

**ORCUTT UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL CURRICULUM MEETING
February 27, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Orcutt Union School District was held on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 beginning with Ms. Zilli calling Public Session to order at 6:00 p.m. Joe Dana led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members Present: Buchanan, Hatch, Zilli, Peterson and Phillips. Administrators Present: Bush, Yanagisako, Edds and Ochej. Also present were Principals JJ Francoisse, Kate McInerney, Don Hart, Liz Herbstreith, Alan Majewski, Susan Salucci, Joe Dana and Ted Lyon. Principal Don Nicholson was unable to attend due to a Similar School visit to Clovis.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Bush called on Dr. Edds to continue the meeting. She stated that each principal was asked to select one item of focus from their Safe School Plan to report on. With the recent event in Connecticut all the schools continue to work hard to ensure that their school is a safe, supportive, nurturing place. Patterson Road and Pine Grove schools are presenting "anti-bullying" parent information workshops. Lakeview and Orcutt Jr. High websites now contain a "Bully Button" enabling anyone to anonymously report a bullying incident or any other type of incident they feel administration should be aware of. Olga Reed will be reinstating the "Bronco Pride" community newsletter to encourage the support of the community in promoting a safe environment for all students while keeping them informed about school events. Patterson Road has implemented the "Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students)" Program which was first introduced at Joe Nightingale School several years ago. Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley will sponsor "Respect Day" at Lakeview Jr. High to increase student self-esteem and shift unhealthy peer pressure to positive peer support. The Board complimented all the schools on the work their teams did to put together a plan supporting the Mission Statement that "Safe schools are orderly and purposeful places where students and staff are free to learn and teach without the threat of physical violence and psychological harm." (Taken from "Safe Schools; A Planning Guide for Action", California State Department of Education).

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

It was moved by Bob Hatch, seconded by Rob Buchanan and carried to approve the Safe School Plans for Ralph Dunlap, Pine Grove, Patterson Road, Joe Nightingale, Alice Shaw, Olga Reed, Lakeview Jr. High and Orcutt Jr. High schools, as submitted.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Superintendent Bush reminded the Board of the March 5th Grant Recognition Dinner which will honor several OUSD teachers. Mr. Hatch reported that the Principal for a Day luncheon and computer awards will be held on March 13th at the Elks Lodge. Jan Zilli and Liz Phillips visited with the Orcutt Jr. High staff on February 21st; Ralph Dunlap will be visited by Jim Peterson and Rob Buchanan on February 26th and Pine Grove by Bob Hatch and Jim Peterson on March 5th.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Jim Peterson, seconded by Bob Hatch and carried to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:05 p.m.

RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION/AJDOURN

Public Session reconvened at 7:45 p.m. President Zilli reported that no action was taken in Closed Session. It was moved by Jim Peterson, seconded by Rob Buchanan and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Bob Bush, Board Secretary

Dr. James Peterson, Clerk, Board of Trustees