

**ONTARIO-MONTCLAIR SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Ontario, California

**REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**Thursday, May 15, 2025**  
**MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular Board meeting of the Ontario-Montclair School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:30 PM by President Elvia M. Rivas.

**ROLL CALL**

**Trustees Present:** Elvia M. Rivas, President; Sonia Alvarado, Vice President; Kristen “Kris” Brake, Clerk; Board Members Sarah S. Galvez and Flora Martinez.

**Administrators Present:** Dr. James Q. Hammond, Superintendent; Dr. Hector Macias, Deputy Superintendent (Human Resources); Robert F. Gallagher, Assistant Superintendent (Learning & Teaching); Phil Hillman, Chief Business Official (Business Services); Dr. Alana Hughes-Hunter, Assistant Superintendent (SELPA & Equity); and Irma Sanchez, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent.

**COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

No comments made.

**ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION**

On a motion by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Galvez, the Board entered into Closed Session at 5:30 PM by unanimous vote of 3-0-0 by the Board of Trustees. Trustee Alvarado and Trustee Brake arrived at 5:31 PM.

**B. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 6:07 PM.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Yeshuwa Narvaez, Student, Wiltsey Middle School.

**D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Upon a motion by Trustee Brake and seconded by Trustee Galvez, the Board of Trustees **APPROVED, Adoption of Agenda**, by unanimous vote of 5-0-0 by the Board of Trustees.

**E. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

Presentation on Ontario-Montclair School District’s 2024 – 2025 Local Control Accountability Plan Educational Partner Input as presented by Robert F. Gallagher, Assistant Superintendent, Learning & Teaching and Arlene Rodriguez, Director, Multilingual Learning, Plan Development, and Instruction.

Presentation on 2025 – 2026 State Budget and May Revise Update as presented by Phil Hillman, Chief Business Official.

**F. PUBLIC COMMENTS BY ATTENDEES (BB 9323.b 5) THIS IS INCLUSIVE OF OMTA, CSEA, PARENT GROUPS, INDIVIDUAL STAFF, STUDENTS, FAMILIES, BUSINESS PARTNERS, PUBLIC AGENCIES, NON-PROFIT GROUPS, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

Celina Marshall has served at Hawthorne Elementary as an educator for the last 14 years, and expressed her concerns regarding favoritism and retaliation at Hawthorne Elementary School. Ms. Marshall stated that families, teachers, and the union have voiced concerns to the District, and claimed that no action has been taken. Ms. Marshall urged the Board to listen to staff concerns, as such conditions make it difficult for programs like IB to thrive and for staff to perform their roles without fear.

Christina Perdue, a parent at Lincoln Elementary and active member of the School Site Council and MTSS team, shared her perspective on the positive culture at Lincoln Elementary School. Ms. Perdue spoke about the positive school's commitment to inclusion and highlighted intentional efforts to create a supportive environment for both general education and special education students. She thanked the Board for their ongoing support and extended an invitation to visit the school to see these practices firsthand.

Isaac Enriquez, student representing the Wiltsey Middle School National History Day (NHD) team, expressed gratitude to the Board and District for their support in helping students qualify for the national competition in Washington, D.C. He thanked his teachers/coaches, Ms. Vanessa Roman, Ms. Angela Stephens, Ms. Kandyce Valverde, and Ms. Amanda Populus for their encouragement, research support, and guidance throughout the journey.

Joel Leon shared his appreciation for participating in the NHD competition and thanked the Board for covering travel and registration expenses. He acknowledged how this support made the opportunity possible for over 60 students and recognized the role of parents and teachers in their success.

Viviann Rodriguez thanked the Board for their recognition through certificates and medals and expressed appreciation for her teachers: Ms. Roman, Ms. Populus, Ms. Valverde, Ms. Stephens, Ms. Kay Chong, and Mr. Andrew for their continuous support and help with her project and personal development.

Allison Gonzalez thanked the Board for funding both the Sacramento and Washington, D.C. NHD competitions. She shared that the experience helped her grow academically and develop key skills. She gave a special thanks to Ms. Roman, Ms. Stephens, Ms. Populus, Ms. Valverde, Ms. Chong, and Mr. Andrew for capturing and supporting all the meaningful moments.

Evangelina Granados expressed her gratitude for being part of NHD and shared that she learned a lot through her exhibit project on book banning and burning. She thanked her teachers Ms. Roman, Ms. Stephens, Ms. Valverde, and Ms. Populus and the Board for the opportunity to travel to Sacramento and participate in such a meaningful competition.

Vanessa Beltran shared how the NHD experience helped her build life skills and gain a deeper connection to history. She thanked her teachers Ms. Roman, Ms. Populus, Ms. Valverde, Mr. Andrew, and Ms. Stephens for their countless hours of support and expressed heartfelt appreciation to the Board.



Daisy Martinez thanked the Board for funding the NHD competition and covering associated costs. She expressed deep appreciation for Ms. Roman, Ms. Stephens, Ms. Populus, and Ms. Valverde, noting their dedication during late nights and stressful moments. Daisy also highlighted the personal impact Ms. Roman had on her during her eighth grade school year.

Yeshuwa Narvaez shared that the NHD podcast project helped him think critically, speak with confidence, and understand history more deeply. He thanked his teachers/coaches Ms. Stephens, Ms. Roman, Ms. Populus, Ms. Valverde, Mr. Andrew, and Ms. Chong for supporting his NHD journey. He expressed appreciation to the Board and District for funding the trip and providing students with opportunities to grow and find their voices.

Ashley Moran-Lopez thanked the Board for supporting the NHD competition and shared her admiration for her teacher, who helped her academically and emotionally throughout middle school. She described her teacher as a constant source of encouragement and support.

Vanessa Roman, NHD Coach and teacher, expressed her heartfelt appreciation to the Board for their support. She shared the transformational impact the program has had on students, including meaningful connections with professionals and personal growth. Ms. Roman recognized the contributions of Mr. Andrew Keo, District TOAs, and other staff for supporting the program and emphasized that these efforts help lift students and create lasting memories.

Santiago Granados identified himself as a parent of a Wiltsey NHD student participant. Mr. Granados thanked the Board for supporting extracurricular opportunities such as NHD. He acknowledged the powerful impact the team of NHD teachers/coaches have had on students' lives and learning.

Ms. Kandyce Valverde, Instructional Coach and NHD Coach, expressed deep gratitude to the Board for believing in the NHD program. Ms. Valverde shared how students now look forward to NHD classes and how the support of the District has made these opportunities possible. She thanked Ms. Irma Sanchez and Trustee Kristen Brake for attending the state competition, noting that their presence meant a great deal to students.

Amanda Populus, Robotics and Computer Coding Teacher and NHD Coach at Wiltsey Middle School, expressed her appreciation for being part of the NHD team. Ms. Populus highlighted the leadership and passion of Ms. Roman and shared how grateful the students were for the time and support from the NHD coaches. She commended the District for prioritizing programs that allow students to connect with history, engage with peers, and excel academically. Ms. Populus also shared those 62 students advanced to the state level and that one group will now compete at the national level in Washington, D.C.

#### **G. CONSENT/INFORMATION CALENDAR**

On a motion by Trustee Brake, seconded by Trustee Martinez, the Board of Trustees **APPROVED, Consent/Information**, by unanimous vote of 5-0-0 by the Board of Trustees.

##### **a. Superintendent's Office**

**APPROVED, Agenda Item a1**, Thursday, May 1, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees;

**b. Business Services**

**APPROVED, Agenda Item b1**, Acceptance of Warrant Registers AP 2425-0515 (*Additional Supporting Information was Available Under Separate Cover*);

**APPROVED, Agenda Item b2**, Purchase Orders 455578 - 455802 (*Additional Supporting Information was Available Under Separate Cover*);

**APPROVED, Agenda Item b3**, Purchasing and Contracts Report (PCR 2425-14);

**APPROVED, Agenda Item b4**, Acceptance of Gifts/Donations (GDR 2425-12);

**c. Human Resources:**

**APPROVED, Agenda Item c1**, Certificated Personnel Recommendations Report #CERT2425-0515;

**APPROVED, Agenda Item c2**, Classified Personnel Recommendations Report #CLA2425-0515;

**APPROVED, Agenda Item c3**, Adoption of Resolution 2024-25-101, Recognizing May 1, 2025, as National School Principals' Day;

**d. Learning & Teaching:** None.

**e. SELPA:** None.

**H. DISCUSSION/ACTION/PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Human Resources**

Upon a motion by Trustee Alvarado and seconded by Trustee Galvez, the Board of Trustees **APPROVED, Agenda Item H1**, Memorandum of Understanding with Ontario-Montclair School District and the Ontario-Montclair Professional Therapist Association for Occupational Therapist and Physical Therapist Stipend for Additional Services, by unanimous vote of 5-0-0, by the Board of Trustees.

**I. CALL OUT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

Dr. Hector Macias, Deputy Superintendent, Human Resources reported no action taken in Closed Session.

**J. BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Trustee Martinez expressed her appreciation for the courage shown by the Wiltsey NHD students in sharing their experiences and thanked the teachers and coaches for their passion and dedication. Trustee Martinez encouraged the students to continue working hard, noting they have a bright future ahead. Trustee Martinez also acknowledged and thanked Celina Marshall and Christina Perdue for their comments, assuring them their concerns are heard and encouraging them to follow up with the Superintendent's Office for support. Trustee Martinez concluded by wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend and noted a correction to her previous meeting remarks after reviewing the minutes.

Trustee Brake shared her gratitude for the opportunity to watch the Wiltsey NHD students compete in Sacramento, describing it as an unforgettable experience. Trustee Brake thanked the students, teachers, coaches, and parents for their commitment and efforts. Trustee Brake also highlighted the



recent book vending machine ribbon-cutting ceremony, sharing that she received a book from the vending machine which she will use next school year to read to OMSD students. Additionally, Trustee Brake shared about the Promise Scholars scholarship distribution event, where over \$70,000 in scholarships were awarded, and concluded her comments by expressing her excitement for the upcoming 8th-grade promotion ceremonies.

Trustee Alvarado shared about her participation in NHD last year when Wiltsey Students competed at Nationals and participating as a judge. She thanked Trustee Brake for representing the Board at this year's state competition. Trustee Alvarado praised the students for their hard work and thanked all who supported them. She gave a special shout-out to Mr. Sandoval, Principal of Montera Elementary School, for leading an impressive entrepreneurship program that guides students in developing business plans and launching projects. Trustee Alvarado also thanked the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors for their generous support in funding book vending machines at Montclair schools. Trustee Alvarado shared about her ongoing commitment to giving back to OMSD schools and looks forward to celebrating 8th-grade promotions.

Trustee Galvez shared her admiration for the Wiltsey Middle School team, noting how teachers, staff, and students come together like a family, especially throughout the NHD competition. Trustee Galvez asked the audience to give a round of applause to Andrew also known as "&Rew" and further shared how Andrew is always there to capture special events across the District alongside Irma Sanchez and the Communications Team. Trustee Galvez commended the growth of the NHD program and encouraged continued staff involvement and noted that NHD student awards were recognized during the 2025 End-of-Year Student Awards ceremony. Trustee Galvez also promoted community opportunities including the Ontario City Library's Summer Reading Program starting Sunday, June 1, 2025, a Fine Forgiveness Day on Thursday, June 12, 2025, and the ongoing summer food distribution program.

Trustee Rivas thanked the Wiltsey NHD students, teachers, coaches, and everyone involved in the program for their dedication and accomplishments. She encouraged students to continue their academic journeys by participating in high school Academic Decathlon. Trustee Rivas asked the audience to give a round of applause to the Ontario Police Department and OMSD Campus Safety Officers for their role in maintaining community safety. Trustee Rivas closed her comments by expressing her heartfelt gratitude to all OMSD Certificated, Classified Support Staff, and Administrators, sharing her love and deep pride in being part of the OMSD family.

#### **K. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

Superintendent Dr. James Q. Hammond shared his deep pride in the accomplishments of the Wiltsey Middle School National History Day (NHD) students, stating that their achievement goes beyond words and serves as a powerful example of student agency and academic excellence. Dr. Hammond praised the dedicated educators: Ms. Angela Stephens, Ms. Vanessa Roman, Ms. Candice Valverde, Ms. Amanda Populus, and Ms. Kay Chong, referring to them as the "Fantastic Five" for leading 62 students to become county-level champions. Dr. Hammond also noted that in just under a week, the NHD students will transition to high school, marking another important milestone.

Superintendent Dr. Hammond gave special recognition to Ms. Angela Stephens for being honored as the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Teacher of the Year, and additionally for receiving the distinguished title of California National History Day Teacher of the Year. Dr. Hammond thanked Irma Sanchez for keeping Cabinet updated on the progress and outcomes of the state competition and shared his anticipation for the final video production that will highlight the Wiltsey NHD students.

To close his remarks, Superintendent Dr. Hammond shared a video created by Ms. Greene, ELOP teacher at Haynes Elementary School. Superintendent Dr. Hammond described Ms. Greene as a fabulous educator and noted that the video is representative of the incredible work happening across all OMSD Expanded Learning Programs. Superintendent Dr. Hammond acknowledged the dedication of both Classified and Certificated Staff who continue to stay beyond the school day to provide meaningful enrichment activities for students.

**L. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS**


- L1. 2024 – 2025 Williams Third Quarter Findings Report;
- L2. 2024 – 2025 Williams Third Quarter Uniform Complaint Report Summary;
- L3. Program Self-Evaluation Annual Report for State-Funded Preschool, which will be submitted to the California Department of Education;
- L4. Schools and the District Office will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2025, in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday; and
- L5. Future Agenda Items  
*(Request for Board consideration must be submitted in writing and meet the criteria as indicated in Board Bylaw 9322);*
- L6. Next Regular Board Meeting:  
**June 5, 2025 at 6:00 PM (Open Session)**  
**Central Language Academy - 415 East G Street, Ontario, CA 91764**  
Time and location may change.  
*\*Please refer to the posted Agenda or visit our District website,  
72-hours prior to the Board Meeting*

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion from Trustee Martinez and a second by Trustee Brake, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM, by unanimous vote of 5-0-0 by the Board of Trustees.

**ONTARIO-MONTCLAIR SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

  
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Kristen "Kris" Brake, Board Clerk

  
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James Q. Hammond, Ed.D, Superintendent/Board Secretary

**BOARD APPROVED:** June 5, 2025  
*Minutes respectfully submitted by: Irma Sanchez, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent.*