5 Declarations of Conflict of Interest from any Governing Board Member(s) Abstaining from Discussion and Voting on any Particular Agenda Item(s): No Declarations

**2.6 Public Comment Regarding any Item NOT on the OPEN SESSION Agenda:**  
No Public Comment

**3. COMMUNITY-STAFF AND/OR PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS:**

**3.1 Certificated Representative/Classified Representative Reports:**

*Classified Representative Report:* There has been a lot going on and I really appreciate how we are working together to meet the challenges that are in front of us. Having open communications has been the way we have made it this far. With every meeting or email I feel we are getting things accomplished. It seems very slow at times but we are all learning as we go. The constant changes make things difficult but be assured that CSEA will be a voice at the table and we will help find ways to make sure we are meeting the needs of our students.

*Certificated Representative Report:* Teachers are working hard and putting their best foot forward with Distance Learning. It's been a pleasant surprise to see attendance numbers as high as they have been. There was some concern with staff when we saw 5 positive cases in the district within the first 7 days of the opening but it has been nice to see the district take increased measures to decrease spread. CSEA has been working hard cleaning and we appreciate it. We want to continue to follow the science in order to get to a place where we are ready to open business as usual. We are currently working with the district to come up with a plan for the re-entry of Special Ed and at-risk students. We are hoping that coming up with a phased system that mitigates risk, we can move through the state color system faster and get back to school. We have seen counties around us decrease their numbers and move into different color bands so we know this is possible. Let's work together as a community to continue to move in that direction so we can get back to school.

**3.2 Superintendent's Report:**

Superintendent Newman addressed one thing that has been a real challenge district wide, that's the technology aspect of this. Beyond the inherent problems in delivering education via distance learning is compounded when you have technology that is not cooperating. He wants our parents and our community to know that we are aware of that. Our hotspots are connected to a network that initially they thought would be able to carry the traffic and they have realized that it's not. The network is working to increase the network capacity. We are working on that piece of it because we can't educate kids distance learning if they don't have access.

Superintendent Newman did a presentation of where we are at and where we are headed. We are all aware that the county watchlist went away and was replaced by the blueprint for a safer economy. He will explain how that impacts our operation and what we are doing to deliver the best education we can under the restrictions that are placed upon us by that system of guidance that keeps us where we are at or allows us to move from where we are at. The most restrictive level 4 is widespread. The restrictions decrease as counties move from widespread to substantial, to moderate to minimal. We need to be below 2 cases to get out of the widespread tier. When we are in the widespread tier, we can serve all students in distance learning. We have guidance that also allows us to serve high risk students in person, either one-on-one or in small stable cohorts with groups of up to 16, two adults and 14 students. High risk students are our special ed students, our EL learners, our Spanish learners, our students that are significantly behind, our students that are exhibiting high failure rates, any at-risk student can be served in a small stable cohort while we are in the widespread tier. We have submitted our waivers, we submitted them in a very broad leeway. Our notion was, we wanted to get the waiver in and hopefully get it approved and then obviously the county is not going to balk if we put more safety's in place than what we put in the waiver. Unfortunately, not only do we have to be in the right tier for the waiver to be approved, which it can be in widespread, but the numbers in the county are also looked at as far as trends. Some of our neighboring districts got their waivers in when the

trend line was flat or increasing slightly. Our system is more complex, we put our waiver request in last Friday unfortunately the trend line had changed at that point. The state looked at the county and said would not approve anymore TK-6 waivers until the trend line changes. At this point, what we can do is see students in person in small stable cohorts. We can do distance learning for all and as soon as the trend line levels out or starts to drop then hopefully our waivers will progress through the system and they will get approved and then we will be able to start serving TK-6 students through the waiver process.

Mr. Newman went over the different options for the waivers. There are pros and cons to all of them. We are working with our staff to try and figure out the best approach and narrowing it down. There was a discussion about the amount of time students would be in school, some not happy about it only being a couple of hours a day. Throughout all of these phases, we have to keep in mind that if we have an outbreak we can be ordered by the health department to close the classroom, the school or the district. We need to be prepared until this pandemic is over that we might have to flip the switch and go back to full distance learning. A summary of each phase will be posted on the web page.

Mr. Newman will record the questions and answer them.

**4. CONSENT ITEMS:**

**4.1 Governing Board Minutes – June 25, 2020; July 16, 2020; July 20, 2020; July 30, 2020; August 13, 2020**

Motion was made and seconded to approve consent items 4.1 through 4.7

**Motion by:** Allen/Ovard

Trustee	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Changus	X			
Aguiar				X
Ovard	X			
Kochems	X			
Allen	X			

**4.2 Vendor Warrants as submitted and classified and certificated salaries**

**Motion by:** Allen/Ovard

Trustee	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Changus	X			
Aguiar				X
Ovard	X			
Kochems	X			
Allen	X			

**4.3 Approve 2020-2021 Instructional Material List**

**Motion by:** Allen/Ovard

Trustee	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Changus	X			
Aguiar				X
Ovard	X			
Kochems	X			
Allen	X			

#### 4.4 Approve Medi-Cal Collaborative Calendar for 2020-2021

**Motion by:** Allen/Ovard

Trustee	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Changus	X			
Aguiar				X
Ovard	X			
Kochems	X			
Allen	X			

#### 4.5 Approve Placement Agreement between California State University, Chico and OUSD for Social Work Interns

**Motion by:** Allen/Ovard

Trustee	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Changus	X			
Aguiar				X
Ovard	X			
Kochems	X			
Allen	X			

#### 4.6 Approve Tentative Agreement between OTA, CSEA Chapter 456 and OUSD

**Motion by:** Allen/Ovard

Trustee	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Changus	X			
Aguiar				X
Ovard	X			
Kochems	X			
Allen	X			

#### 4.7 Personnel Assignment Agreement

**Motion by:** Allen/Ovard

Trustee	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Changus	X			
Aguiar				X
Ovard	X			
Kochems	X			
Allen	X			

### 5. ACTION ITEMS:

- 5.1 Resolution #02-20/21 - Conduct Public Hearing Regarding Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials during 2020-2021 School Year as required by Education Code 60119 ©**  
Public Hearing was opened at 6:41pm - someone asked if it included chromebooks. Mr. Newman responded yes.  
Public Hearing closed at 6:43pm

Roll Call vote was taken - passed 5/0

**Motion by:** Changus/Allen

Trustee	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Changus	X			
Aguiar	X			
Ovard	X			
Kochems	X			
Allen	X			

**5.2 PUBLIC HEARING** - A Public Hearing will be conducted at this time to allow public input on the Orland Unified School District's 2020-2021 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (Available for preview on district website and at the District Office, 903 South Street, Orland, CA)

Public Hearing was opened at 6:44pm - someone asked for more clarification. Wanted to know if Mr. Newman was going to review it. He responded that it is in the documents with the board packet and it is something we have to have a public hearing. The process will be if there are comments and suggested changes we can make those, then the board will have a special meeting to approve. It's due to the county by the end of the month.

Public Hearing closed at 6:57pm

**5.3 Resolution #03-20/21 - Local Teaching Assignments Via Local Option**

Superintendent Newman reported that this is a standard resolution acknowledging that we have teachers who are teaching outside of their credential authorization.

Roll Call vote - passed 5/0

**Motion by:** Changus/Ovard

Trustee	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Changus	X			
Aguiar	X			
Ovard	X			
Kochems	X			
Allen	X			

**5.4 Approve Injury & Illness Prevention Program**

Superintendent Newman reported that this is a standard plan that every district has in the state of California. It needed to be updated and to include COVID.

**Motion by:** Allen/Aguiar

Trustee	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Changus	X			
Aguiar	X			
Ovard	X			
Kochems	X			
Allen	X			

**5.5 Approval of 2020-2021 Agricultural Career Technical Incentive Grant**

CBO, Kerri Hubbard, reported that this is our annual grant

**Motion by:** Ovard/Allen

Trustee	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Changus	X			
Aguiar	X			
Ovard	X			
Kochems	X			
Allen	X			

**5.6 Public Comment and Approval of Dual Enrollment CCAP Partnership Agreement**  
 No Public Comment

**Motion by:** Allen/Ovard

Trustee	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Changus	X			
Aguiar	X			
Ovard	X			
Kochems	X			
Allen	X			

**5.7 District Waiver Request - Mill Street**

Superintendent Newman recommends that these waiver requests be approved with the understanding that the request might change based on input from our community stakeholders and input from our staff and input from the county health department.

**Motion by:** Changus/Allen

Trustee	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Changus	X			
Aguiar	X			
Ovard	X			
Kochems	X			
Allen	X			

**5.8 District Waiver Request - Fairview**

**Motion by:** Allen/Ovard

Trustee	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Changus	X			
Aguiar	X			
Ovard	X			
Kochems	X			
Allen	X			

**5.9 District Waiver Request - CK Price**

**Motion by:** Aguiar/Ovard

Trustee	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Changus	X			
Aguiar	X			
Ovard	X			
Kochems	X			

Allen	X			
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**5.10 1st Reading and Adoption of Updated Board Policies and Administrative Regulations**

Superintendent Newman reported that these are modifications that are mandated by changes in the law and to meet certain regulations we need to get these approved to be in compliance.

**Motion by:** Allen/Ovard

Trustee	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Changus	X			
Aguiar	X			
Ovard	X			
Kochems	X			
Allen	X			

**6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION:**

**6.1 1st Reading - Updated Board Policies and Administrative Regulations**

**7. WRITTEN REPORTS:**

**7.1 ASB Reports - as submitted**

**7.2 Principal Reports - as submitted**

**8. PLANNING**

**8.1 Upcoming Board Meetings:** Tuesday, October 13, 2020 – 6:00 pm  
Thursday, November 19, 2020 – 6:00 pm

Special Meeting - TBD for Adoption of Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan

**9. BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT:**

**9.1 Board Reports**

*Trustee Changus:* Expressed to all the parents that we realize their concerns that the best education is in the classroom. He appreciates that Dwayne and the administrative team are trying to take steps toward that. He just hopes COVID goes away so we can get back to what we are supposed to be doing.

*Trustee Allen:* Thanked everybody that's doing everything they can to hopefully get our kids back in school as soon as we can. Thanks to the admin team for trying to get us back to school as fast as we can.

*Trustee Aguiar:* No report

*Trustee Ovard:* She agrees with Ed. It's been a struggle and she looks forward to getting the kids back in school.

*Trustee Kochems:* Everybody on this call is probably feeling the same thing. We all have kids that are going through multiple layers of frustration. We all want our kids back in school including the teachers. She appreciates Dwayne and his staff, the leadership team, admin team and all that they are doing. The ball is in somebody else's court and that's unfortunate. We need to be there to support one another and lift each other up. It's a very depressing and isolating time. Be strong, she appreciates everybody and all that they are doing.

**10. ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION:**

**10.1** Meeting Adjourned at 7:23pm

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Dwayne Newman, Superintendent

  
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Michelle Allen, Clerk

10/13/2020