

ORCUTT UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Curriculum Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, February 24, 2021
Public Session – 6:00 P.M.
District Board Room
500 Dyer St., Orcutt, CA 93455

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CALL TO ORDER 6:00 p.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Open Session of our board meetings are audio recorded and are being live streamed. Those in attendance should expect that the recordings will capture all activity and discussions before, during and after meetings.
- C. Adoption of February 24, 2021 Agenda

Moved _____ Second _____ Vote _____

PUBLIC COMMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Trustees welcomes comments about items appearing or not appearing on tonight's agenda. Audience members wishing to address the Board during the Public Comment segment of the agenda are asked to email Alice Salazar at asalazar@orcutt-schools.net. You will need to join the meeting, and you will be called upon during the public comment section of the agenda.

A maximum of thirty (30) minutes is set aside for Public Comment; speakers are allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to address the Board on any items within the Board's jurisdiction in accordance with the Brown Act. The Board will limit any response to public comments to brief statements, referral to staff, or referral to a future board meeting.

C. Public Comment

The public comment section of the agenda is an opportunity for the public to provide input to the Board of Trustees. Any request to speak must be emailed to Alice Salazar at asalazar@orcutt-schools.net and state that you want to make a public comment. If you are speaking to an item that is not on the agenda, you can only speak during the public comment section.

Those wishing to speak about an item that is on the agenda may do so during the public comment section, or when the item is being considered. If you choose to speak on an item at the time it is being considered, your name will be called before the Board's deliberation.

Speakers are allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to address the Board. The Board will limit any response to public comments to brief statements, referral to staff, or referral to a future board meeting. **Please make sure to join the meeting (see instructions on page 1) if you plan on making a public comment.**

SPECIAL CURRICULUM BOARD MEETING

1. Curriculum Update

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Science – Recommendation for Adoption

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the Science Program, as submitted.

Moved _____

Second _____

Vote _____

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Unless otherwise noticed, the next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 2021, beginning with Closed Session at 6:00 p.m., Public Session at 6:30 p.m., in the Orcutt Academy Multi-Purpose Room, 610 Pinal Avenue, Orcutt, CA, pending approval from the Santa Barbara County Health Department.

ADJOURN

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Superintendent's Office at (805) 938-8907. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the district to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

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Second _____

Vote _____



Orcutt Union School District Educational Services

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TO: Dr. Holly Edds, Superintendent

FROM: Janet Bertoldi, Asst. Superintendent, Educational Services

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 24, 2021

BOARD AGENDA ITEM: Science – Recommendation for Adoption

BACKGROUND: Following a thorough review and pilot period of the Science programs currently available, staff supports the adoption of the following programs for the 2021-2022 school year:

Adoption Recommendation Grades TK-6: McGraw Hill Inspire Science

The reasons the committee chose this program are as follows:

- Rigorous, research-based curriculum aligned with the NGSS Science Standards
- Integration and alignment with Wonders reading program
- Hands-on scientific investigations with classroom material kits and STEM Model projects
- Interactive and motivating digital components, including simulations, phenomenon videos, songs, interactive worktexts, assessments, STEM career connections
- ELD integration, differentiated instructional supports, and scaffolding
- Premade presentation slides for both asynchronous and synchronous instruction
- Scope and sequence that caters to various instructional models for time allotment

Adoption Recommendation Grades 7-8: Amplify

The reasons the staff chose this program are as follows:

- Rigorous, research-based curriculum aligned with the NGSS Science Standards
- Engaging simulations and STEM career focus that make content interactive and engaging
- Comprehensive, engaging digital access for students with Google Classroom integration
- Engaging articles scaffolded for students that allow more time for inquiry
- ELD integration, differentiated instructional supports, and scaffolding
- Clear lesson structures that teaches Claim-Evidence-Reasoning

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the programs as submitted.

FUNDING:

McGraw Hill Inspire Science for grades TK-6 is approximately \$745,000. Of that amount, nearly \$26,000 are Charter Funds. This cost includes all consumable workbooks, online access for the 8 years of the adoption and the first year of class experiment kit supplies.

Amplify for grades 7 and 8 is approximately \$235,000. Of that amount, nearly \$18,000 are Charter Funds. This cost includes online licenses, student editions, and the consumable workbooks. Estimated cost for consumable hands-on experiment items after the first year is \$30,000 per year, with nearly \$1500 being Charter Funds. This adoption is an 8-year term.