

**Approved OEA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, April 3, 2003**

**OEA Executive Board Members present:** Quintana, Gorham, Miele, Swayne, Rendon, Ough, Mandel, Balderston, Allen, Mordecai, Traylor, Griffin, Turner, and Wong. Excused: Visnick, Ellis

**Guest Members:** Rosenda Thomas, Stella Collins, and Bonnita Solberg

**CTA Staff:** Ara Prigian

**Call to Order** 6:00pm

Agenda adopted.

**SECRETARY**

Executive Board Minutes of 3/20/03 approved with one change (*Turner/Ough*).

**PRESIDENT**

**Elections Committee Update**

Body requests listing of all write-ins for local NEA RA

**Motion to move discussion regarding Election of Alternate to CTA State Council moved to next meeting approved (*Balderston/Ough*).**

**Fiscal Deficit Update**

~~✍~~ Memo from Dennis Chaconas, dated March 26, 2003, regarding physician verification for OEA Unit Member absences of Monday, March 24, 2003.

OEA questions Chaconas' interpretation of Article 11.3.9 in contract.

~~✍~~ Letter from OEA Executive Director, Bruce Colwell to Dennis Chaconas stating OEA's demand to bargain the impact of the opening of the schools referenced in a memo sent to the OUSD BOE from Chaconas dated 2/26/03. OEA believes the Castlemont School Choice Form those Unit Members are required to fill out is violation of contract, as there is no need to reapply to own school site. OEA demands to bargain whole issue in NSAS. FC can approve or disapprove NSAS at existing sites (Article 7.6.1). Building of NSAS must be Revenue Neutral.

~~✍~~ Reassignment Letters. Lewis Cohen stated that RIFed teachers receiving reassignment letters are technically RIFed but physically have job with district but may be moved to another site.

~~✍~~ Misquotes and Quoting out of Context in Newspaper Articles

The President presented a memo to be sent to OEA Site Reps regarding local press misrepresentations of OEA's positions. OEA will not accept any District concessions.

~~✍~~ Letter from Harriet Hutchinson to OEA Executive Board

The letter listed some topics discussed at the Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> Teaching and Learning Committee of the OUSD BOE. Summer School, Elementary Report Cards, and the Reading First program were the topics listed in the letter.

~~✍~~ CTA Organizing Strategy on the State Budget Crisis

A sheet listing strategies and assumptions was distributed. The President stated we need ideas of how we can come up with a local organizing plan.

~~✍~~ An OUSD Administrative Bulletin (#11041, April 1983) regarding Naming/Renaming Schools was distributed.

~~✍~~ A Resolution of the OUSD BOE (#0203-0226, March 27, 2003) was presented regarding the District's Request for a State Loan.

The rules were suspended to take the following action (*Mandel/Balderston*)

**Motion #1 (*Turner/Mandel*)**

~~✍~~ **That OEA hold a press conference with the other OUSD Unions, ACORN and DELAC on Tuesday, April 8, 2003, to express our position of no confidence in the present Administration of the OUSD.**

**The Motion passed unanimously.**

**The intent of the Executive Board is to publicize the positions of the Representative Council of having no confidence in the Administration while opposing the state takeover.**

Executive Board Member Elect, Stella Collins, asked for support at the Wednesday, April 9, 2003 OUSD School Board meeting against a current resolution to make cuts to the Early Childhood Development Program.

A flyer drafted by Bob Mandel that focused on *No Education Recession* was presented to be included in the local organizing plan. The following action was taken regarding this effort.

**Motion #2 (*Balderston/Turner*)**

~~✍~~ **That we prepare a flyer advocating the OEA position on education cuts and corporate wealth, for distribution at the April 5<sup>th</sup> anti-war rally and that we prepare 5000 copies to be funded through the CTA organizing plan.**

**The Motion passed.**

**No – Allen**

**Abstain – Mordecai**

WHO Awards – Dr. Betty Jo Griffin nominated.

A Draft of the OUSD General Fund Cash Flow (Actuals as of February 28, 2003) was presented. Highlights of the Draft included \$40,000,000 borrowed from Measure A and an ending debt of \$64, 079,502.

**Executive Session entered 7:45pm. Returned 9:10pm.**

Objection to entering Bargaining Session - Rendon, Mandel

The Board discussed the Bargaining Update.

**TREASURER**

OEA Cash Disbursement (3/11/03) presented.

**Move to reconsider motion (dues increase - Turner) approved.**

**No – Rendon**

**Move to table motion approved.**

**No – Rendon**

**Abstain – Mordecai**

**Motion #3 (Balderston/Gorham)**

~~That~~ **That the OEA endorse SB 921 which calls for universal health care (a single payer system) in California. Further, we shall publicize this bill and encourage our members to participate in the “Health Care For All Californians” Campaign.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion #4 (Ough/Balderston)**

~~That~~ **That OEA fund the students sent to Washington D.C. for the April 1<sup>st</sup> March on Washington (approved by Rep Council, 3/17/03, Motion #3) and seek verification that students are from Oakland Public Schools and ask that they present a report of the trip.**

**The motion passed.**

**No - Mordecai. Abstain – Swayne.**

**Adjournment 9:25pm.**

**Minutes**

**Tony Miele  
Secretary <sup>OEA</sup>**