

**Los Alamitos Unified School District
10293 Bloomfield Street
Los Alamitos, CA 90720**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

August 25, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President David Boyer at 6:00 p.m. at the Los Alamitos Unified School District Board Room, 10293 Bloomfield Street, Los Alamitos, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Boyer, Jeffrey Barke, Meg Cutuli, Karen Russell, Joseph Ribal.

OTHERS PRESENT

Gregory Franklin, Eamonn O'Donovan, Patricia Meyer, Sherry Kropp, Tina Dingillo (arrived at 6:30p.m.)

2. COMMUNITY/STAFF PARTICIPATION

No community / staff participation

3. CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss employment contracts for the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources/Director of Classified Personnel, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, and Assistant Superintendent, Business Services. The Board also discussed the Superintendent's Contract and appointed David Boyer as the Board representative.

4. OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened into open session at 6:45 p.m. Dr. Barke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. REPORTS AND RECOGNITIONS

- (a) Superintendent Franklin introduced Mr. Frank Donovan, the newly appointed SELPA Director.

Dr. Franklin reported that school is underway at Weaver Elementary (day 14).

Dr. Franklin reported that we have not yet received our Academic Performance Index (API) information from the State Department of Education but are excited to see our scores.

Dr. Franklin expressed his appreciation to Board President, Mr. Boyer and Board Member, Mrs. Russell who attended the District's Leadership Advance. The theme this year is, "Adapt, Persevere and Overcome!".

6. COMMUNITY/STAFF PARTICIPATION

Marian Villegas

7. INFORMATION

(a) Andrew Ulmen of Rachlin Architects presented an update on the McGaugh Modernization

(b) CURRICULUM

1. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Sherry Kropp reviewed Board Policy 218 regarding Field Trips.

2. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Sherry Kropp presented supplemental materials that will be available for preview for the next 30 days at the District office:

... Ellen Foster by Kaye Gibbons

Publisher: Random House ©1987

This book will be used in Modern Literature/Composition Classes at Los Alamitos High School.

(c) Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Sherry Kropp and Director of Assessment, Mark Johnson presented the Spring 2009 STAR Assessment Results.

8. CONSENT

Mr. Boyer pulled consent item 9(b) and the Board Members discussed how important it is for a Board Member to attend these dinner meetings in order to keep updated. Mr. Boyer reported *Schools First Federal Credit Union* has become the sponsor for the 2009-2010 dinner meetings and that the costs are down this year.

Upon motion by Mr. Boyer and second by Mrs. Russell, the Board unanimously approved consent item 9(b).

Mrs. Russell pulled consent item 9(c) and would like her name removed as she will not be attending the conference. Mr. Boyer announced that there will be no cost to the District as Los Alamitos Unified has been accepted to be presenters at certain workshops. Mrs. Cutuli is going as a Delegate Assembly and will pay for her own cost of food during the Conference.

Upon motion by Mr. Boyer, and second by Dr. Barke, the Board unanimously approved to consent item 9(c) and the removal of Mrs. Russell from attending the conference.

Upon motion by Dr. Barke, second by Mrs. Cutuli, the Board unanimously approved consent items 9(a), and 9(d) – (y).

(a) Approval of the Revised Minutes of the July 14, 2009 Regular Board of Education meeting and approval of the Minutes of August 4, 2009 Special Board of Education Meeting.

(b) Approval of Attendance of Board of Education Members at the Orange County School Boards Association (OCSBA) Dinner Meetings on September 16, 2009, October 14, 2009, March 3, 2010, May 5, 2010

- (c) Approval for Board Members to attend the California School Boards Association 2009 Annual Education Conference, December 3-5, 2009 in San Diego, California
- (d) Approval of the Employment Contracts for the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources / Director of Classified Personnel, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, and amendment to the Contract of Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to be amended to allow the Board of Education to reduce their work year and/or salary by the same amount as other employees due to the State's fiscal crisis.
- (e) Approval for Certificated Personnel to serve as members on the Administrative Expulsion Hearing Panel and Expulsion Readmission Panel.
- (f) Approval of overnight extended field trip by Los Alamitos High School Show Choir, men's ensemble, and advanced women's ensemble to Nashville, TN, March 25 – 28, 2010.
- (g) Ratification of an Independent Contractor Agreement with Michael Jennings to correct the Contractor name from Singing Solutions to Michael Jennings in order for payment to be made. Michael Jennings provided entertainment and Master of Ceremonies at the Child Development Center family night and silent auction.
- (h) Approval for attendance of Personnel Commissioner Irma Austin, Ted Horn, and Carol Jones at the Personnel Commissioners Association of Southern California (PCASC) September 23, 2009, Dinner Meeting In Downey, California.
- (i) Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding to participate in the BTSA/Induction Program for 2009-10.
- (j) Approval of payment for Ed-Join, the Education Job Opportunity Information Network for 2009-2010 for on-going use of the Ed-Join website for the purpose of both classified and certificated recruitment.
- (k) Approval of Memberships
 - ... Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) – Laurel High School and Los Alamitos High School
 - ... Personnel Commissioners Association of Southern California (PCASC)
 - ... California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO)
 - ... Orange County School Boards Association (OCSBA)
- (l) Approval of Maintenance Agreements
 - ... DynTek Services, Inc.
 - ... Numara Software, Inc.
 - ... Blackberry Technical Support Services
- (m) Approval of the renewal of a Lease Agreement with Seal Beach Extended Day Care, Inc. to continue to provide the "Young Adventurers" Program at McGaugh Elementary School for their final year (September 1, 2009 to August 20, 2010.)
- (n) Ratification of Change Order No. 1 and approval to amend the Contract with Silver Creek Industries, Inc. for the fabrication and installation of two new relocatable classroom

buildings which house seven classrooms for the McGaugh Elementary School Modernization.

- (o) Approval of the Agreement with School Services of California, Inc. to obtain special services for fiscal/budget assistance to the District in matters relating to school finance, legislation, budgeting, and general fiscal issues.
- (p) Approval to add Michael Conlon and remove Mark Johnson as signature authority on Oak Middle School petty cash bank account.
- (q) Approval of the Ratification of an Independent Contractor Agreement with Reptiles for Parties to provide a presentation at the Child Development Center.
- (r) Approval of the Ratification of an Individual Contract with Autism Partnership to provide services for a student with special needs.
- (s) Approval of the Ratification of a Contract with Autism Partnership to provide a model classroom at McGaugh Elementary School.
- (t) Approval of the Ratification of two Addendums to Individual Contracts with Speech and Language Development Center to provide services for students with special needs.
- (u) Approval of the Ratification of a Master and Individual Contract with Junior Blind of America to provide services for a student with special needs.
- (v) Approval of a Contract with Pacific Audiologics to provide state-mandated vision and hearing screenings.
- (w) Approval of the ratification to reimburse the parents of a student with special needs to provide transportation to their child's educational placement.
- (x) Approval of the ratification of an Independent Contractor Agreement with One Great Town, Inc. to provide a presentation at the Child Development Center.
- (y) Approval of a new course at Oak Middle School, "Communication through the arts" "Communication Through the Arts" involves collaborative and individual learning through poetry, drama, dance, and the arts. Students will participate in activities that integrate different art forms and lead to advancement in communication skills. The course will be offered as a one-semester elective course for students in grades 7 and 8.

9. ACTION

(a) CURRICULUM

Upon motion by Mrs. Cutuli, second by Mrs. Russell, the Board unanimously approved the following supplemental materials and textbooks:

1. Approval of the following Supplemental Materials:

... Piratas Sel Caribe y el mapa secreto

Publisher TPRS Publishing: ©2008

This book will be used in Spanish 1 & Spanish 2 in grades 9 – 12 at Los Alamitos High School.

... American Government – Readings & Cases by Peter Woll

Publisher: Pearson/Longman ©2008

This book will be used in the new AP Government & Politics course that was approved by the Board of Education on May 12, 2009.

... Barron's – AP U.S. Government and Politics

Barron's ©2009

This book will be used in the new AP Government & Politics class that was approved by the Board of Education on May 12, 2009.

2. Approval of the following textbooks:

... Government in America People Politics, and Policy

Publisher: Pearson ©2009

This book will be used in the new AP Government class that was approved by the Board of Education on May 12, 2009.

... Macroeconomics (Second Edition) by Hubbard and O'Brien

Publisher: Pearson-Prentice Hall ©2008

This book will be used in the new AP Macroeconomics class that was approved by the Board of Education on May 12, 2009.

(b) BUSINESS

1. Upon motion by Mrs. Russell, second by Mrs. Cutuli, the Board unanimously approved the warrants totaling \$5,763,889.46 for the period of July 7 through August 13, 2009.

2. Upon motion by Mrs. Russell, second by Mrs. Cutuli, the Board unanimously approved and accepted the revised donations totaling \$ 87,129.84 and that letters of appreciation will be written to the donors.

3. Upon motion by Mrs. Cutuli, second by Dr. Barke, the Board, by roll call vote of 4-1, approved the approval of Resolution # 2009/2010-27 of the Board of Education of the Los Alamitos Unified School District authorizing the District to enter into an Agreement with Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) to provide an alternate retirement system for part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees.

(c) HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Upon motion by Mrs. Russell, second by Mrs. Cutuli, the Board unanimously approved the Certificated Personnel Report including employment, re-employment of temporary teaching staff for 2009-2010.
2. Upon motion by Mrs. Russell, second by Mrs. Cutuli, the Board unanimously approved the Classified Personnel Report including separation, retirement, reassignment, change of status.

10. COMMUNICATION

Mrs. Russell reported she attended the Leadership Advance. It was an excellent program which emphasized the great job Los Alamitos Unified continues to do despite what is going on. She congratulated all involved.

Mrs. Russell reported she attended Weaver's back-to-school night and the Rotary Meeting with Dr. Franklin and the Orange County Sheriff.

Mrs. Cutuli welcomed back staff and students for the start of school in one week.

Mrs. Cutuli reported she attended an ROP Fall inservice where teachers from 5 consortium school districts get together.

Mr. Boyer attended the ROP Board Meeting for Mrs. Cutuli. Mr. Boyer reported that it was a very valuable experience.

Mr. Boyer also attended the Leadership Advance and commended Dr. Franklin and Dr. Kropp for their hard work in putting this together. The theme is very fitting, "Adapt, Persevere and overcome!"

Mr. Boyer reported he is excited about the start of a new school year.

11. CLOSED SESSION

There was no additional closed session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved by Board of Education at the
regular meeting on September 9, 2009



Secretary, Board of Education