

**Los Alamitos USD**  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
May 24, 2022 5:00 PM  
Los Alamitos Unified School District  
District Office Board Room  
10293 Bloomfield Street  
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

**Attendance Taken at 5:09 PM:**

Present:

Mrs. Meg Cutuli  
Mrs. Marlys Davidson  
Mr. Scott Fayette  
Mr. Chris Forehan  
Mrs. Diana Hill

**1. Meeting Information**

**2. Call to Order (5:00 p.m.)**

**a. Call to Order**

Minutes:

Mrs. Diana Hill called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. Mrs. Hill advised that Mr. Fayette will be joining the meeting via Zoom.

**I. Roll Call**

Minutes:

Roll Call was taken.

Dr. Andrew Pulver, Ondrea Reed, Dr. Joe Fraser, Elvia Galicia and Tina Dingillo were present. Will Brandenberger arrived at 6:30 p.m.

**3. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Motion Passed:** By a Roll Call vote Passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Forehan and a second by Mrs. Meg Cutuli.

Yes Mrs. Meg Cutuli  
Yes Mrs. Marlys Davidson  
Yes Mr. Scott Fayette  
Yes Mr. Chris Forehan  
Yes Mrs. Diana Hill

#### **4. Workshop**

##### **a. UPDATE ON STATE & FEDERAL COVID-19 FUNDS**

Minutes:

Mrs. Elvia Galicia, Assistant Superintendent, and Ms. Mayra Gonzalez, Director of Fiscal Services, presented an update on State & Federal COVID-19 Funds.

#### **5. Public Comments: Closed Session Items Only**

Minutes:

None

#### **6. Closed Session**

Minutes:

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:36 p.m.

**a. CONFERENCE WITH DISTRICT LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code sections 3549.1(d) and 54957.6(a)) DR. JOE FRASER (LAEA, CSEA)**

**b. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code 54957)**

**c. STUDENT DISCIPLINE (Pursuant to Education Code Sections 35146, 48918[c])**

#### **7. Open Session (6:30 p.m.)**

**a. The open session of the Board of Education meeting will begin with a report on closed session, including any action taken.**

Minutes:

Board President, Mrs. Diana Hill, called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Mrs. Hill reported Board Member, Scott Fayette will be joining the meeting via Zoom. Mrs. Hill reported that the Board went into Closed Session at 5:36 p.m. with no action to report.

##### **b. Pledge of Allegiance**

Minutes:

Will Brandenberger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Hill discussed that before we move forward with our Board of Education meeting, we would like to ask our community to pause for a moment of silence in honorable memory of those that have tragically lost their lives as a result of recent community shootings, both locally and nationally, including the

students and staff member whose lives were taken this afternoon at an elementary school in Texas. Today is an unspeakable tragedy and these senseless losses of life are difficult to process. While we know that no words are equal to the depths of the losses these communities are suffering, our deepest and most sincere thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their loved ones. Mrs. Hill asked to join us for a moment of silence.

### **c. Executive Summary of Workshop/s**

Minutes:

Ms. Elvia Galicia reported that at the earlier workshop session, she and Mrs. Mayra Gonzalez presented an update to the Board on State and Federal COVID-19 Funds. The presentation included a summary of all COVID-19 funds the District has received, list of expenses and the timelines for spending these funds. They also looked at the current balances remaining and current priorities and needs of the District.

## **8. Action**

### **a. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2021-2022-19 IN RECOGNITION OF THE STUDENT BOARD MEMBER - WILLIAM "WILL" BRANDENBERGER**

**Motion Passed:** By a Roll Call Vote Passed with a motion by Mrs. Marlys Davidson and a second by Mrs. Meg Cutuli.

Yes Mrs. Meg Cutuli  
Yes Mrs. Marlys Davidson  
Yes Mr. Scott Fayette  
Yes Mr. Chris Forehan  
Yes Mrs. Diana Hill

### **b. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE, ALEXA DHARMAPALAN TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 2022-23**

**Motion Passed:** Approve of the appointment of Alexa Dharmapalan as Student Representative to the Board of Education for 2022-2023.

By a Roll Call Vote Passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Forehan and a second by Mrs. Meg Cutuli.

Yes Mrs. Meg Cutuli  
Yes Mrs. Marlys Davidson  
Yes Mr. Scott Fayette  
Yes Mr. Chris Forehan  
Yes Mrs. Diana Hill

## **9. Reports / Recognitions / Introductions**

## **a. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Minutes:

Mrs. Hill highlighted the recognition of years of service with Los Alamitos USD with the annual Longevity Pin Ceremonies. Longevity Pins are presented and celebrated as a symbol of our appreciation of the many years of dedicated service staff have given to the District. Pins are given in five-year increments and are given to all employees in the District. Mrs. Hill also highlighted the recent celebration of Armando Gomez, who was honored in Sacramento on May 19 during a luncheon with State Superintendent Tony Thurmond.

## **b. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT**

Minutes:

Will Brandenberger's final Board report featured a recap of the 2021-22 school year, which included highlights in Academics, Activities, Athletics and the Arts and his famous spotlight on both LAHS students and teachers. Will proceeded to "pass on the gavel" to his successor, Alexa Dharmapalan, who was selected as the Student Board Member for the 2022-23 school year.

## **c. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Minutes:

Superintendent, Dr. Pulver's report included a celebration of the District's 2021-2022 retirees. Dr. Pulver reported that on Tuesday, May 24, the District had the honor of celebrating 22 retirees, who have served a combined total of 581 years of service with Los Al USD.

## **d. RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM "WILL" BRANDENBERGER - STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE 2021-22**

Minutes:

Will Brandenberger was recognized as the Student Board Representative for the 2021-2022 school year.

## **e. INTRODUCTION OF ALEXA DHARMAPALAN - STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE 2022-23**

Minutes:

Alexa Dharmapalan was introduced as the Student Board Representative for the 2022-2023 school year.

## **f. RECOGNITION OF ELEVEN GREATER ANAHEIM SELPA COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Minutes:

Eleven Greater Anaheim SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Award Recipients were recognized for going above and beyond for students

with special needs.

#### **g. LOS ALAMITOS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT - HERO OF THE HEART - THE YOUTH CENTER**

Minutes:

The Youth Center was recognized as the Los Alamitos Unified School District Hero of the Heart.

#### **h. BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATION**

Minutes:

Mr. Fayette forgo on communication.

Mrs. Cutuli discussed her participation in the Seal Beach City / District Working Group Meeting with fellow Board Member, Mr. Scott Fayette and Dr. Pulver.

Mrs. Cutuli reported her attendance at an ROP meeting and advised that the Superintendent resigned as she is relocating for family reasons.

Mrs. Cutuli reported her attendance at the Dance program at the high school Ghost, which was very impressive. Mrs. Cutuli attended the Choir Pops Show which was very moving because it was the seniors last performance.

Mrs. Cutuli discussed attending two different seminars. One was a webinar and the other a seminar on the budget.

Mrs. Cutuli attended the Longevity celebrations throughout the District and also attended the District Advisory Committee Meeting (DAC).

Mrs. Cutuli congratulated all of the Retirees and wished them the best, and they will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Cutuli thanked Dr. Pulver for his swift messaging out to all families and staff regarding the local commercial fire that was in close proximity to Los Alamitos Elementary and McAuliffe Middle School.

Mrs. Davidson reported on attending multiple events throughout the District and the joy that brings the students and audience members is phenomenal.

Mrs. Davidson reported on attending the longevity pin celebrations throughout the District and thanked every staff member in the District.

Mrs. Davidson also reported her attendance along with Mrs. Cutuli and Dr. Pulver, at the Orange County School Boards Association Seminar on the Budget.

Mrs. Davidson discussed the STEM Fair at Oak Middle School and the students' fabulous experiments/work. The students were so proud to show and explain their work.

Mrs. Davidson discussed her walk through at Hopkinson and discussed the permanent outdoor benches that were purchased during COVID by COVID funds.

Mrs. Davidson discussed her attendance at the District Advisory Committee Meeting and the retirement celebration that was held today. Mrs. Davidson spoke specially about one of the teachers, Mrs. Tere Fieldson, who has the most incredible heart, such an amazing teacher and how she was the person that was encouraged Marlys to a teaching career.

Mr. Chris Forehan reported his attendance at the Hopkinson Elementary walk through, Longevity pin celebrations, then referred to being on Broadway for the Dance and Oak Choir Show, and the high school Pops Choir performance.

Mr. Forehan discussed attending the STEAM/STEM Fair.

Mr. Forehan thanked the Rossmoor Community Services District (RSCD) who provided the Bike safety program on Saturday.

Mr. Forehan discussed the SELPA Employee who works at McGaugh, Thomas Finnell, was named Employee of the Year for SELPA.

Mr. Forehan highlighted the track stars who are going to Fresno this Friday for State Finals and wished them good luck; we are all proud of you.

Shout out to Mrs. Castiglione, she had four students win "Cappies" Tony Awards.

Mr. Forehan discussed the Los Al for Life event at the high school. What a great event!

Mr. Forehan also gave a shout out to a middle school student at Oak who was the only student in California to be recognized for winning an award for educational video games.

Mrs. Hill reported her attendance at the CSBA Delegate Assembly Meeting in Sacramento and discussed at this meeting first-hand information is share on what is coming down from the State. Mrs. Hill reported there is also an opportunity give input to CSBA on what the schools are interested in and making sure we are supporting. Mrs. Hill advised that some great things came out of this meeting; discussion on local control over our funds, and discussion on certifying a three-year budget.

Mrs. Hill also discussed there are some legislations coming through which they shared information and recommendations. Mrs. Hill also reported that there was a clear message that the COVID vaccine mandates will not be going into effect for the 2022-23 school year.

Mrs. Hill discussed the softball game and unfortunately the griffins lost but they had an incredible season.

Mrs. Hill also attended the Oak STEM Fair and is in awe of our students.

## **10. Recess**

Minutes:

8:07 p.m. - 8:22 p.m.

## **11. Public Comments: Open Session Items/Non-agenda Items**

Minutes:

Mrs. Hill announced that the Board welcomes input from the public. This is the opportunity for community members to provide public comment to the Board on agenda items or items not listed on the agenda.

Persons wishing to address the Board should complete a speaker request card prior to the start of each meeting. Each speaker is limited to a maximum of three minutes; public comment is limited to a total of 30 minutes.

Comment cards can be submitted to the District Office any time after 9:00 a.m. the day of the Board Meeting, and will also be accepted at the start of the Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

A speaker may not relinquish her/his time to another.

When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to address the Board from the podium, state their name, and adhere to time limits.

The Board may not take any action or discuss any item not appearing on the posted agenda and cannot immediately respond to public comments.

Speakers are cautioned that under California law, no person is immune from liability for making intentionally false or defamatory comments regarding any person simply because those comments are made at a public meeting.

Dr. Roubanis - PTA  
Dr. Roubanis  
Barbara Farrell

Allison C  
Mossy Kennedy

## **12. Information / Presentations**

Minutes:  
None

## **13. Consent**

**Motion Passed:** Consent Items 13(a) - (q)

By a Roll Call Vote Passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Forehan and a second by Mrs. Meg Cutuli.

Yes Mrs. Meg Cutuli  
Yes Mrs. Marlys Davidson  
Yes Mr. Scott Fayette  
Yes Mr. Chris Forehan  
Yes Mrs. Diana Hill

**a. APPROVAL OF UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING - MAY 10, 2022**

**b. RATIFICATION OF THE APPROVAL FOR BOARD MEMBERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF TO ATTEND THE 2022 CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARDS LUNCHEON - MAY 19, 2022**

**c. APPROVAL OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT WITH DEBRA DUDLEY**

**d. APPROVAL FOR BOARD MEMBERS, PERSONNEL COMMISSIONERS, AND ADMINISTRATORS TO ATTEND THE SEAL BEACH PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS ON JUNE 2, 2022**

**e. APPROVAL OF A RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH CHAPMAN COOPER & ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE SOUND PRODUCTION FOR ALL 5TH GRADE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROMOTIONS**

**f. APPROVAL OF A RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH N>EFFECT PRODUCTIONS TO PROVIDE STAGE AND SOUND EQUIPMENT FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL PROMOTIONS AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION AT THE SANTA ANA BOWL AND BACCALAUREATE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL**

**g. APPROVAL OF AN OVERNIGHT EXTENDED FIELD TRIP FOR LOS ALAMITOS HIGH SCHOOL SONG TEAM TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA FEBRUARY 1-7, 2023**

**h. APPROVAL OF AN OVERNIGHT EXTENDED FIELD TRIP FOR LOS ALAMITOS HIGH SCHOOL CHEER TEAM TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA FEBRUARY 8-14, 2023**

**i. APPROVAL OF A CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

**j. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH WOOD ENVIRONMENTAL & INFRASTRUCTURE SOLUTIONS, INC. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION (LACOE) FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES IN RELATION TO THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS STORMWATER COMPLIANCE GROUP**

**k. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH CONVERGEONE, INC. FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND PROGRAMMING SERVICES OF WIRELESS NETWORK AND UNINTERRUPTABLE POWER SUPPLY (UPS) UPGRADES FOR LOS ALAMITOS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**l. RATIFICATION OF APPROVAL TO EXTEND BID NO. 2021-01 WITH TRASOM FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS, INC. FOR DISTRICTWIDE FIRE ALARM SERVICES, REPAIRS, TESTING AND MONITORING**

**m. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH CHERISHED MEMORIES FOR SCHOOL PICTURES AT LOS ALAMITOS HIGH SCHOOL**

**n. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH LAWNSCAPE SYSTEMS, INC. FOR WEED ABATEMENT SERVICES FOR THE MAIN ATHLETIC TURF AT LOS ALAMITOS HIGH SCHOOL**

**o. AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT WITH RC3 PIZZA LLC, DBA PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA UTILIZING THE CONTRACT SIGNED BY LOS ALAMITOS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND RC3 PIZZA LLC FOR THE DISTRICT'S MENUING NEEDS**

**p. APPROVAL OF MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS**

**q. APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIPS**

#### **14. Action**

**a. APPROVAL OF TEXTBOOK**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of textbook.

By a Roll Call Vote Passed with a motion by Mrs. Meg Cutuli and a second by Mr. Chris Forehan.

Yes Mrs. Meg Cutuli

Yes Mrs. Marlys Davidson

Yes Mr. Scott Fayette  
Yes Mr. Chris Forehan  
Yes Mrs. Diana Hill

#### **b. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED BOARD POLICY 6144 CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES**

**Motion Passed:** By a Roll Call Vote Passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Forehan and a second by Mrs. Meg Cutuli.

Yes Mrs. Meg Cutuli  
Yes Mrs. Marlys Davidson  
Yes Mr. Scott Fayette  
Yes Mr. Chris Forehan  
Yes Mrs. Diana Hill

#### **c. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2021-2022-20 COMMITTING 2022-23 GENERAL FUND ENDING FUND BALANCES**

**Motion Passed:** Adoption of Resolution 2021-2022-20 committing 2022-23 General Fund Ending Fund Balances

By a Roll Call Vote Passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Forehan and a second by Mrs. Meg Cutuli.

Yes Mrs. Meg Cutuli  
Yes Mrs. Marlys Davidson  
Yes Mr. Scott Fayette  
Yes Mr. Chris Forehan  
Yes Mrs. Diana Hill

#### **d. ADOPTION OF RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS**

**Motion Passed:** By a Roll Call Vote Passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Forehan and a second by Mrs. Meg Cutuli.

Yes Mrs. Meg Cutuli  
Yes Mrs. Marlys Davidson  
Yes Mr. Scott Fayette  
Yes Mr. Chris Forehan  
Yes Mrs. Diana Hill

#### **e. APPROVAL OF THE NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION AND JOB DESCRIPTION, NETWORK SECURITY ANALYST**

**Motion Passed:** Approve the new job classification and job description, Network Security Analyst

By a Roll Call Vote Passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Forehan and a second by Mrs. Meg Cutuli.

Yes Mrs. Meg Cutuli

Yes Mrs. Marlys Davidson  
Yes Mr. Scott Fayette  
Yes Mr. Chris Forehan  
Yes Mrs. Diana Hill

#### **f. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of warrants.

By a Roll Call Vote Passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Forehan and a second by Mrs. Meg Cutuli.

Yes Mrs. Meg Cutuli  
Yes Mrs. Marlys Davidson  
Yes Mr. Scott Fayette  
Yes Mr. Chris Forehan  
Yes Mrs. Diana Hill

#### **g. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS**

**Motion Passed:** Acceptance of donations.

By a Roll Call Vote Passed with a motion by Mrs. Marlys Davidson and a second by Mr. Chris Forehan.

Yes Mrs. Meg Cutuli  
Yes Mrs. Marlys Davidson  
Yes Mr. Scott Fayette  
Yes Mr. Chris Forehan  
Yes Mrs. Diana Hill

#### **h. CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT**

**Motion Passed:** By a Roll Call Vote Passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Forehan and a second by Mrs. Marlys Davidson.

Yes Mrs. Meg Cutuli  
Yes Mrs. Marlys Davidson  
Yes Mr. Scott Fayette  
Yes Mr. Chris Forehan  
Yes Mrs. Diana Hill

#### **i. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT**

**Motion Passed:** By a Roll Call Vote Passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Forehan and a second by Mrs. Marlys Davidson.

Yes Mrs. Meg Cutuli  
Yes Mrs. Marlys Davidson  
Yes Mr. Scott Fayette  
Yes Mr. Chris Forehan

Yes Mrs. Diana Hill

#### **j. ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL REPORT**

**Motion Passed:** By a Roll Call Vote Passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Forehan and a second by Mrs. Marlys Davidson.

Yes Mrs. Meg Cutuli

Yes Mrs. Marlys Davidson

Yes Mr. Scott Fayette

Yes Mr. Chris Forehan

Yes Mrs. Diana Hill

#### **k. APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT AND STIPULATION TO A SUSPENDED STUDENT EXPULSION WAIVER OF HEARING AND APPEAL RIGHTS**

Minutes:

Mr. Forehan moved that the Agreement and Stipulation to a suspended student expulsion waiver of hearing and appeal rights for Student A be approved for violation of the following Education Codes: 48912(2); 48915(B); 48900(b)

**Motion Passed:** Approval of an Agreement and Stipulation to a Suspended Student Expulsion Waiver of Hearing and Appeal Rights. Passed by a Roll Call Vote with a motion by Mr. Chris Forehan and a second by Mrs. Meg Cutuli.

Yes Mrs. Meg Cutuli

Yes Mrs. Marlys Davidson

Yes Mr. Scott Fayette

Yes Mr. Chris Forehan

Yes Mrs. Diana Hill

#### **15. Closed Session**

Minutes:

No additional Closed Session

**a. CONFERENCE WITH DISTRICT LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code sections 3549.1(d) and 54957.6(a)) DR. JOE FRASER (LAEA, CSEA)**

**b. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code 54957)**

**c. STUDENT DISCIPLINE (Pursuant to Education Code Sections 35146, 48918[c])**

#### **16. Adjournment**

Minutes:

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Forehan and a second by Mrs. Meg Cutuli.

Yes Mrs. Meg Cutuli

Yes Mrs. Marlys Davidson

Yes Mr. Scott Fayette

Yes Mr. Chris Forehan

Yes Mrs. Diana Hill

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Chairperson

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Superintendent