

Santa Ana Unified School District
1601 E. Chestnut Avenue
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Special Board Meeting Minutes
Santa Ana Board of Education

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

CALL TO ORDER 5:30 P.M.

Board President Amezcua called the Special Board Meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Other members in attendance were Dr. Rodriguez, Mr. Palacio and Ms. Torres.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Special Board meeting recessed at 5:31 p.m. to consider existing and potential litigation matters.

Dr. Alvarez arrived at 5:44 p.m.

RECONVENE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

The Special Board meeting reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

Cabinet members present were Dr. Rasmussen, Mr. Tauer, Dr. Jimenez, Dr. Stekol, Dr. Allen, Dr. Llamas, Dr. Helguera, Mr. Roychowdhury, Mr. Williams and Chief Smith.
Dr. Martinez was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Victor De Los Santos, Teacher at Santa Ana High School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Richard Tauer gave the Superintendent's report. He shared that the District received a letter from the county where they state we are no longer on the list of recipients of the CENSUS Grant after receiving an award letter to our Request for Proposal (RFP). Mr. Tauer added that there will be a OC Board of Supervisors meeting at 9:00 a.m. on December 17, 2019, at which time there may be opportunity to speak about the Census. The address is 10 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Board President Amezcua asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Board in matters pertaining to the Special Board meeting.

Public speaker addressed the Orange County School of the Arts Renewal Charter Petition.

REGULAR AGENDA - ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Approve, Approve with Conditions, or Deny Orange County School of the Arts Renewal Charter Petition and Adopt Resolution No. 19/20-3323 Effectuating that Action

Board President Amezcua asked for a motion to approve the Conditional Renewal of the Orange County School of the Arts Charter School.

Moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Ms. Amezcua, with a vote of 5-0, to Approve with Conditions the Orange County School of the Arts Renewal Charter Petition and Adopt Resolution No. 19/20-3323 Effectuating that Action.

STUDY SESSION

8.1 Budget Study, LCAP Planning and Initiation of Strategic Plan Process

Mr. Tauer and Dr. Rasmussen gave a brief overview of the study session. Mr. Roychowdhury provided the Board of Education with the beginning budget for the 2019-20 school year; status of this year's budget as of today; projected ending balance for June 30, 2020 and Dr. Llamas proved the Board with the LCAP. The study session began with a

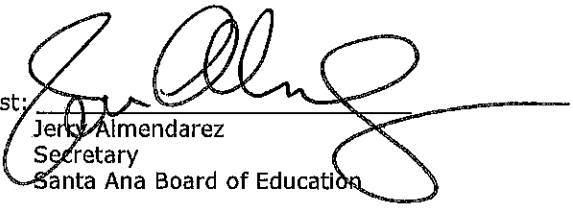
presentation and concluded with a Board discussion regarding affirming priorities, the establishment of a budget committee, researching site utilization, as well as consideration of the development of a long range strategic plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Board meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The Annual Organizational and Regular Board meeting of the Board of Education will be on Tuesday, December 17, 2019.

Attest:



Jerry Almendarez
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education

1 RESOLUTION NO. 19/20-3323

2 BOARD OF EDUCATION

3 SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

4 ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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6 Approving Conditional Renewal of the Charter for
7 Orange County School of the Arts Charter School
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9 WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code Section 47600 *et seq.*, the Governing Board
10 of the Santa Ana Unified School District ("SAUSD" and/or "District") is required to
11 review and authorize creation and/or renewal of charter schools;
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13 WHEREAS, the Governing Board of SAUSD has previously approved the Charter for
14 the Orange County School of the Arts Charter School ("OCSA"), with its current term
15 running through and including June 30, 2020;
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17 WHEREAS, a petition was delivered to the District requesting that the Board
18 renew OCSA's Charter for a five-year term from July 1, 2020, through and including
19 June 30, 2025 ("Renewal Petition");
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21 WHEREAS, in accordance with the Charter Schools Act of 1992, the Renewal
22 Petition was received by the District Governing Board at its meeting on November 19,
23 2019, thereby commencing the timelines for the Board action to take action regarding
24 the Renewal Petition;
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26 WHEREAS, in compliance with California Education Code Sections 47605 and 47607
27 and California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 11966.4, the Governing Board is
28 required to approve or deny the request for a charter renewal within sixty (60) days
29 of the Governing Board's receipt of the renewal petition unless that timeline is
30 extended for an additional thirty (30) days by mutual written agreement;
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32 WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code Section 47605, a public hearing on the
33 provisions of the Charter was conducted on November 19, 2019, at which time the
34 Governing Board considered the level of support for the Renewal Petition by teachers
35 employed by the District, other employees of the District, and parents;
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37 WHEREAS, in reviewing the Renewal Petition, the Governing Board has been
38 cognizant of the intent of the Legislature that charter schools are and should become
39 an integral part of the California educational system and that establishment of
40 charter schools should be encouraged;

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42 WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Code Section 47607(a)(3)(A), the Governing
43 Board has considered increases in pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupils
44 served by OCSA as the most important factor in determining whether to grant OCSA's
45 renewal request;

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47 WHEREAS, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section
48 11966.4(b)(1), in considering OCSA's Renewal Petition the District Governing Board
49 considered the past performance of OCSA's academics, finances, and operation and
50 future plans for improvement, if any, in evaluating the likelihood of future success;

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52 WHEREAS, District staff, in collaboration with legal counsel, reviewed and
53 analyzed all of the information received with respect to the Renewal Petition,
54 including information related to the operation and potential effects of OCSA;

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56 WHEREAS, District Staff and legal counsel identified deficiencies in the Renewal
57 Petition and current operation of OCSA identified in the Staff Report attached to
58 this Resolution as Exhibit "A", and determined that renewal of the Petition may be
59 approved conditioned upon OCSA addressing the findings in the Staff Report, which
60 includes most significantly, specified revisions to its admission procedures, staff
61 qualifications, financial operations, LCAP, balance of student populations,
62 instructional program description, student outcome and progress measures description,
63 and plans to meet the needs of identified student subgroups;

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65 WHEREAS, the terms of the approval of the Renewal Petition require that, on or
66 before June 30, 2020, OCSA agrees to address the findings identified in the Staff
67 Report, and in absence of such agreements, would amount to denial findings;

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69 WHEREAS, the Governing Board has fully considered the revised renewal Charter
70 and the recommendation provided by District staff; and

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72 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

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74 1. That the Governing Board of SAUSD finds the above-listed recitals to be true
75 and correct and incorporates them herein by this reference.
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77 2. That OCSA has met minimum standards for renewal of a charter pursuant to
78 Education Code Section 47607.
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80 3. That the Governing Board of the Santa Ana Unified School District, having
81 fully considered and evaluated the Renewal Petition, hereby approves the
82 renewal of OCSA's Charter for a term of five (5) years from July 1, 2020,
83 through and including June 30, 2025, conditioned upon OCSA's agreement to
84 address the findings in the Staff Report attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to
85 this Resolution ("Conditions for Approval");

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87 4. That should OCSA fail to satisfy the Conditions of Approval, the Renewal
88 Petition shall be deemed denied as of the date this Resolution was passed,
89 based upon the grounds for denial under Education Code sections 47605(b)(2),
90 (5), and 47607, per the findings in the Staff Report attached hereto as
91 Exhibit "A," which otherwise would constitute the written factual findings
92 required by Education Code section 47605(b) to deny the renewal.
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94 The foregoing Resolution was considered, passed, and adopted by this Board at
95 its special meeting of December 10, 2019.
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97 [SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

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99 its special meeting of December 10, 2019.

102 By:

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104 Valerie Amezcua
105 President of the Board of Education
106 Santa Ana Unified School District

107 Attest:

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109 _____
110 Alfonso Alvarez
111 Clerk of the Board of Education
112 Santa Ana Unified School District
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114 STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
115) ss
116 ORANGE COUNTY)

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120 I, Alfonso Alvarez, Clerk of the Board of Education of the Santa Ana Unified School
121 District of Orange County, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct
122 copy of Resolution No. 19/20-3323, which was duly adopted by said Board at a special
123 meeting thereof held on the 10th day of December, 2019, and that it was so adopted by
124 the following vote: 5-0


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126 AYES: Amezcua, Rodriguez, Alvarez, Palacio, Torres

127 NOES:

128 ABSENT:

129 ABSTENTIONS:

131 By

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132 Alfonso Alvarez
133 Clerk of the Board of Education
134 Santa Ana Unified School District
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