

Los Alamitos USD
Regular Board of Education Meeting
February 09, 2021 4:30 PM
Los Alamitos Unified School District
District Office Board Room
10293 Bloomfield Street
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

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Attendance Taken at 4:30 PM:

Present:

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

1. Call to Order (4:30 p.m.)

a. Call to Order

Minutes:

Board President, Mrs. Marlys Davidson, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Minutes:

Roll Call was taken.

Dr. Andrew Pulver, Ondrea Reed, Dr. Joe Fraser, Elvia Galicia and Tina Dingillo were also present. Nico Villanueva joined the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

b. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Mrs. Meg Cutuli and a second by Mrs. Diana Hill.

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

2. Community / Staff Participation

Minutes:
None

3. Workshops

a. SOLAR SITE PLANS UPDATE

Minutes:
Mr. CJ Knowland, Director of Facilities, Maintenance, Operations & Transportation presented a workshop on the Solar Site Plans

b. NEW ETHNIC STUDIES COURSE AT LOS ALAMITOS HIGH SCHOOL

Minutes:
Mrs. Ondrea Reed, Deputy Superintendent, presented information on new ethnic studies course at Los Alamitos High School.

4. Closed Session

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

Minutes:
The Board went into Closed Session at 5:20 p.m.

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

c. MATTERS PERTAINING TO PUPILS

5. Open Session (6:30 p.m.)

Minutes:
Board President, Marlys Davidson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Davidson reported the Board went into Closed Session at 5:20 p.m. to conference with District Labor Negotiator. No action was taken.

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

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: Ms. Elvia Galicia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

c. Executive Summary of Workshop/s.

Minutes:

Mr. CJ Knowland, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Operations, presented a workshop to the Board on the Districtwide Solar Project update.

Mr. Knowland reported that the District has completed various community informational meetings to gather input and feedback from the community and stakeholders. The District is now in the process of working with each school site administration to finalize the locations of the solar arrays to maximize space and shade to benefit the students and community.

Mr. Knowland reported the next steps after site approval and district approval is to bring the final solar location layout for board approval in an upcoming board meeting.

Mrs. Ondrea Reed, Deputy Superintendent, reported on the earlier workshop for Ethnic Studies, a proposed new course at Los Alamitos High School. Mrs. Reed reported Ethnic Studies, Cultural Experiences in America which is a new course which staff are proposing to give next school year 2021-2022 at Los Alamitos High School. Mrs. Reed shared the pathway that we have been on to add this ethnic studies course which began last year and an overview of the course as well as reviewed the next steps. This course would be for 11th and 12th graders beginning next school year and would be a yearlong "G" College Preparatory Course Elective. Mrs. Reed reported we will be seeking Board approval at the February 23 Board Meeting.

6. Action

a. CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT

Motion Passed: 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. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT

Motion Passed: 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

7. Reports and Recognitions

a. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Minutes:

Board President Mrs. Davidson reported on Los Alamitos Education Foundation (LAEF)'s Fundraising February for Los Al Kids. 2020 was a tough year for everyone.

LAEF's funding is down \$400,000 Many of LAEF's services to the community/District could be at-risk.

Mrs. Davidson also reported that due to the pandemic there will be no gala this year. Dr. Gregg Stone will be crowned LAEF's 2021 King because of his tremendous leadership at Los Alamitos HS, and he will serve as ambassador for 2021.

Mrs. Davidson encouraged all to please consider in participating in LAEF's 2021 "Fundraising February for Los Al Kids" campaign which is going on now. You can give online at www.LAEF4Kids.org/FundFeb or mail a check to:

LAEF
PO Box 1210,
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

b. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Minutes:

Student Board Member, Nico Villanueva, reported on school and student events happening at the high school. Nico's Student Spotlight was on Santiago Lopez.

c. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Minutes:

Superintendent Pulver reported on the End of the year planning. All of the contingency plans will be enacted based on the country health guidance, which will also determine if any event can have an audience and the size of the audience. Streaming will be made available for any event that restricts audience size.

Dr. Pulver went over the Promotion Options for the Middle Schools, 8th Grade Activities, Senior Events and Graduation Options for our Seniors.

Dr. Pulver also reported on Second Semester Enrollment by Program.

e. OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL AND STUDENT REPORT

Minutes:

Mrs. Erin Kominsky, Principal of Oak Middle School presented her school report.

f. HERO OF THE HEART - OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Minutes:

Janet Murphy was announced and congratulated as Oak Middle School's Hero of the Heart.

g. CORY ALFARO - 2021-2022 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Minutes:

Cory Alfaro was recognized and congratulated as the 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year.

h. MRS. MAYRA GONZALEZ - DIRECTOR OF FISCAL SERVICES

Minutes:

Mrs. Mayra Gonzalez was introduced as the new Director of Fiscal Services.

8. Recess

Minutes:

7:52 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

9. Community / Staff Participation

Minutes:

None

10. Information / Presentations

a. ETHNIC STUDIES COURSE AT LOS ALAMITOS HIGH SCHOOL

Minutes:

Mrs. Ondrea Reed presented information on the Ethnic Studies Course at Los Alamitos High School

b. PRESENTATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Minutes:

Mrs. Ondrea Reed presented Brian Talk Therapy Supplemental materials to the Board which will be on preview at the District Office for the next 30 days.

c. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD'S INTENTION TO APPOINT TO THE PERSONNEL COMMISSION

Minutes:

Board President Davidson, announced the School Governing Board's intention to appoint to the Personnel Commission.

Dr. Milton Houghton, the School Governing Board's appointee on the Personnel Commission, resigned his position and is not seeking an additional term.

The Board appoints one member to the three-member Personnel Commission. In the event of a vacancy during the term of office of any of the Personnel Commissioners, a new appointee shall be selected by the original appointing authority to complete the unexpired term. It is the Board's intention to appoint David Boyer to the Personnel Commission for a term to expire on December 1, 2022.

At the regular meeting on March 9, 2021, the Board will conduct a public hearing pursuant to Education Code Sections 45244-45248 regarding the Board's appointee to the Personnel Commission. Public comments will be accepted during the public hearing.

11. Consent

Motion Passed: Consent Items 11(a)-(i) Passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Forehan and a second by Mrs. Diana Hill.

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 SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING - FEBRUARY 2, 2021

b. APPROVAL OF UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING - JANUARY 19, 2021

c. APPROVAL OF WAIVER OF BOARD POLICY 6146.1 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

d. APPROVAL OF WAIVER OF BOARD POLICY 6172.1 CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT IN COLLEGE CLASSES

e. RATIFICATION OF AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT WITH WEST SHIELD ADOLESCENT SERVICES

f. APPROVAL OF AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT WITH B.J. FREEMAN, PH.D.

g. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND CONFIGURATION SERVICES FOR PHONE AND UNIFIED

COMMUNICATION UPGRADE FOR LOS ALAMITOS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH CONVERGEONE INC.

h. APPROVAL OF MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS

i. CERTIFICATION OF WALK-ON COACHES

12. Action

a. 2021 CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (CSBA) DELEGATE ASSEMBLY ELECTION

Minutes:

The Board voted for the following for CSBA's Region 15 Delegate Assembly:

Bonnie Castrey (Huntington Beach Union HSD)*

Jackie Filbeck (Anaheim ESD)*

Carrie Flanders (Brea Olinda USD)*

Karin M. Freeman (Placentia-Yorba Linda USD)*

Diana Hill (Los Alamitos USD)

Al Jabbar (Anaheim Union High SD)*

Charlene Metoyer (Newport-Mesa USD)*

Suzie R. Swartz (Saddleback Valley USD)*

If re-elected/newly elected, the Delegates will serve a two-year term beginning April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023.

Motion Passed: 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. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF SCHOOLS' FORWARD FUNDING PLANS

Motion Passed: Ms. Elvia Galicia presented the Schools' Forward Funding Plans. Approval of Schools' Forward Funding Plans. 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. APPROVAL OF THE UPDATED LOS ALAMITOS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 2020-2021 SCHOOL OPENING AND COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

Motion Passed: 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

d. APPROVAL OF COMPREHENSIVE SAFE SCHOOL PLANS

Motion Passed: Approval of Comprehensive School Safety Plans Passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Forehan and a second by Mr. Scott Fayette.

Yes Mrs. Meg Cutuli

Yes Mrs. Marlys Davidson

Yes Mr. Scott Fayette

Yes Mr. Chris Forehan

Yes Mrs. Diana Hill

e. SECOND READING AND FINAL APPROVAL OF REVISION TO BOARD POLICY 0430 - COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL PLAN FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Motion Passed: Second Reading and Final Approval of Revision to Board Policy 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education. 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. SECOND READING AND FINAL APPROVAL OF NEW BOARD POLICY 6159 - INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM

Motion Passed: Final Approval of new Board Policy 6159 - Individualized Education Program. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Fayette 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. SECOND READING AND FINAL APPROVAL OF NEW BOARD POLICY 6159.1 - PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS AND COMPLAINTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Motion Passed: Final Approval of a new Board Policy 6159.1 - Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Diana Hill 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. SECOND READING AND FINAL APPROVAL OF NEW BOARD POLICY 6159.2 - NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN SCHOOL AND AGENCY SERVICES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Motion Passed: Final Approval of new Board Policy 6159.2 - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Fayette 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

i. SECOND READING AND FINAL APPROVAL OF REVISED BOARD POLICY 5145.6 - PARENTAL NOTIFICATIONS

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Mrs. Diana Hill and a second by Mr. Scott Fayette.

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

j. SECOND READING AND FINAL APPROVAL OF REVISED BOARD POLICY 6173 - EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Forehan and a second by Mr. Scott Fayette.

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

k. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED BOARD POLICY 6146.1 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Motion Passed: Approval of first reading of Board Policy 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Meg Cutuli and a second by Mrs. Diana Hill.

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

Yes Mr. Chris Forehan
Yes Mrs. Diana Hill

I. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF REVISED BOARD POLICY 5113.1 - CHRONIC ABSENCE AND TRUANCY

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Forehan and a second by Mrs. Diana Hill.

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

m. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2020-2021-20 TO REPLACE NANCY NIEN WITH ELVIA GALICIA AND REPLACE ELVIA GALICIA WITH MAYRA GONZALEZ FOR AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC APPROVAL OF VENDOR PAYMENTS, CLAIMS, AND ORDERS FOR THE DISTRICT

Motion Passed: By a Roll Call Vote Approval is requested to replace Nancy Nien with Elvia Galicia and replace Elvia Galicia with Mayra Gonzalez on a resolution authorizing electronic approval of vendor payments, claims, and orders for the District. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Meg Cutuli and a second by Mrs. Diana Hill .

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

n. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Motion Passed: Approval of warrants. 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

o. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

Motion Passed: Acceptance of donations. Passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Forehan and a second by Mr. Scott Fayette.

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

13. Communication

Minutes:

Mr. Scott Fayette reported his attendance at a walk through at McGaugh Elementary which was fantastic.

Mr. Fayette also discussed attending the cross country meet that was held at the high school this past weekend. His son was on the team so he was able to volunteer. It was just a joy and a glimmer of normalcy. Mr. Fayette thanked the board and administrators.

Mrs. Meg Cutuli reported her attendance at the PTA Council meeting.

Mrs. Cutuli also discussed attending the City of Seal Beach City Council Meeting via Zoom where they recognized Mrs. Karen Russell for her commitment to the community. Mrs. Cutuli spoke briefly at the meeting and it was an honor to let people know how involved Mrs. Russell is in our community.

Mrs. Cutuli thanked Mrs. Hill for attending the DAC meeting on her behalf. Mrs. Cutuli reported her attendance at the DELAC Meeting and the OCSBA Governor's Budget Meeting.

Mrs. Cutuli discussed attending the Zoom surprise celebration for Cory Alfaro who was announced as the 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year and discussed attending a walk through at Oak Middle School.

Mrs. Cutuli attended the CSBA Board of Directors virtual meeting and thanked Mrs. Reed and Bob Ostmann for the videos for new parent registrations.

Mrs. Cutuli congratulated Janet Murphy as Oak's Hero of the Heart.

Mrs. Diana Hill reported on the student spotlight that our Student Board Representative is doing at each meeting. Mrs. Hill discussed reaching out to one of the students, Alex, who produces her own candles and ordered candles from her.

Mrs. Hill discussed a documentary that she watched about the importance of kids and managing their screen time and reminded us all to be vigilant of screen time.

Mrs. Hill discussed the Special Board Meeting that was held and thanked Deb Dudley of CSBA and her colleagues for a great meeting.

Mrs. Hill reported her attendance at the DAC Meeting for Mrs. Cutuli and the Weaver parent night informational meeting, "Parenting for the Pandemic" the speaker was amazing and she is really appreciative of the Weaver PTA for making this available to parents.

Mrs. Hill also attended the CSBA Budget Presentation via Zoom.

Mr. Chris Forehan applauded board members for creating such an incredible learning environment for our students.

Mr. Forehan discussed attending the January SELPA Meeting.

Mr. Forehan discussed how much he is learning about our schools by reading the weekly parent newsletters the schools send out each week.

Mr. Forehan reported on attending the Los Al Chamber Meeting and walk throughs at McGaugh, McAuliffe, and Rossmoor. Before the walk throughs, Mr. Forehan also attends gate duty at the sites where he greets students and parents and sees how hard our staff work. Principals greeting students and parents by name, smiling and welcoming students.

Mr. Forehan also reported after the walk throughs, he will volunteer to read to students. Sami Paul is a student who Nico (Student Board Representative) highlighted earlier this year as producing a children's book. Mr. Forehan purchased the book, "Milo Moves Away" and reads in the classroom.

Mr. Forehan shared his support in the 21-week challenge at McAuliffe in making his bed every day. The next challenge is to write a note to a first responder and thank them. Mr. Forehan delivered his note of gratitude to the Ralphs Manager.

Mr. Forehan shared participating in the Weaver Ambassador event that was held where teams of students collected and donated snacks to first responders.

Mrs. Davidson reported it was an honor to serve on the interview panel for the Director of Business Services.

Mrs. Davidson enjoyed the PTA Weaver Parent information night and is grateful to the PTA for putting this on.

Mrs. Davidson discussed the DAC and DELAC Meetings were excellent and loves seeing the engagement of parents.

Mrs. Davidson reported on attending the Governor Budget workshop and is encouraged by a lot of what he shared.

Mrs. Davidson discussed her walk throughs at McAuliffe and Oak Middle Schools were incredible.

Mrs. Davidson reported Mark Celestin and his group did a wonderful job at the cross country meet.

14. Closed Session

Minutes:

The Board went into Closed Session at 8:55 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. MATTERS PERTAINING TO PUPILS

15. Adjournment

Minutes:

The Board came out of Closed Session at 9:09 p.m.

President Davidson adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. with no action taken in Closed Session.

Chairperson

Superintendent