

OCBE Watch - July 3, 2024

Summary Overview of the Meeting of the Board of Education

The Board of Education is scheduled to convene for its meeting on **July 3, 2024**. The meeting will begin with the swearing-in ceremony for Trustees Shaw, Valdes, and Williams, who won their elections in March 2024. **The returning board members will continue dismantling public education and ignoring students under their jurisdiction.**

Stefan Bean will be sworn in as the new County Superintendent of Schools. His appointment has been **controversial** because of his connection to sitting OCBE members and his lack of public school experience. His extremist views align with the Board.

On the agenda are significant decisions, including **approving two charter school petitions**. The first is for Ednovate, a new county-wide charter school. The second is a material revision for the Orange County Classical Academy (OCCA) to expand grade levels.

Two trustees will be attending the meeting remotely from Italy and Wisconsin.

The board will also decide to allocate funds for attending Charter School Association meetings and the Orange County School Boards Association (OCSBA) events. While these meetings are deemed necessary for professional development, the connections between the OCBE and the Charter School Association demonstrate the policy preferences of the Board.

Continue to pay attention. Will decisions and outcomes from this Board and new Superintendent serve the best interests of the students and the community?