

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DOS PALOS - ORO LOMA JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Thursday, June 13, 2024 (7:00 PM)

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#### ROLL CALL

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

**BOARD** Bill Van Worth  
**MEMBERS:** Moy Meraz  
Lisa Areias  
Maria Davis  
Gordon Bonds  
Katina Austin  
Jeremy O'Banion (absent)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. Andrew Schwab, Dotty Hernandez, and members of the District and community.

#### CALL TO ORDER

President of the Board called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

##### 2.1 Adoption of Agenda

**Recommendation:** Recommend the Governing Board adopt the agenda for the 06/13/24 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

##### ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Moy Meraz**) Moved, Member (**Katina Austin**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Recommend the Governing Board adopt the agenda for the 06/13/24 Regular Board Meeting as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0** (Jeremy O'Banion and Lisa Areias absent)

Bill Van Worth Yes  
Moy Meraz Yes  
Maria Davis Yes  
Gordon Bonds Yes  
Katina Austin Yes

#### ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

##### 3.1 THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ADDRESS IDENTIFIED CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED SESSION.

There were no comments made by the public.

##### 3.2 Adjourn to Closed Session

**Recommendation:** Recommend to adjourn to Closed Session.  
**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Gordon Bonds)** Moved, Member **(Moy Meraz)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Recommend to adjourn to Closed Session at 5:33 PM. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0** (Jeremy O'Banion and Lisa Areias absent)

Bill Van Worth Yes  
Moy Meraz Yes  
Maria Davis Yes  
Gordon Bonds Yes  
Katina Austin Yes

**3.3 Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code § 54957.6) District Negotiators: Jason Von Allman, Melissa Kielpinski, Marla Sansom, Sergio Padilla, and Kevin Jones regarding Certificated, Classified, and Unrepresented negotiations**

**3.4 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code § 54957)**

**Recommendation:** Recommend a report out.

**3.5 Personnel Exception (Government Code § 5497) 1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Superintendent**

Superintendent evaluation.

Lisa Areias arrived at 5:40 PM

## **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

### **4.1 Reconvene in Open Session**

**Recommendation:** Recommend reconvening in Open Session.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Lisa Areias)** Moved, Member **(Gordon Bonds)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Recommend reconvening in Open Session at 7:02 PM. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Bill Van Worth Yes  
Moy Meraz Yes  
Lisa Areias Yes  
Maria Davis Yes  
Gordon Bonds Yes  
Katina Austin Yes

### **4.2 Report out of Closed Session**

In closed session the board approved a resignation and settlement agreement for employee ID# 001996 by roll call vote as follows. Motion by Member (Maria Davis) and seconded by Member (Katina Austin).

Bill Van Worth Yes  
Moy Meraz Yes  
Maria Davis Yes  
Gordon Bonds Yes  
Katina Austin Yes  
Lisa Areias Yes  
Jeremy O'Banion Absent

In closed session, the Board took action to dismiss Employee #001433 effective June 14, 2024, and sustained his immediate suspension without pay effective April 26, 2024. Motion by member (Bill Van Worth), seconded by member (Katina Austin).

Bill Van Worth Yes  
Moy Meraz Abstain  
Maria Davis Yes  
Gordon Bonds Yes  
Katina Austin Yes  
Lisa Areias Yes  
Jeremy O'Banion Absent

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Katina Austin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **INVOCATION**

Maria Davis delivered the invocation.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

##### **7.1 Public Hearing Regarding Local Control Accountability Plan, Local Indicators Self Reflection, and 2024-25 Budget - Presented by Laura Andrews, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, and Linda Levesque, Business Services Consultant - Page 6-304**

The public hearing was opened at 7:06 PM and presented by Laura Andrews, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, and Linda Levesque, Business Services Consultant for public input on the Local Control Accountability Plan, Local Indicators Self Reflection, and 2024-25 Budget, LCP Annual Update, and 2024 LCFF Budget Overview for Parents. After the presentation and public input, the hearing was closed at 8:01 PM.

#### **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **8.1 First Reading, 2024-25 Student Handbooks and DPHS Athletic Handbook**

The 2024-25 Student Handbooks and DPHS Athletic Handbook are presented to the Board for a First Read.

## **8.2 EH & A Presentation by Jason Von Allman, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources**

Jason Von Allman, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources presented the findings from the EH&A report.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND/OR AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

The Board welcomes comments from the Public.

**9.1 PUBLIC CONCERNS WILL BE HEARD BY THE BOARD AT THIS TIME; HOWEVER, THEY WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED. (Policy #9323 limits individual's presentation to three minutes. The President may extend the time under certain circumstances. This is the opportunity for members of the public to focus on issues important to the District's purpose of education. Under Board policy this time may not be used to present derogatory information of a personal nature on any employee). MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST SPEAK FROM THE PODIUM AND IDENTIFY THEMSELVES.**

There were no comments made by the public.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **10.1 2024 Notice of Election and Specifications of the Election Order, Resolution No. 23-24-18**

The Governing Board elections will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. In compliance with Education Code Sections 5000, 5018, 5304 and 5322, enclosed are the following:

1. Notice of Election and Specifications of the Election Order, Resolution Number 23-24-18
2. Notice of Election – District Confirmation of Elected Offices and Boundary Lines
3. Boundary Maps
4. Incumbent List

The Merced County Office of Education has requested approval of the Notice of Election and Specifications of the Election Order. The election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Four members are up for reelection, Mrs. Maria Davis, Dr. Katina Austin, Mrs. Lisa Areias, and Mr. Bill Van Worth. A copy of the Notice of Election is included for review.

**Recommendation:** Recommend approval of Resolution 23-24-18 regarding the Notice of Election and Specifications of the Election Order for November 5, 2024.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Gordon Bonds)** Moved, Member **(Katina Austin)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Recommend approval of Resolution 23-24-18 regarding the Notice of Election and Specifications of the Election Order for November 5, 2024'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0** (Jeremy O'Banion absent)

Bill Van Worth Yes

Moy Meraz Yes

Lisa Areias Yes

Maria Davis Yes

Gordon Bonds Yes

Katina Austin Yes

### **10.2 TerraVerde Project Management Proposal to Contract for the Solar PV Project at Marks Elementary School**

A contract proposal for project management by TerraVerde for the Solar PV Project at Marks Elementary School.

**Recommendation:** Recommend to approve the proposal and contract with TerraVerde for project management for the Solar PV Project at Marks Elementary School.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Gordon Bonds)** Moved, Member **(Katina Austin)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Recommend to approve the proposal and contract with TerraVerde for project management for the Solar PV Project at Marks Elementary School'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0** (Jeremy O'Banion absent)

Bill Van Worth Yes  
Moy Meraz Yes  
Lisa Areias Yes  
Maria Davis Yes  
Gordon Bonds Yes  
Katina Austin Yes

### **10.3 School Resource Officer - MOU**

Attached is an MOU with the City of Dos Palos for two School Resource Officers. Two School Resource Officers will be stationed to support the District's efforts to improve school safety and student discipline. The time period for the MOU will be 7/1/2024 through 6/30/2025.

**Recommendation:** Recommend approving Memorandum of Understanding between Dos Palos City and District for two School Resource Officers stationed to support District's efforts to improve school safety and student discipline.

#### **NEW - Motion**

Member **(Lisa Areias)** Moved, Member **(Maria Davis)** Seconded to approve the **NEW** motion 'Recommend to table item 10.3 Memorandum of Understanding between Dos Palos City and District for two School Resource Officers stationed to support District's efforts to improve school safety and student discipline'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **1**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 1** (Jeremy O'Banion absent)

Bill Van Worth Yes  
Moy Meraz Yes  
Lisa Areias Yes  
Maria Davis Yes  
Gordon Bonds No  
Katina Austin Yes

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS REQUESTED**

There were no requests for future agenda items.

## ADJOURNMENT

### 12.1 Adjourn Meeting

**Recommendation:** Recommend adjournment of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of 06/13/24.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Maria Davis)** Moved, Member **(Lisa Areias)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Recommend adjournment of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of 06/13/24 at 8:30 PM is adjourned in memory of Phyllis Jones, and Marque Davis. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Bill Van Worth Yes  
Moy Meraz Yes  
Lisa Areias Yes  
Maria Davis Yes  
Gordon Bonds Yes  
Katina Austin Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Schwab, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools



Dotty Hernandez  
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent