

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BREA OLINDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BREA, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR BOARD MEETING/STUDY SESSION

MINUTES

JANUARY 28, 2019

The Board meeting was called to order in the Jaster Education Center conference room by President Lyons at 5:00 PM and went immediately into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Conference with Labor Negotiator, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Employment, Superintendent's Second Quarter Goals Update, and Marketplace Discussion. Members Colon, Flanders, Kropke, Lyons, and Ruiz were present as were Superintendent Mason, Assistant Superintendents Torres and Leon.

CALL TO ORDER

President Lyons adjourned Closed Session at approximately 5:20 PM.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

Study Session began at 5:20 PM with representatives from DLR who gave the Board an update on the Facilities Master Plan. They stated the Facilities Master Plan process begins by establishing a "snapshot" of where the District facilities stand today, how each campus is currently being utilized, the condition of the facilities, and what demographics and attendance might look like in the future. The four phases of the master plan are: Discovery, Assessments, Planning, and Summary. The discovery phase includes extensive research of District archives and records to gather background information and overall knowledge of the District and schools. This phase also includes the selection and establishment of the District's Facilities Planning Group and guiding principals in the development of the master plan. The assessment phase includes a team of trained field assessors who visit every site to review, photograph, and note physical condition deficiencies. A "report card" outlining the grades for each category of the assessment is prepared resulting in an overall grade for each campus. The assessments are categorized in terms of immediate, short-term, mid-term, and long-term needs. The master plan for each campus is a diagram of needs, priorities, and quantities. The goal of each master plan is to quantify these priorities and their associated cost. Phase 4, the summary phase, provides more specific and detailed information about the components within the identified projects by defining the type and size of various spaces required to complement the educational delivery and to provide consistency among similar project types. The educational specifications are designed with the maximum amount of flexibility to assist each school with implementing the District's instructional goals as projects are identified and move forward. Educational specifications are developed through a series of meetings with various District staff, including curriculum, facilities, and site administrators.

STUDY SESSION

The regular meeting was called to order by President Lyons at 6:35 PM in the Council Chambers. Members Colon, Flanders, Kropke, Lyons, and Ruiz were present as were Superintendent Mason, Assistant Superintendents Torres and Leon.

REGULAR MEETING ROLL CALL

Colon – P Flanders – P Kropke – P Lyons – P Ruiz – P

P = Present A = Absent

It was moved by Clerk Colon, seconded by Vice President Ruiz, and passed with a 5-0 vote, to adopt the January 28, 2019 Board meeting agenda.

**MOTION #10-19
AGENDA ADOPTION**

Colon – Aye Flanders – Aye Kropke – Aye Lyons – Aye Ruiz – Aye

The pledge of allegiance was led by Pastor Doug Green, North Hills Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Lyons introduced principals Kelly Kennedy, Brea Junior High; Ixchel Sanchez, Brea Olinda High; Eric Barrientos, Brea Canyon High; Theresa Stevens, Fanning Elementary; Trish Walsh, Country Hills Elementary; Daryn Coburn, Mariposa Elementary; Teri Syck, Brea Jr. High Student Council Advisor; Penny Andrews, Child Development Services Director; Meredith White, Child Development Services Coordinator; Nichole Pichardo, Communications Specialist; Jill Matyuch, Girls' Athletic Director; Bob Walton, BOHS Tennis Coach; Nancy Smith, BOHS Golf Coach; Chris Book, BOTA Vice President; Robyn Lechuga, CSEA Vice President; Jeanine Leech, Special Education Director; former Board Members Susie Sokol, Rod Todd, Bill Hall, Rex Gaede, and John Blaydes; and Brea Chamber Director, Heidi Gallegos.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

President Lyons stated the Board discussed Conference with Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Employment, Brea Marketplace, Conference with Labor Negotiator, and Superintendent's Second Quarter Goals Update in Closed Session. No action was taken in Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Brea Junior High student reps, Isaiah Mejia and Mia Juarez, reported second semester began today. On January 10, eighth grade girls interested in a future career in the field of science participated in the Bridges to Tomorrow field trip to Fullerton College. They were given the opportunity to hear speakers from different careers. Brea Jr. High's Robotics team participated in another competition on Saturday, January 12. Two teams competed, and in the end one of the teams received first place, but lost in the finals. The other team won and qualified to advance to state competition. These same two teams also competed in a different tournament on January 26 and the team that did not qualify in the January 12 competition has now qualified to compete at state! The annual Brea Jr. High spelling bee was held on January 14. After 40 rounds, MinJin Kim and Adrian Sanchez were chosen to move on to represent the junior high at the county level. On January 15 and 16, ASB had the privilege of hosting students from Anseong, Korea. Each student was paired with an ASB buddy and shadowed them for two days. Basketball season is now underway. BJH's first game is a home game on Wednesday, January 30, against Beechwood. The junior high raised \$3,400 to benefit HomeAid Orange County. ASB's big event of the month was Touch of Class day held on January 24. This year's theme was "Touch of Hollywood." Teachers nominated students to be on the royal court who show great PRIDE, then eighth graders voted for a king and queen. The court consisted of students Autumn Clodt, Anwei Forgues, Caitlyn Gallagher, Alexis Jung, Gwen Maddox, Jacob Alcantara, Hagen Cooper, Michael Galentine, Ryan Kern, and Jackson Pearson. Students had a great time dancing the night away! Alexis Jung and Jackson Pearson were crowned king and queen for 2018-19. Mia and Isaiah thanked Mr. Syck for all of the work he put forth building the sets to make sure the students had an awesome night.

BJH REPS' REPORT

Brea Olinda High School rep, Andrew Spittell, reported finals were January 23 and 24. The high school's annual *Brea Idol* will be held on Thursday, January 31, at 7:00 PM in the PAC. The first Friday following winter break, seniors took part in one of the most popular senior dress-up day. Gray hair, walkers, canes, and sweater vests were not uncommon as most of the senior class participated in this favorite day. Those who dressed up received pizza and prizes for playing bingo during lunch. An informal dance is held annually during winter. This year's theme is "Dance or Dye"

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in which students wear white shirts to be brightened with washable dye while on the dance floor. This same theme was used for 2015's informal welcome back dance, when this year's seniors were freshmen. Volleyball tournament sign-ups will begin following the close of the chess tournament. The volleyball tournament will be held in the auxiliary gym during lunch. Andrew stated this year's winter rally was a success with no student disruptions or beach balls. Students enjoyed the winter sports video, an obstacle course, a large rendition of musical chairs, and a wildcard drawing for gift cards and highly coveted prom tickets. Link Crew leaders and all of the wildcats bid farewell to the exchange students from Anseong, Korea who took part in a 2-1/2 week program to immerse themselves in American culture. The students were paired with a Link Crew buddy to follow for the day to attend class and engage in activities. Link Crew sponsored a "Cocoa and Cram" in which upper classmen leaders helped freshmen with studying and tutoring, along with early morning cocoa. Orchestra's performance at this year's Holiday Magic show was enjoyed by students and staff. Last month, the United Choirs of Brea gave an outstanding rendition at their annual preview concert. The next competition is on February 16, and the high school is hosting a choir competition on February 8 and 9. Dance Production participated in University High School's "Evening of the Arts" and will take part in a show at Yorba Linda High School on Friday, February 1. Dance Production's next local show is scheduled for April 11 and 12 in the PAC. The Drama department's performance of *First in Line* was a success and enjoyed by students and parents. Its next show, *Snow White*, will take place on February 28 and March 1. The Ladycats' season has been outstanding with a 13-3 season, remaining undefeated at home. The team will face Canyon on Thursday, January 31. Girls' water polo has also done well this season. The team will take on the Yorba Linda Mustangs at home on Tuesday, February 5. Girls' soccer currently has a record of 15-9-2 and is 2-3 in league. After attaining 8th place at the CIF Division 3 Southern Section finals, girls' cross country's season came to a close. Girls' wrestling season has continued to be successful as the season continues. With CIF prelims coming up, Andrew stated Coach Schlueter is confident several girls can make it to regionals. The boys' swim team has been practicing for the upcoming season as water polo came to a close. Boys' wrestling took first place in a recent meet at Troy High School. The team was also victorious at Morro Bay High School's annual CIT tournament. Boys' basketball welcomed a lively home crowd on Friday, January 25, and held strong in the early stages of the game, but unfortunately, fell to the El Dorado Hawks in an exciting game.

Brea Canyon High School Rep, Anahi Reyes, stated she will be replacing Carisma Obas as the new BCHS student board rep for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year. Student leaders, along with advisor, Mr. Horta, helped organize the end of the quarter Coyote carnival. Students and staff competed in games, had their pictures taken in the photo booth (with a backdrop and apparel), ate snacks, and earned prizes for their participation. Anahi stated BCHS has not yet coordinated any third quarter sports with other continuation high schools, but she will be reporting to the board once dates and competitions are scheduled. However, the BCHS 2 vs. 2 basketball tournament is underway. Students and staff from both BCHS and Futures Academy have been competing during lunch and the basketball tournament is expected to end in February. Brea Canyon students are looking forward to several outings this month, starting with a trip to Fullerton Community college on Tuesday, January 29, and a visit to Santiago Community College in February. With the beginning of a new semester comes new faces as well as goodbyes to familiar faces who are graduating or returning to BOHS. Some of Brea Canyon's students are

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looking forward to the spring Fullerton Community College courses of Music Appreciation 116, Counseling 100, or Communications 100. BCHS has a new Project Kinship staff member, Ignacio Rios, who started after winter break.

Dr. Mason reported today was the first day of the second semester of school. Executive cabinet has been meeting with principals to discuss staffing updates and preparations for next year. Executive cabinet are also looking at interdistrict transfers, kindergarten and TK. Dr. Mason thanked Ryan Hallum for a very successful and well-attended Elementary Band Concert. Because of the growing number of students in elementary band, the concert was held on two nights. Three schools performed on Wednesday night and the other three schools on Thursday night. Dr. Mason attended the School Services of California Governor's Budget Proposal Workshop on January 16. He stated there are a lot more concepts with a new governor in place and there will likely be some changes. Nicole Colon asked if the Brea 8K is on February 24. Brad replied that it is.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Jill Matyuch, BOHS Athletic Director summarized the sports season for Wildcat football, girls' and boys' cross country, girls' golf, tennis, and volleyball, and boys' water polo. She introduced Gillian Hidalgo, Volleyball, and Nate Wyse, Football who were selected outstanding fall athletes. Jill also recognized Bob Walton, tennis coach, who is retiring this year. Coach Walton has coached a total of 45 years. His coaching career in BOUSD began in 2004.

RECOGNITION

President Lyons stated the Board received numerous written correspondence and emails regarding the renaming Fanning Elementary School.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

2017-18 Audit Report from Clifton Larson Allen, LLP – Tina Henton presented the results of the 2017-18 annual audit report to the Board. She commented this audit is more than just a financial audit, it also encompasses various state and federal compliance requirements. She stated the team visited not only the district business office, but also at the various sites. The audit includes not only the general fund, but all funds under the District's control such as ASB funds, student attendance, Brea H.O.P.E., and CFD. She stated BOUSD has been issued a unmodified opinion on the District's financial statements, which means the amounts are fairly presented and the District has followed all of the accounting standards and has included all of the needed accounting disclosures that are part of the audit. Tina also stated there were no audit adjustments. She also talked about PERS and STRS unfunded liability. She commented that unfortunately it continues to increase for all districts. The District has met its 3 percent reserve requirement. She commented there was one State compliance requirement finding with regard to Instructional Materials and Public Hearing Notice.

PRESENTATIONS

Heidi Gallegos, Brea Chamber of Commerce Director, presented Coach Nancy Smith with a \$2,500 check to be used for the BOHS girls' and boys' golf program. Mrs. Gallegos thanked Coach Smith and the golf team for helping with the Chamber Annual Golf Tournament. Heidi mentioned that the Chamber has donated \$10,000 to the golf program since the inception of the annual golf tournament.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michelle New, Brea, addressed the Board regarding the Health Education Framework. She stated that after reviewing the entire health education framework and education code, she has some serious concerns. She briefly reviewed some of material in chapter one of the framework which she stated actually goes against

2. Confidential Settlement Agreement 2018-19 \$ 5,000.00
Student #730004680

4. Business Services

- a. Warrant List – Auditor Colon
Approved the Warrant List for the period January 10, 2019 through January 23, 2019.
- b. Donations
Accepted and acknowledged the list of donations.
- c. Surplus Property
Declared and approved disposition of the list of surplus District property, as per agenda attachment.

Second Quarter Report on Williams Uniform Complaints – Assistant Superintendent Torres commented the District has received one complaint for the second quarter covering the period from October 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. This complaint is currently under review.

**INFORMATION,
DISCUSSION, DIRECTION**

President Lyons opened the Public Hearing to give the public the opportunity to comment on renaming Fanning Elementary School. The following people addressed the Board:

PUBLIC HEARING

Sean Thomas, 39 Roger Court, Brea, stated he wasn't going to come to the meeting, but decided he should. He said everyone is excited about changing the name of the school, but it's much more than that. He ran for Brea City Council recently and was a county commissioner. He has been in Brea for twelve years and has done a lot for the city. It's more than changing a name. It's time to send a message that the new generations of Breans are not going to tolerate having a wall built around the city. Everyone should be welcome here. He encouraged the Board to change the name of Fanning, not because we're upset about the KKK, but change the name to send the message that the old way of doing business in Brea is over. It's a new Brea and we are welcoming the outsiders to come to Brea.

Rich Baker, 527 Laguna Canyon Way, Brea, addressed the Board regarding renaming Fanning. He stated a list was discovered and questions were raised. The Board investigated and found the list was undated, unknown author and most importantly an unknown purpose. The Board has acted responsibly and has performed its due diligence by acknowledging the issue and investigating it thoroughly. The Board has solicited input and listened to its constituents as well as those from other communities. Important questions have remained unanswered, speculation is prevalent and there is outstanding support by the Brea residents for retaining Mr. Fanning's name. Is it wise to treat the disputed list as if it is conclusive in the face of the unresolved questions? The concern is by ordering the name of Fanning to be removed from the school, the Board will have answered the most significant question. If the Board's answer is to change the school name, it will in fact be an admission that Mr. Fanning was a member of the KKK. The public will ask why would the Board take this action of condemning their former pillar of the community if he was not a member? Mr. Baker stated if the Board votes to eliminate Mr. Fanning's name, they will not obtain closure but will open a new and unwarranted chapter in Brea's history. The resulting notoriety will become the legacy of the students, alumni, the city of Brea and the Board. The Board may feel they are committing an injustice in attempting to correct something that never needed to be

corrected, and that would be tragic. Mr. Baker stated he believes an affirmative and restorative path would be to accept the suggestion offered by Mr. Jason Kraft. Mr. Kraft had suggested it's possible to both uphold Mr. Fanning's good reputation and teach children a real world lesson on racism, by keeping the name and creating a history lesson for both students and the community that explores what we know about local history and the influence of the KKK.

David Vasquez, used a translator to state, "our creator gives us your blessing on this day. Words can be the flag of peace in this change. We'll find agreement and humility for the future of humanity."

Jim Bailey, 250 W. Central, Brea, stated he is a Fanning parent, PTA treasurer, Site Council member, and site ELAC rep. He said the community of Brea and Fanning teachers are here, again, to support the Board. The Board has done its due diligence on the allegation against William E. Fanning including most recently a letter from the Anaheim Heritage Museum where the list is kept, stating the list has no provenance, as well as a letter from Dr. Sarah Doherty, a nationally recognized expert in the Klan of the 1920's, stating that use of the list without provenance is reckless. No other documentation has been found of Mr. Fanning's participation in the KKK. There is no evidence that he played any role in segregation in Orange County during his tenure. Mr. Bailey stated there is zero evidence that Mr. Fanning engaged in or supported racist acts. Most troubling is the call to remove the Fanning name from the school not because of the allegation but because there was Klan activity in Brea during the time Mr. Fanning worked for the District. Mr. Bailey stated the campaign to make Mr. Fanning's name into a symbol of things outside of his control is unjust. The evidence is clear and it's time to uphold the legacy of someone who gave nearly 25 years of his life to put this District on the map.

Sylvia Poareo, 1519 Ponderosa Ave., Fullerton, stated the Board has referred to the Brea Historical Society's report as clearing the legacy of Fanning and she wanted to show the Board the bias of the Brea Historical Society. She referenced a booklet handed out to people in 2017 as they entered the museum. Even though many have talked about Mr. Fanning in the KKK, that kind of bias comes directly from the KKK. She showed an ad from the KKK where it boasts a membership of 1400, which corroborates the second list. What's concerning to her is that Karl Fanning stated in his oral history that he attended a KKK rally with his father. She stated the Fanning family and the Brea Historical Society have blinders and they are unable to see racism and bias. But children of color do not have blinders, and what do we want to communicate to all children in this day and age? She stated the sundown legacy is alive and well and people need to speak up against it.

Alexandra Noyes, 1073 Salvador Street, Costa Mesa, stated she is an elementary school teacher and history buff. She is asking the Board to rename Fanning for the students of color. The Board needs to show all kids that anything associated with white supremacy is not acceptable in school. We want to believe in progress and that things are getting better. She commented she is Jewish and never experienced antisemitism in school. But now we hear so much more of these hateful acts. She shared her own experience in the last three years of hatred toward Jews. Alexandra said Fanning has been a good name for the school, but feels we can still honor Mr. Fanning in different ways. This is an exceptional historical moment and we need to be willing to inconvenience ourselves to protect vulnerable kids and rename the school.

William Fanning, 334 E. Riverview Ave., Orange, addressed the Board about the

allegations regarding his grandfather. He stated the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations in 1948 promotes universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. Article 11 declares that everyone has the right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty and that the burden of proof is on the person who makes the charge. In February 2011, Gustavo Arellano wrote an article in O.C. Weekly titled, *Which O.C. Pioneers Were Klan Members?* In the article Mr. Arellano wrote that he received a copy of the list from the Anaheim Heritage Center. He also stated the provenance of the list is unknown. No one knows for sure who compiled it or even when, but it does list names, addresses, and occupations for hundreds of men. In 2017, Mike Rodriguez created an online petition asking others to support a name change for Fanning School and added "there's also evidence in the Library of Congress that Fanning was a member of the Klan." But today we know that no list is available in the Library of Congress, which means that Mr. Rodriguez has failed to provide the Board with the burden of proof. Evidence that cannot be found or presented simply is not evidence. In his petition Mr. Rodriguez said there is a list at the Anaheim Heritage Center. But today we know that Gustavo Arellano, Linda Shay, and Jane Newell all agree that the list has no provenance to it. They don't know where it came from and they don't know who prepared it. Mr. Fanning stated the Board received a letter from Dr. Sarah Doherty, a recognized scholar of the Klan, states that anyone who chooses to use this document from the Anaheim Museum without establishing clear provenance is acting recklessly. The lack of proof would compel a reasonable person to deny the petition. If the Board follows these facts and makes a decision based on the truth (the facts), there's no question as to how the Board would vote. The community believes that William Fanning's name should be retained on the school. Mr. Fanning stated for nearly eight years his grandfather's legacy has been under attack. His grandfather was a soldier, a public servant, educator and a respected citizen and it's time to stop the unproven allegations.

Kris Percy, 539 S. Brea Blvd., Brea, has practiced family medicine in Brea for seventeen years. She urged the Board to take a stand against Brea's racist past and rename Fanning Elementary whose namesake is on the list of KKK members from the 1920s. A common claim that she's heard in the past months from community members, past and current civic leaders, and Board members has been that there is no evidence to support changing the name. It's possible to say the Board is unconvinced of the need for a change based on the evidence but to say there is no evidence is disturbing to her. She stated the list that bears William E. Fanning's name has been cited numerous times in scholarly works over decades and was donated to the Anaheim Museum by a well renowned former Anaheim city attorney and historian. Dr. Percy distributed copies of a well-researched, report written by Rev. Dr. Terry LePage's, on what she calls *The Fanning Question*. Rev. LePage provides a detailed accounting regarding the link between Fanning, KKK, and the sundown era. Dr. Percy stated if we don't want the Fanning family to be singled out, we can stand with them as white people and say "*Your story is our story and we will join with you to create a better future by owning the transgressions of the past and choosing a new name for this school that reflects our progress as a society and our hopes for all children.*"

Rex Gaede, 1301 Denise Court, Brea, stated he is a former member of the school board, serving from 1969 to 1975. He had the privilege, as school board president, to dedicate Fanning School and was involved in Fanning during the seven years he served on the school board. He stated the Board has been conned by a clever, professionally-driven movement to demonstrate and take over without legal proof. He stated if this group from outside of Brea are successful in their ill-gotten victory at Brea's expense it will not be ceased, but will continue against our educational

system. It won't go away. The name of Fanning will forever be associated with this sad occasion, especially in the hearts and minds of the present and past students, parents, faculty, and the current Board of Education. Mr. Gaede stated the Board must understand what is going on here. This is America, not the Soviet Union.

Harry Langenbacher, 1021 N. Lemon St., Fullerton, stated he was here not only to support his friends, but also because he believes this is important to residents of Fullerton and all of north Orange County. He commented that this issue reflects on civil rights and human rights and the legacy we all share in the surrounding cities. He read a quote from the oral history and public history center at CSUF. The quote reflected the fact that before World War II, Brea was a racially exclusive community. Mr. Langenbacher stated this is the atmosphere and the environment in which William Fanning established also a racially exclusive school system in Brea. Mr. Langenbacher stated this is a bad legacy to impose on children of all races and creeds who attend schools in Brea. It would be much better if the Board chose a name that was more reflective of the values in the 21st Century.

Doug Green, 2124 Arbor Circle, Brea, stated he represents the religious community in town and is part of the Brea Ministerial Association. At one of its recent meetings, the Association took time to pray for the Brea community. The Association is multi-ethnic and has representation from every ethnic group that worships in Brea. The Association is represented by both male and female, young and old. At one of its meetings, the Association took time to stop and pray for the city of Brea. He stated that, unfortunately, racism is a difficult part of our past and is a difficult part of our present. It doesn't seem like we're getting much better, if you read the newspaper or watch the news on a daily basis. He said he's sorry for those who have experienced hate in the city of Brea. He's sorry these are present realities. Pastor Green commented he has a racial ethnic background but has not suffered the kinds of things that others have. He also said he was sorry for the Fanning family who has to represent a grandfather who isn't here to represent himself. This is a difficult situation and the Ministerial Association has been praying for the school board. The right answer is that the Board should do the right thing.

Claire Schlotterbeck, 170 Copa de Oro, Brea, stated she has lived in Brea for forty-one years. She said we all want a great school district because our schools reflect the importance of a community and what it puts on education in general and our children specifically. That education value is also reflected in Brea's property values. Brea has historically been attractive to new O.C. residents because of its schools. It's her understanding that the District has determined that because of declining enrollment something needed to be done to attract out-of-district students. The Board chose to transform Fanning into a science and technology magnet school. There were a lot of stakeholders interested in the outcome, not just the opposing sides, but the District as a whole. There is little doubt that this process of naming the new magnet school has been wrenching for all. One can understand both sides who are trying to reconcile the validity of the claims of Mr. Fanning's membership in the KKK, but that is no longer really the point. What we have seen in the eighteen months of disagreement is that Brea schools and the Fanning controversy are permanently intertwined with the KKK in the press and the public discourse. That is not a healthy foundation to roll out the welcome mat to out-of-district students. She suggested we need to ask the general public through an advisory vote on the ballot. If those who are threatening a recall are willing to spend District money for the recall, they should not object to spending it on the vote of the people. Mrs. Schlotterbeck said this decision should be about what Brea schools need today not who we choose to honor in the past. With feelings running so strongly with honoring Mr. Fanning's contributions, perhaps the Brea Museum could carry that forward. She stated the

District could continue to honor the past by renaming the school Founder's Academy of Science and Technology.

Viviana Martinez, 18650 Klum Place, Rowland Heights, stated she has lived in the area all of her life. She's not an outsider. She has lived in the area and went to school at Cal State Fullerton. She stated that as she was sitting in the room, she's been staring at the sign, *e pluribus unum*, which is Latin for *Out of many, one*. Out of many one, that's what we are. She knows what it's like to be a child of color, an English Language Learner, and to feel different. She is a mental health therapist and hears about issues that are going on that students don't want to talk to staff about because harassment, bullying, and racism occurs. She stated institutional racism is occurring with the name Fanning and she is asking the Board to change the name. It's time to take a stand and to make those kids who are not white feel that they are a part of that *one*.

Mike Rodriguez, 480 Palermo Way, La Habra, stated after the Charlottesville tragedy, he saw the threat of white nationalism growing and he knew he had to do something about it. This threat did not come out of the blue, it's rooted in U.S. history. It's rooted in Brea, California. He researched the Brea history at CSUF, and visited the Anaheim Heritage Center more than once. He personally contacted Cruz Reynoso and interviewed him in 2017. Mr. Rodriguez stated he also visited the Brea History Museum and personally sat down with Linda Shay. He stated that visit was the last straw that pushed him to write the petition and the campaign had begun. Slowly in the past year and a half, he has been uncovering the cover up of Brea's sundown legacy. He read a quote from Cruz Reynoso who lived in Brea in the late 1930's. Mr. Rodriguez stated a UCLA doctoral student published a 700-page dissertation about the KKK in Orange County. In his dissertation there is a whole section about how the KKK dominated Brea from 1924 to 1936. Mr. Rodriguez mentioned we know William E. Fanning was superintendent of schools during the sundown era and there were no black or Asian American students in his schools.

David This, 284 Winding Lane, Brea, has owned a home in Brea for almost forty years. He stated he was born in Fullerton and raised in Anaheim so his roots in north Orange County are deep. He is in favor of removing the Fanning name from the elementary school. He stated there's not much that hasn't been said tonight and over the past year and half. It's long past time to put this divisive issue behind us. He stated that tonight he's hopeful that, in spite of the threats of recall, the Board will do the right thing. He responded to remarks from the last meeting that many have demanded 100 percent certainty before removing the Fanning name; demanding almost a DNA level of certainty before action is taken. With that standard of proof, no decision will ever be made about anything. He stated this 100-year-old story is a complex puzzle with some pieces faded or even missing. A common sense perspective of the picture is clear. It is undisputed by historians that the Klan culture thrived in north Orange County in the 20's and 30's. During that time, many prominent citizens and elected officials were associated with the KKK. Also during that time some towns like Brea forced African Americans to leave by sundown. Is it conceivable that some of our early civic leaders would have associated with the Klan? Obviously, yes. Is it conceivable that William E. Fanning was connected to the Klan as supported by his name appearing on the KKK list in the Anaheim Heritage Center? Why does any of this matter? Mr. This stated we can't undo our historic legacy and sometimes it's tough to untangle the layers of history. It matters that by naming and acknowledging this ugly issue we can begin to lay a more racially inclusive foundation. This issue cannot be swept under the rug. We have responsibility to our current and future students to take this stand. Our message to them would be, *we don't tolerate racial division going forward and we don't celebrate*

anyone who contributed to those divides in the past. With the transition of Fanning to a 21st Century curriculum, the timing for a change in the name is ideal. It signals a break from the past. A past in Brea with unfortunate and regrettable links to the Klan. He urged the Board to remove the Fanning name.

Julie Muzall, 480 Palermo Way, Brea, stated she has lived many places in the world. There is no such thing as race because we are all the same and we should keep that in mind. She stated everything she read in the minutes between pages 21 and 23 was that there are now two names with Fanning to be voted on. At the January 14 meeting there was to be one name with the Fanning name attached. She asked how the other name appeared. President Lyons responded it was a decision that was made by the leadership team as the agenda was drafted. Julie read a quote from Robert F. Kennedy. She also stated she sent the Board an email. In looking at the past and identifying the known history of Brea, her opinion as a citizen and resident is that it's now well known history that Brea was a sundown town. There is still that mentality. The validation and the vote to keep the name of Fanning attached to a school with 38% Hispanic students is a strong statement that Brea has not learned from the past events in history. She urged the Board to find the courage, foresight and wisdom to vote for a name change to Fanning School. We cannot identify with the past and should learn from it by choosing an appropriate name to go forward into the future. If the Board doesn't change the name, the students will attend Fanning with a stigma of the past.

Johnny Daniel, Anaheim, said he's grateful to be a student at UCSD. All his years of studying, he's learned something very important and that is evidence based and fact based. He spoke about recent events which are very well known at the current time of the Covington High School students who caused an uproar in our nation. Johnny mentioned yesterday was the international remembrance day of the Holocaust. There was a survey that states one-third of the U.S. residents do not believe that the exact number is six million. What is meant to be evidence based? He holds academic journals and sources much higher than a dubious source from a KKK member or anyone associated. Fanning was a member of the KKK. The name change is not symbolic. Johnny commented the name change is making history because when we make history, we make change.

Lauren Stearns, 539 S. Brea Blvd., Brea, stated she has practiced family medicine in Brea for the past fourteen years. Her impression, after listening to the public comments over the last several months, is that there are so many people who have had the privilege of having wonderful experiences at Fanning Elementary and so many happy memories in the city of Brea. But not everyone has had such wonderful experiences, and they should. She said this is not a trial about guilt or innocence. She knows that changing the name isn't going to change these experiences, but what we're doing is opening the conversation for us to take a look at where, as a group of white people, did we go wrong and what can we do about it now? One thing we can do is to break the association. Wouldn't it be great if the Fanning family, instead of feeling victimized or bullied, could take the lead in this? If they could say, we had no knowledge of this. We loved our grandfather. It's true he was a good man, but we can see where the association is not welcoming anymore. We want to be the first to love the memory of our grandfather, but we hear you and we support the changing of the school name. Lauren stated we have heard too many stories from Jewish, Latino, and many people don't have these same memories. They know that changing the name won't change their experiences, but at this point we can't not change it. She commented for the good of all of our people the school board needs to make a firm break with the unspoken hushed up exclusionary history of the town and choose a new name for the elementary school without any link to a racist past.

Carlota Serna, Brea, stated the Board is probably very familiar with the bylaws of the Board. She summarized from the section 9000, the role of the Board. The role of the Board is fundamental and very powerful. She stated the Board stands poised to make Fanning a strong magnet that will attract students from outside BOUSD. Carlota commented that with limited school funding, schools must be run like businesses in their quest for students. She feels the Board must listen to the voices from outside the Fanning community, not just the Brea bubble that has been cited by several people at the January 14 meeting. She stated the term Brea bubble is offensive with its obvious implications that we are on the inside looking out. She lives in Brea and is a proud resident but would never use that term. We are part of a tapestry that is just part of a larger, diverse, vibrant community. Carlota talked about the proposed dual immersion program at Arovista. She feels any educated person who researches Fanning School will not send their children to a school that is mired in controversy over its name being associated with a member of the KKK. The Board should change the name to attract a wider net of students and choose a name that is not tainted with the stain of the KKK. She urged the Board to vote for the name Falcon Academy of Science and Technology. It appeals to the history and tradition of the school while turning a new leaf of acceptance and moving forward. The selection of this name or any of the other names without Fanning in it remains consistent with the Board's role, powers, and responsibilities in the bylaws. The Board's long-term vision of ensuring that a magnet school attracts students from outside the school boundaries and District boundaries and also ensures accountability to the local community, tells people that the Board is listening. It shows community leadership and advocacy on behalf of children who do not have voices. She stated that we cannot clutch tradition at the expense of our values and principles.

Pat Adelekan, stated she lives in Anaheim. She is a retired educator of more than fifty years, internationally as well as in the United States. She thinks the issue has gotten confused. As educators, children should be first and this entire Fanning issue has to be what's going on for the good of the children. Do we care about them? Are we compassionate about them? Do we respect them? Pat stated the name of this school brings unhappiness to many children. There are many stories of how children have been treated in this school district. With the Fanning name and the history that has been brought about, the Board needs to be careful. She asked, are we here for our own selfish stubbornness or are we here for the benefit of children? There should be diversity. Pat stated she has worked with children from all over the world. There's an increase in suicide among young people and as well as the use of drugs because adults bring confusion to children. Children know when adults have hatred, are unkind, intolerant, double standards. She suggested with wisdom, the Board change the name that is causing an emotional upset for a lot of human beings.

Martha Ponce, stated she lives in Yorba Linda and her son lives in Brea. She grew up in Los Angeles in the 60's and always heard she should not move to Orange County because people are racist. She read a statement courtesy of Cal State Fullerton center from a Brea truck driver in the 1940's who commented about the Mexican workers in the pipe yards who were only paid forty-five cents per hour.

Wendy Dotan, 618 Desert Canyon Way, Brea, stated her children attended Fanning Elementary School. She stated at one particular parent teacher conference, her child's teacher, who has since retired, confided she periodically heard anti-semitic comments from the staff in the lounge and at the district office. Both of her children experienced anti-semitism directly. No one denies that Mr. Fanning did some wonderful things for his community. Let him be honored in the Brea Museum. The fact of the matter is he represented a time in Brea's history when people were barred

in participating in civic life simply because of their ethnic background or religious affiliation. She encouraged the Board to let go of this gentleman's agreement and usher in a new era.

Liv Sandoval, Brea, stated she is a BOUSD parent and grew up in Santa Ana and her experience in the public school system in Santa Ana was comfortable. She doesn't relate on a personal level to having experience with racism growing up in the public school system. But it's not her experience that matters. It's the uncomfortable experience of her friends, neighbors, and family that matters. She read a quote from a woman who talks about the experiences her daughters had in the Brea school system in the 1940's. This woman's daughters told her Mexican kids had a horrible time in school, not only from the other kids but also the teachers who looked down on them. Mexican students were told to sit in the back of the classroom.

Tammy Tousignant, 2464 Stony Lane, Brea, stated she has been to countless meetings regarding the agenda item about changing the name of Fanning School. She has lived in Brea for over twenty-five years and has proudly been involved in the community and was president for two years in the Brea Mom's Club. She has served on Little League board, boosters board member, and served on fundraising committees. She stated when she attended the last Board meeting, someone called her out for holding a sign supporting Fanning. She lives in Brea and loves this city. She and her husband are very proud to live in Brea. She stated it's okay to have an opinion and respect others. Tammy commented that at the last meeting Mrs. Lyons and some others said this issue is not about Mr. Fanning. She can't believe that was said. Then why are we here? This issue is completely about Mr. Fanning and the Board has heard countless testimonies that this man is wrongly accused. The Board has allowed this to become so hurtful to Mr. Fanning, his legacy and his family. She asked the Board to put a stop to this and do the right thing. Tammy stated clearly there are outside interests who have come to this city and asked the Board to change the name of Fanning. The Board is not accountable to them. The Board is accountable to all Breans. She said the Board took an oath and in her opinion it is not being upheld by some of the Board members. She stated that no matter what the decision will be, it will hurt everyone.

Lucas Davidson & Jacob Ballon, 1519 Ponderosa Ave., Fullerton, Lucas stated he attends Fullerton High School. Jacob lives in Fullerton and attends Troy High School. Lucas stated many people arbitrarily argue that the burden of proof rests on the supporters of renaming Fanning Elementary. While this is true, proof against William Fanning for being a Klansman and a racist is substantial. He read a quote from the Brea Historical Society stating there are 200 names on the first list and 1,242 on the second list. Mr. Fanning's name appears on the second list. Lucas stated he and Jacob are not here to argue whether Fanning was a Klan member. However, it's likely that he was. The argument about the validity of the document is redundant at this point. By keeping the controversy alive, we are demeaning kids of color and kids who are being bullied and face adversity in school, whether it be race or religion. We are demeaning their existence by keeping the name of the school of a Klans member. This is not only about William Fanning, but it is also about racism. The Klan is directly associated with terrible views on Jews, Catholics, people of color, homosexuality, and many more. Lucas stated he is Jewish and he faced very little anti-Semitism in his school, but it's a different story with his brother. His brother has been bullied and told to burn in an oven. The reason for keeping the Fanning Elementary name is pointless. Why would the Board support a potential Klans member when there are many other more inclusive names? This issue is not about evidence or disputing evidence. It's about ethics.

Gabriel Estrada, stated he is the son Natalie Estrada who has been working for two years in the effort to change the name of Fanning Elementary School. He stated William Fanning was found to be a member of a racist and hateful organization, the KKK. We should never have any association to the hateful legacy of the KKK and sundown towns. He urged the Board to change the name of the school.

Natalie Estrada stated she has been an educator for the past twenty years. She's taught in every level from kindergarten to high school, every program from dual language immersion, bilingual education and special education. Her mother grew up in Brea and raised an amazing family. She stated she agrees with the research that has been done and feels the District needs to make a clean break and start fresh by embracing a new name for the school that is going to be a symbol representative of all kinds of cultures. We know about the things that happened in the past. We know that black people were not allowed to live in Brea. Natalie read a definition of bullying and stated bullying takes place in cities in Orange County. She would like everyone to listen to the facts and come to understand that bullying does happen. She also mentioned she is looking for a dual language program for her daughter for next year. The district she lives in has this program, but she will be looking at what Brea has to offer. She feels BOUSD has an amazing foundation for this program.

Joanna Tuso Fish, 238 E. Mountain Court, Brea, stated she is a Fanning parent of a 5th grader and is also the PTA president. She wanted to apologize for everyone who has felt marginalized. At Fanning, the staff and students are very inclusive. Her daughter thrives there as a student and loves all of her multi-cultural friends. Joanna stated she also attended Fanning years ago and thrived as a Fanning student. She was ridiculed for her height and deep voice and was called a boy growing up, along with Jolly Green Joanna. Is that Fanning's fault? Is that the school's fault? Absolutely not. It's a parenting issue, mixed with kids' immaturity and ignorance. Joanna stated changing a name over speculation isn't going to change bullying. It happens everywhere, at every school and will continue until parents, children, and the rest of us can figure it out. Fanning School has amazing programs set up to teach inclusion as well as positive mind sets. Her daughter is half Hispanic and half Italian and Irish. When she is at school she considers herself a Fanning Falcon and is proud of it. To her daughter, Fanning means kindness, safety, friends, learning, fun, love, and laughter. She has had her fair shares of issues with her friends and feeling different over the years and not every day at Fanning is the best. One thing is for sure, there are no color lines at Fanning and no matter the name, she stated she wholeheartedly believes that will not change. Unfortunately, this has gone on way too long. She doesn't envy the Board and the District during this time. I think Fanning Academy of Computer Science is a wonderful way to meet in the middle and move forward as well as remembering our past.

Steve Vargas, 489 Brittany Lane, Brea, stated he is a member of the Brea City Council, has been in Brea for twenty-five years, and is the father of five girls who attended the Brea schools. He was interested in one of the statements made by someone who addressed the Board. The speaker stated there were two lists. The first list had approximately 200 names and the second list approximately 1,300 names. Mr. Vargas stated he researched the population in Brea in 1920, which was 1,097. In 1930, it was 2,435 and in 1940, it was 2,567. So, the list of 1,300 names from 1920-1930 would have essentially been most likely, if it was any KKK list, would have been a roster of all the men in town. He stated it's outrageous what we're doing here, and what the Board put this community through. It's outrageous that the Board hasn't buried this issue as the revisionist history that it is. He said he expects more from this Board. The Brea community has a lot of diversity and is getting stronger every year. This debate will strengthen Brea, but we have to end it and move

forward. With forty-one percent of Brea kids who cannot read, it's ridiculous wasting any more time on this and urged the Board to solve this problem tonight.

Vetta Martin, 521 E. Union Place, Brea, stated she sent Mrs. Lyons an email last night and wanted her to know she's been praying for the Board. She corrected Mr. Vargas' statement that the list of 1,200 names was from Orange County, not just Brea. Vetta read a statement from the north Orange County Truth Justice and Reconciliation project from a Brea resident in the 1920's which stated Negroes were not allowed in Brea. The statement referenced the KKK rally that was held in Anaheim. She recommended the Board change the name of Fanning School.

It was moved by Clerk Colon, seconded by Member Kropke, and failed with a 2-3 vote, (Members Flanders, Lyons, and Ruiz voted "No") to approve the renaming of Fanning Elementary School to Heritage Hills Academy of Science and Technology.

Colon – Aye Flanders – Nay Kropke – Aye Lyons – Nay Ruiz – Nay

**MOTION #13-19
RENAMING FANNING
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

It was moved by Member Flanders, seconded by Vice President Ruiz, and passed with a 4-1 vote, (Member Kropke voted "No") to approve the renaming of Fanning Elementary School to Fanning Academy of Science and Technology.

Colon – Aye Flanders – Aye Kropke – Nay Lyons – Aye Ruiz – Aye

**MOTION #14-19
RENAMING FANNING
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

It was moved by Clerk Colon, seconded by Vice President Ruiz, and passed with a 4-1 vote, (Member Flanders voted "No") to approve an agreement between the Brea Olinda Unified School District and CRZ Patterson LLC for business consulting services for the period January 29, 2019 through June 30, 2019 at a rate of \$100 per hour, not to exceed \$52,800.00 excluding all expenses such as mileage, parking, transportation, lodging, meals, and materials.

Cost: \$100 per hour

Fund: 01 – General

Colon – Aye Flanders – Nay Kropke – Aye Lyons – Aye Ruiz – Aye

**MOTION #15-19
CRZ PATTERSON LLC
BUSINESS CONSULTING
SERVICES AGREEMENT**

It was moved by Member Flanders, seconded by Vice President Ruiz, and passed with a 5-0 vote, to approve the second reading and adoption of Administrative Regulation 3541 – Transportation Routes and Services.

Colon – Aye Flanders – Aye Kropke – Aye Lyons – Aye Ruiz – Aye

**MOTION #16-19
ADMINISTRATIVE
REGULATION 3541 –
TRANSPORTATION
ROUTES AND SERVICES**

It was moved by Clerk Colon, seconded by Member Flanders, and passed with the following roll call vote, to adopt Resolution #19-04 supporting National School Counseling Week – February 4-8, 2019.

Ayes: Colon, Flanders, Kropke, Lyons, Ruiz
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

**RESOLUTION #19-04
NATIONAL SCHOOL
COUNSELING WEEK**

It was moved by Vice President Ruiz, seconded by Member Flanders, and passed with a 5-0 vote, to award a contract to Intelligent VAR Technologies (aka Intelli-Tech)

**MOTION #17-19
AWARD OF E-RATE BID**

for the purchase of Ubiquiti wireless network equipment in the amount of approximately \$8,464.00.

**TO INTELLIGENT VAR
TECHNOLOGIES**

Cost: \$8,464.00 (Approximate initial purchase)
(E-Rate subsidies to be approximately \$4,200.00)

Fund: Ed Tech Grant

Colon – Aye Flanders – Aye Kropke – Aye Lyons – Aye Ruiz –
Aye

It was moved by Member Kropke, seconded by Clerk Colon, and passed with a 5-0 vote, to approve the subscription renewal of the iBoss web filter in the amount of approximately \$10,000.00 to continue to filter our network computing devices from accessing certain websites and to comply with the Children Internet Protection Act (CIPA). This is a one-year subscription beginning on February 11, 2019.

**MOTION #18-19
IBOSS WEB FILTER
SUBSCRIPTION
RENEWAL**

Cost: \$10,000.00 (Approximate)

Fund: LCFF Supplemental

Colon – Aye Flanders – Aye Kropke – Aye Lyons – Aye Ruiz –
Aye

It was moved by Vice President Ruiz, seconded by Member Flanders, and passed with a 5-0 vote, to approve a contract with Baker Electric in the amount of approximately \$238,471.92 to perform exterior lighting upgrades at Mariposa Elementary School, Brea Junior High School, and Brea Olinda High School per RFP #2019-01 Proposition 39 Exterior Lighting Upgrade Project.

**MOTION #19-19
RFP #2019-01 –
PROPOSITION 39
EXTERIOR LIGHTING
UPGRADE PROJECT**

Cost: \$238,471.92 (Approximate)

Fund: 01 – General

Colon – Aye Flanders – Aye Kropke – Aye Lyons – Aye Ruiz –
Aye

President Lyons stated the Board would be continuing Closed Session.

**CONTINUATION OF
CLOSED SESSION**

BOARD CALENDAR

**SUPERINTENDENT AND
BOARD COMMENTS**

- Monday, January 28 Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, January 30 Brea Jr. High Robotics Competition Final – 8:00 AM
- Saturday, February 2 B.E.S.T. Track Meet – 9:00 AM
- Wednesday, February 6 BOHS Athletic Signing Day
- Thursday, February 7 Parent Info Night – Parenting in a Digital World –
6:30 - 8:00 PM – Location: BJH Auditorium
- Friday, February 8 Brea Jr. High 2nd Quarter Bobcat PRIDE Party –
2:30 PM
- Monday, February 11 Lincoln Day – All Sites Closed
- February 12-15 Brea Jr. High Kindness Comes from the Heart Week
- February 12-15 BOHS International Week
- Monday, February 18 Washington Day – All Sites Closed

Thursday, February 21 BOHS Open House – 6:30 PM (Minimum Day)
Thursday, February 21 Brea Jr. High 8th Grade Parent Night @ BOHS –
5:00 PM
Thursday, February 21 "Future Freshman" Family Event @ BOHS –
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Sunday, February 24 Brea 8K – 8:00 AM
Monday, February 25 Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 PM
Thursday, February 28 BOHS Drama Show – 7:00 PM – PAC
February 25 - March 15 Brea Jr. High Pennies 4 Patients Drive
Friday, March 1 BOHS Drama Show – Matinee – 3:30 PM – PAC
Friday, March 1 BOHS Drama Show – 7:00 PM – PAC
Thursday, March 7 Brea Jr. High Band "Festival Concert"
Friday, March 8 BOHS Elective Fair
Friday, March 8 Brea Jr. High 8th Grade Students Visit BOHS
Monday, March 11 Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 PM
March 14-16 BOHS Choir Musical – 7:00 PM – PAC
Friday, March 15 Teacher Prep Day (Elementary Schools Only)
Tuesday, March 19 BOHS NHS Installation – 7:00 PM
March 21-23 BOHS Choir Musical – 7:00 PM – PAC
Monday, March 25 Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 PM
Tuesday, March 26 Brea Jr. High 6th Grade Parent Orientation (A-L) –
6:30 PM
Wednesday, March 27 Brea Jr. High 6th Grade Parent Orientation (M-Z) –
6:30 PM

President Lyons adjourned the regular meeting at 10:57 PM and reconvened Closed Session in the District Office conference room.

**ADJOURNMENT OF
REGULAR MEETING**

Closed Session concluded at approximately 11:40 PM with no action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT OF
CLOSED SESSION**

Items resulting in action are recorded under the Summary of Actions shown later in these minutes.

Approved:

Nicole Colon, Clerk, Board of Education

Minutes recorded by Executive Assistant
to the Board and Superintendent

Yvonne Seal

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

MOTION

- #10-19** Adoption of the Agenda for the January 28, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
- #11-19** Adoption of Minutes of the January 14, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
- #12-19** Consent Calendar
 - Personnel Assignment Order #10
 - Special Education
 - Warrant List
 - Donations
 - Surplus Property
- #13-19** Renaming Fanning Elementary School to Heritage Hills Academy of Science and Technology (**Motion failed**)
- #14-19** Renaming Fanning Elementary School to Fanning Academy of Science and Technology
- #15-19** CRZ Patterson LLC Business Consulting Services Agreement – Effective January 29, 2019 through June 30, 2019 – Cost: \$100 per hour – Fund: 01 - General
- #16-19** Administrative Regulation 3541 – Transportation and Route Services (second reading and adoption)
- #17-19** Award of E-Rate Bid to Intelligent VAR Technologies – Cost: \$8,464.00 (approximate)
Fund: Ed Tech Grant (E-Rate subsidies to be approximately \$4,200.00)
- #18-19** iBoss Web Filter Subscription Renewal – Cost: \$10,000.00 (approximate) – Fund: LCFF Supplemental – One-year subscription beginning February 11, 2019
- #19-19** RFP #2019-01 – Proposition 39 Exterior Lighting Upgrade Project – (Mariposa Elementary, Brea Junior High, and Brea Olinda High School) – Cost: \$238,471.92 (approximate) – Fund: 01 - General

RESOLUTIONS

- #19-04** National School Counseling Week – February 4-8, 2019