

**PALM SPRINGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Desert Hot Springs High School, 65850 Pierson Boulevard, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92234, November 26, 2019.

AGENDA – CLOSED SESSION (2:30 PM)

1. CLOSED SESSION OPENING CEREMONY:

The Closed Session meeting was called to order by President Clapp at 2:30 pm with the following persons present:

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| Richard Clapp | President |
| John Gerardi | Clerk |
| Karen Cornett | Member |
| Madonna Gerrell | Member |
| Timothy Wood | Member (left at 4:20 pm) |
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| Sandra Lyon, Ed.D. | Superintendent |
| Brian Murray, Ed.D. | Assistant Superintendent, Business Services |
| Tony Signoret, Ed.D. | Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources |
| Mike Swize, Ed.D. | Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services |

2. HEARING SECTION:

Members of the audience may at this time address the Board of Education regarding only matters on the Closed Session Agenda.

3. CLOSED SESSION:

At this time, the Board of Education went into Closed Session to take up matters identified on the Closed Session agenda.

4. RECESS FROM CLOSED SESSION:

Closed Session was recessed at 4:20 pm.

5. **STUDY SESSION (4:30 PM)**

a. **TRANSPORTATION**

Dr. Brian Murray, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services and Mr. Bob Spinuzza, Transportation Coordinator, presented the following information regarding the District's transportation services:

- Daily student ridership and current cost breakdown
- Contracted bus rates
- Transportation historical costs
- Transportation zones and service maps
- Maximizing bus capacity
- Busing vs. attendance
- Student overflow
- Types of buses
- Required safety features on all school buses
- Federal and state bus driver requirements
- First Student staffing
- Bus driver training
- California Highway Patrol Inspections
- Automated bus and student checks
- Bus facts

6. **REGULAR MEETING OPENING CEREMONY (6:00 PM):**

a. **The Public Session meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with the following persons present:**

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| Richard Clapp | President |
| John Gerardi | Clerk |
| Karen Cornett | Member |
| Madonna Gerrell | Member |
| Kelley Libretti | Student Board Member |
| Salma Delgado | Student Board Member |

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| Sandra Lyon, Ed.D. | Superintendent |
| Brian Murray, Ed.D. | Assistant Superintendent, Business Services |
| Tony Signoret, Ed.D. | Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources |
| Mike Swize, Ed.D. | Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services |

The following individual was absent:

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| Timothy Wood | Member |
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In accordance with the California Education Code Section 35144 and Brown Act, written notices of the meeting were delivered to the Board, news media, and a copy posted seventy-two hours in advance of the time of the meeting.

b. **Pledge of Allegiance**

c. Mission Statement

7. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS:

None.

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Subsequent to the posting of the agenda, Dr. Tony Signoret, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, requested that the following information be added to Board Action Item 14(a) Approval of Human Resources Certificated and Classified Employee Transactions:

- The administration recommends the approval of the employment offer with Levaughn Smart, as the Executive Director, Security and Disaster Preparedness, to be placed on the Management Salary Schedule, Range 43, Step 9, effective March 2, 2020.

Member Cornett moved and Member Gerardi seconded approval.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: President Clapp and members Cornett, Gerardi and Gerrell
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Member Wood

9. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Palm Springs High School Student Board Member Kelley Libretti reported the following PSHS news and activities:

- Homecoming was a huge success with 40+ including alumni parade entries, a victory over LaQuinta in the game and more than 700 students attending the dance
- ASB members attended the Disney CADA conference November 10 and 11, in Anaheim
- Yellow Ribbon (suicide prevention) week was observed November 18 – 22, with yellow clothespins that were passed around to raise awareness
- The Senior Panorama photo is scheduled for December 3 in the stadium
- Winter Formal will be held at the Tram the Friday before winter break
- ASB is sponsoring a holiday toy drive to benefit the Narrow Door charity

Rancho Mirage High School Student Board Member Salma Delgado reported the following RMHS news and activities:

- MTU is opening their show Acqua Bistro the first week in December and just closed out their musical production, "Gypsy," this past weekend
- Sophomore AVID students participated in a 3-day Northern California college visit trip
- Junior AVID students are preparing to visit colleges in Northern California in January
- Seniors are wrapping up their Cal State, UC and common applications
- Boys water polo finished as Division 7 CIF Champions
- Boys soccer, girls soccer and boys wrestling are all off to a good start

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The following individuals spoke regarding the topics indicated:

- Karen Johnson – Board meet and greet sessions
- Charlie Ervin – transportation

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- Member Gerrell:
 - Commented that she attended the DIGICOM “Sharing Stories and Changing Lives” event at the Palm Springs Cultural Center on November 14, 2019
 - Participated in English Learner reclassification ceremonies that were held Friday, November 22, and Saturday, November 23, 2019
 - Participated in a Boo2Bullying presentation facilitated by Solange Signoret at the Tolerance Education Center in Rancho Mirage
 - Presented State of the District information to Thousand Palms community members on November 21, 2019
- President Clapp:
 - Attended Musical Theater University’s production of “Gypsy” and reported that the show was great, and the audience size was larger than in the past
- Member Cornett:
 - Stated that she also attended the “Gypsy” performance and was encouraged to see the larger audience
 - Shared that she also attended the reclassification ceremonies where 700+ students were reclassified
 - Commented that she attended 2 x 2 meeting with Rancho Mirage with Dr. Lyon and Dr. Murray
 - Thanked the City of Rancho Mirage for its donation of \$135K for drug education
 - Remarked that the District should focus on strategies to encourage more parents to respond to the transportation survey
- Member Gerardi:
 - Congratulated the students who were honored at the reclassification ceremonies
 - Thanked Karen Johnson for the meet and greet events with Board members and teachers

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Lyon:

- Stated that Mission Graduate is going on this week and thanked Mandy Gonzales and her group for their work with this project
- Remarked that she is looking forward to the California School Board Association’s Annual Education Conference next week with Board and student Board members
- Thanked all of the staff, students, families and community members who work with our schools

13. PUBLIC HEARING:

a. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PARKING LOT MODIFICATIONS AT DELLA S. LINDLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (OE-12.8)

- President Clapp opened the public hearing regarding the parking lot modifications at Della S. Lindley Elementary School.
- President Clapp asked if any written comments had been received.

- Member Gerardi stated that a response was received from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Andrade regarding the current traffic issues.
- Member Gerardi also stated that a follow up letter was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Andrade by Julie Arthur, Executive Director, Facilities Planning and Development.
- President Clapp asked if anyone present wished to provide oral comments.
 - No oral comments were presented.
- President Clapp closed the public hearing regarding the parking lot modifications at Della S. Lindley Elementary School.

b. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ANNUAL AND FIVE-YEAR REPORTABLE FEES REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 (OE-12.13)

- President Clapp opened the public hearing regarding the Annual and Five-Year Reportable Fees Report for Fiscal Year 2018/2019.
- President Clapp asked if any written comments had been received.
 - Member Gerardi stated comments were received from Desert Valley Builders Association (DVBA) stating that the District has met its annual reporting obligations pursuant to the Mitigation Fee Act.
- President Clapp asked if anyone present wished to provide oral comments.
 - No oral comments were presented.
- President Clapp closed the public hearing regarding the Annual and Five-Year Reportable Fees Report for Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

14. BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

a. APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATED AND CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS (OE-4.4)

Member Gerardi moved and Member Cornett seconded approval.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: President Clapp and members Cornett, Gerardi and Gerrell
 NOES: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: Member Wood

b. APPROVAL OF CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE SALARY SCHEDULES (OE-5)

Member Gerardi moved and Member Gerrell seconded approval.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: President Clapp and members Cornett, Gerardi and Gerrell
 NOES: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: Member Wood

c. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2019/2020-10, FINDING THE PARKING LOT MODIFICATIONS AT DELLA S. LINDLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EXEMPT FROM

THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND APPROVING THE FILING AND RECORDATION OF A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (OE-12.8)

Member Gerardi moved and Member Gerrell seconded approval.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: President Clapp and members Cornett, Gerardi and Gerrell
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Member Wood

d. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2019/2020-11, SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 13, THE PUBLIC PRESCHOOL, K-12, AND COLLEGE HEALTH AND SAFETY BOND ACT OF 2020 (OE-12.13)

Member Gerrell moved and Member Cornett seconded approval.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: President Clapp and members Cornett, Gerardi and Gerrell
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Member Wood

e. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2019/2020-12, APPROVING THE ANNUAL AND FIVE-YEAR REPORTABLE FEES REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 IN COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 66006 AND 66001 (OE-12.13)

Member Gerard moved and Member Gerrell seconded approval.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: President Clapp and members Cornett, Gerardi and Gerrell
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Member Wood

f. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2019/2020-14, APPROVAL OF THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND ADOPTING THE MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM FOR THE PALM SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL SEISMIC UPGRADES AND MODERNIZATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND THE CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE; APPROVING THE PROJECT AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO STAFF TO EXECUTE THE NOTICE OF DETERMINATION (OE-12.13)

Board President Clapp read the following correction into the record:

“Regarding item 14.f. on the agenda, paragraph 2 and sentence 1 of paragraph 3 of the rationale have been revised to read: Prior to commencing the proposed Project, the District must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). An initial study prepared for the proposed Project revealed that the proposed Project may result in significant effects on the environment. Therefore, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (“MND”) was prepared to analyze potential effects on the environment, evaluate project alternatives, and propose mitigation measures. Pursuant to CEQA, the draft –Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration was made available for public review and comment on October 3, 2019. The resolution sets forth the District Board’s findings with respect to the proposed Project and certifies the MND is complete in compliance with CEQA.”

Member Cornett moved and Member Gerrell seconded approval.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: President Clapp and members Cornett, Gerardi and Gerrell
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Member Wood

g. APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT CALENDAR FOR 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR (OE-10.9)

Member Cornett moved and Member Gerrell seconded approval.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: President Clapp and members Cornett, Gerardi and Gerrell
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Member Wood

h. APPROVAL TO AWARD LEASE-LEASEBACK CONTRACT TO BERNARDS BROTHERS, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE DESERT HOT SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION BUILDING PROJECT (OE-12.14)

Member Gerardi moved and Member Cornett seconded approval.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: President Clapp and members Cornett, Gerardi and Gerrell
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Member Wood

i. APPROVAL TO AWARD LEASE-LEASEBACK CONTRACT TO BERNARDS BROTHERS, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PALM SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL SEISMIC UPGRADE AND MODERNIZATION PROJECT (OE-12.14)

Member Gerardi moved and Member Gerrell seconded approval.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: President Clapp and members Cornett, Gerardi and Gerrell
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Member Wood

15. SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT ITEMS:

- a. APPROVAL OF EXPULSION CASE 2019/2020-008, RECOMMENDATION AND FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSION OF LAW (OE-11)
- b. APPROVAL OF EXPULSION CASE 2019/2020-010, RECOMMENDATION AND FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSION OF LAW (OE-11)
- c. APPROVAL OF 2019/2020 SCHOOL PLAN FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (SPSA) (OE-10.6 AND OE-10.8)
- d. APPROVAL OF WORK-BASED LEARNING BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS (OE-10.5)
- e. APPROVAL OF EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR WAIVER REQUEST (OE-10)
- f. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY (BP) 4030; PERSONNEL - NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT (OE-4)
- g. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY (BP) 5145.3; STUDENTS NONDISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT (OE-4)
- h. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY (BP) 5145.7; STUDENTS – SEXUAL HARASSMENT (OE-4)
- i. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH R.I.S. ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, INC., FOR THE CENTRAL PLANT UPGRADE PROJECT AT NELLIE N. COFFMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL, AGREEMENT NO. C0003127 (OE-12.7)
- j. APPROVAL OF DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY REPORT PER RESOLUTION NO. 2019/2020-02 (OE-7.9)
- k. APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDER REPORT (OE-6.2)
- l. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS UNDER TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (OE-6.2)
- m. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OR MORE AND OTHER CONTRACTS (OE-6.2)
- n. APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS (OE-6)

Member Cornett moved and Member Gerrell seconded approval.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: President Clapp and members Cornett, Gerardi and Gerrell
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Member Wood

16. BOARD CONSENT ITEM:

- a. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes - October 31, 2019
- b. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes - November 1, 2019

c. Approval of Meeting Minutes - November 12, 2019

Member Gerardi moved and Member Cornett seconded approval.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: President Clapp and members Cornett, Gerardi and Gerrell
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Member Wood

17. INFORMATION:

- a. **FIRST READING NEW BOARD POLICY 3510; GREEN SCHOOL OPERATIONS (OE-8.1)**
- b. **FIRST READING NEW BOARD POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 3511; ENERGY AND WATER MANAGEMENT (OE-8.1)**
- c. **FIRST READING NEW ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 3514; ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY (OE-8.1)**

18. SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

None.

19. SETTING OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING:

a. Regular Board Meeting:

Closed Session: December 10, 2019, at 3:30 p.m.
Study Session: December 10, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. – Attendance
Regular Session: December 10, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

20. DEBRIEF:

The time of the organizational meeting was changed to 3:00 pm on December 17, 2019.

21. ADJOURNMENT:

Member Gerrell moved and Member Cornett seconded approval.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: President Clapp and members Cornett, Gerardi and Gerrell
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Member Wood

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Recorder: Brenda J. Williams