



Orland Unified School District

903 South Street

Orland, CA. 95963

Minutes of the Special Session Governing Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

## **OPEN SESSION:**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Present: Reimers, Ovard, Brummet, Vlach

- 1.1 President Ovard called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance: Led by President Ovard.

### **2. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- 2.1 **Attain General Board Direction for Use of Unrestricted Assigned Ending Balance** - Mr. Perry mentioned that today's meeting is the first of 2 special meetings. He is looking to get direction from the Board on how they would like to use the General Unrestricted funds. Mr. Perry started off by discussing the district's mission and vision statement.

Superintendent Perry spoke to the administrators at the school sites and asked what their needs are. Mr. Perry said he has been at sites extensively and has spoken to staff extensively. He also has a list of what he believes the district priorities are.

At the District Office there are a lot of grants coming through and it takes a lot of time to do. Currently Mr. Perry, Ms. Boone and Mrs. Salisbury are the ones doing the work. Ms. Boone said that the County has a grant writer and they have worked with them. A lot of these grants require extensive amounts of work and don't provide a lot of time to work on them.

Trustee Brummet said there is a company you can hire that would look into grants and maybe the grants can cover the cost of some of this. She said in 2015 the Board had someone come in to present on these services they provided for grant writing.

Ms. Boone said that the grant writing is one part of it and the other part is compliance and preparation. There is a lot of work on the back end.

Ms. Boone provided an update on the ESSER funds. The District was able to utilize some developer fees that were collected to pay for some playground work. The District had to move some expenditures to ESSER funds. For example cleaning supplies for the last year were able to be moved to ESSER funds.

Trustee Brummet asked how our enrollment is compared to the preliminary projection. Ms. Boone said our enrollment is about 100 less than what was projected. It might be good to have a geographic study done. It is worth the money.

Mr. Perry discussed what the site needs are.

For the Superintendent:

Facilities - Need classrooms, offices and a gym. We are out of room at every site. Especially at the High School. CK Price is down to one open classroom. Fairview needs more classrooms in general. Mill Street has 4 classrooms they are using for intervention and CASSL room. TK is across the street. Possibly getting \$5 million dollars for modernization for that site.

Enhancing School Safety Measures - The County hired Greg Felton. Felton came in and did an extensive study of each of our campuses. The District is in the process of applying for the Bipartisan Community Grant. It is a highly competitive grant but it could help with fencing, bullet proof windows, electronic locks, etc.

High Quality Staffing - We have areas throughout the district where we need more staffing. We are still trying to fill certificated positions. Staffing is an issue. Looking at how we can do a better job at hiring early. Need staffing in different areas. OHS office needs more office staff.

OHS has experienced growth over the last few years and is run out of room. A new gym is also needed.

Fairview's needs are facilities. They would like a Multipurpose Room.

Mill Street's needs are facilities. They would like all TK classrooms on campus. They would also like school safety measures.

North Valley has no room for PE equipment.

Trustee Vlach - Would like to take a few minutes to go through each member and say what they see the biggest needs are.

Brummet - Our benchmark numbers are low. She would like to see the District hire an Education Coordinator. Technology position was put in when we were moving into Google. Education Coordinator that helps all the teachers and benefits the students. Will be a direct improvement for our students. May be too late to do it this year. She would also like more aides for all 1st and 2nd grade classrooms. Need two sets of eyes and reinforcement. This could make us the school district of choice. If we could have a 2:1 ratio. Students want help. Teachers should be trained in best practices. Support aides to help the students that want to learn. Look at how we can improve our services?

Reimers - Facilities side of things. We've outgrown our classrooms. More classrooms may decrease the number of students in classrooms and may help teachers. In the last few years OHS is growing 4-5%. We haven't done anything with the CK Price roof. Potentially going to City and buying the lot across the street. Monitors for security cameras. Something more proficient in tech for the high school kids. He would like to see an additional CTE pathway created.

Vlach - More classrooms - lowers class sizes. He would also like to see the gym either renovated or build a new gym. Corning facility is a theater/cafeteria/multipurpose room. His priority is to expand Mill Street and OHS. On board with hiring an Ed Coordinator but want to make sure there is a room to put them.

Mark Smith - Reiterated that we need facilities but we need to strategically do it. There are certain items that do not need DSA approval. Talked about having a facility committee. Have to really think things out. Even with grant funding the district still has to come up with a portion of the cost.

Ovard - Facilities and staffing - What do we have that is effective and working? Is our intervention, math coaches, tech coaches working? Is the staffing we have effective and accomplishing what we need? If it's not working, let's modify it.

Reimers - We have so many part time spots. Can we combine and make full time?  
Vlach- Facilities and staffing have to match. Are we using our staff the best way? Where can improvements be made?

Perry - DI and ELA test scores are relatively the same.

Boone - A lot of these items will come from grant funding and not the \$4.7 million.

Brummet - On safety measure her priority is the high school. Is there a company that we can hire that can come in and evaluate us and show what we can improve on?

Ovard - How many kids are going to preschool?

Brummet - Why can't we study more English related to math?

Boone - State is changing LCAP template.


Mark - We need to look at the TK program.

Superintendent's Facility Committee

### **3. ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION:**

#### **3.1 Meeting Adjourned at 6:42 pm.**

Respectfully,

  
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Victor Perry, Secretary to the Board

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Jake Reimers, Board Clerk

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