

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

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

**March 9, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Jeff Barke at 5:00 p.m. at the Los Alamitos Unified School District Board Room, 10293 Bloomfield Street, Los Alamitos, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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

2. COMMUNITY/STAFF PARTICIPATION

There was no community/staff participation

3. INFORMATION

Dr. Sherry Kropp, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction presented information regarding the Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force Recommendations.

4. CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session at 5:30 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to pupils.

5. OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened into open session at 6:35 p.m. Members from the Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. REPORTS AND RECOGNITION

- (a) Student Board Member Elizabeth Blumberg was absent. Student AJ Kaub presented information on school and student events on behalf of Elizabeth Blumberg.

Student/s from Los Alamitos High School were unable to attend and will present their report at a future Board Meeting.

Dr. Barke introduced and welcomed Mark Johnson, principal at Laurel High School, Grant Litfin, principal at Los Alamitos High School, and Eric Bowman, LAEA Union President.

(b) SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Franklin reported an update on the negotiations. Dr. Franklin complimented everyone involved on the persistence, honesty and integrity of everyone during the process.

Dr. Franklin reported a tentative agreement has been reached with CSEA.

Dr. Franklin reported that had the opportunity to substitute in a Life Science class at the High School.

(c) RECOGNITIONS/APPRECIATIONS

... Joanne Levy – Hero of the Heart – Los Alamitos High School

... PTA Students of the Week

7. RECESS

The meeting recessed from 6:55 p.m. to 7:04 p.m. Dr. Barke introduced his step father-in-law and welcomed him to the meeting.

8. COMMUNITY/STAFF PARTICIPATION

There was no community/staff participation

9. CONSENT

Upon motion by Mrs. Russell, second by Mrs. Cutuli, the Board unanimously approved Consent item (a) – (t).

(a) Approval of the Minutes of February 23, 2010, Regular Board of Education meeting.

(b) Approval to submit the 2010 K-12 Summer School Application for remedial classes only.

(c) Approval of the revised overnight extended field trip by Los Alamitos High School Girls' Volleyball Team to Honolulu, Hawaii, to compete in the Ann King Invitational Volleyball Tournament August 9 – 15, 2010.

(d) Approval of an overnight extended field trip by Los Alamitos High School Men's Tennis Team to Ojai, CA, to compete in a tennis tournament April 21- 25, 2010.

(e) Approval of an overnight extended field trip by Los Alamitos High School Orchestra, Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band and Color Guard to Santa Clara, CA, to attend a Forum Music Festival May 6 – 8, 2010.

(f) Approval of an overnight extended field trip by Los Alamitos High School Dance Team and Advanced Dance Class to Los Angeles, CA, to attend the Tremaine Dance Conference, April 17 – 18, 2010.

(g) Approval for Nick Stephany to conduct a study that will examine predictors and consequences of eighth grade algebra success as partial fulfillment of his Doctorate Program through University of Southern California. The purpose of this study is to provide the intermediate and high school guidance counselors and administrators objective data to place eighth grade students in the math course that will allow the student to be the most successful. Students will not be interviewed nor given surveys as part of this study.

(h) Approval of an Independent Contractor Agreement with Lagranuja, Inc. for Sonia Nazario to make an author's presentation at Los Alamitos High School on May 6, 2010.

- (i) Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the Orange county Superintendent of Schools to provide for the education of individual pupils in special educational programs who reside in other districts or counties.
- (j) Approval of an Independent Contractor Agreement with Abby Rozenberg to conduct an Independent Educational Evaluation on a student with special needs.
- (k) Approval of the ratification of a Master and Individual Contract with Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch to provide services for a student with special needs.
- (l) Approval to revise an Independent Contractor Agreement with Judy Segal to conduct an Independent Educational Evaluation on a student with special needs.
- (m) Approval of Mandated Reimbursements to the parents of a student with special needs for travel incurred for their child to have home visits from residential placement.
- (n) Approval of the adoption of 2010-2011 Budget Calendar pursuant to Board Policy No. 815.
- (o) Acceptance of Forward Funding Donations to support the elementary schools forward funding plans which were approved on January 19, 2010.
- (p) Approval of amendment of contracts with Sigma Engineering, Inc. to increase testing services. Additional testing has been requested to specify exact demolition needs in an effort to substantially reduce abatement costs for the McAuliffe Middle School and Los Alamitos Elementary School modernizations.
- (q) Approval of Agreement with Demsey, Filliger & Associates to provide Actuarial Services Pertaining to GASB 45.
- (r) Approval/Ratification Of Memberships
  - ... California School Nutrition Association (CSNA)
- (s) Approval/Ratification Of Maintenance Agreements
  - ... Complete Business Systems
  - ... Harland Technology Services
- (t) Approval of the Walk-On Coach Certification pursuant to Title 5, CCR, Sections 5593 and 5594, Sections A and B.

10. ACTION

(a) SPECIAL

1. Upon motion by Mr. Boyer, second by Mrs. Russell, the Board unanimously approved the change of Job Titles for Dr. Sherry Kropp and Doug Siembieda to better align with like positions throughout the County. These changes are in title only, not salary or work year.

(b) BUSINESS

1. Upon motion by Mrs. Russell, second by Mrs. Cutuli the Board unanimously approved the Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Los Alamitos Education Association (LAEA), approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, and approval of Associated Budget Reductions. The teachers and District have agreed on two (2) furlough days in 2009-10 and six (6) furlough days in 2010-11, the value of which will be matched by contributions from Fund 17- Special Reserve, Non-Capital into the General Fund.
2. Upon motion by Mrs. Russell, second by Mrs. Cutuli the Board unanimously approved work year reduction for 2009-10 and 2010-11 for classified management employees and approved the associated budget reductions.
3. Upon motion by Mrs. Russell, second by Mr. Boyer the Board unanimously approved work year reduction for 2009-10 and 2010-11 for supervisory and confidential employees and approval of associated budget reductions.
4. Upon motion by Mrs. Russell, second by Mrs. Cutuli the Board unanimously approved work year reduction for 2009-10 and 2010-11 for administrative certificated staff and approval of associated budget reductions.
5. Upon motion by Mrs. Cutuli, second by Mrs. Russell the Board unanimously approved presentation and approval of 2009-2010 second interim report and associated budget revisions, and certification of financial condition.
6. Upon motion by Mr. Boyer, second by Mrs. Russell the Board unanimously approved the Athletic Facilities Project requests for Bond Matching Funds.
7. Upon motion by Mrs. Cutuli, second by Mrs. Russell the Board unanimously approved Warrants totaling \$963,420.22 for the period of February 12 through February 25, 2010.
8. Upon motion by Mrs. Cutuli, second by Mrs. Russell the Board unanimously approved and accepted donations totaling \$38,673.82.

(c) HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Upon motion by Mr. Boyer, second by Mrs. Cutuli, the Board unanimously approved the revised Certificated Personnel Report which included: Leave of Absence, Resignation, Retirement, 2010 Summer School Principals.
2. Upon motion by Mr. Boyer, second by Mrs. Cutuli, the Board unanimously approved the Classified Personnel Report including: promotion, additional assignments, drop assignments, increase in hours, separation, employ, change of status, retire, rehire.

(d) EXPULSION

1. Upon motion by Mrs. Russell, second by Mrs. Cutuli, the Board unanimously approved the expulsion of Student A from Los Alamitos Unified School District under provision of Education Code 48900-48925.

Upon motion by Mrs. Russell, second by Mr. Boyer, the Board unanimously approved the expulsion of Student B from Los Alamitos Unified School District under provision of Education Code 48900-48925.

Upon motion by Mrs. Russell, second by Mrs. Cutuli, the Board unanimously approved the expulsion of Student C from Los Alamitos Unified School District under provision of Education Code 48900-48925.

11. COMMUNICATION

Mrs. Russell attended Los Alamitos Elementary for Read Across America and read to third grade students.

Mrs. Russell reported she attended the Choral Festival at the high school. Mrs. Russell congratulated all involved.

Mrs. Russell attended the SELPA meeting and also reported she attended the Orange County Department of Education meeting –State of Orange County schools with Dr. Franklin.

Mrs. Russell discussed her visit of the commissioning of the Navy Ship, USS Devy which was a great event.

Mrs. Russell thanked Stacy Schmitz and Eric Bowman for attending the board meeting.

Mrs. Cutuli attended a very informative ROP annual business breakfast.

Mrs. Cutuli read in her granddaughter's class at McGaugh Elementary celebrating Dr. Seuss birthday. Mrs. Cutuli also joined Mrs. Russell at Los Alamitos Elementary for Read Across America.

Mrs. Cutuli attended a walk through at the High School with Dr. Franklin. Mrs. Cutuli reported she was very impressed with all students on task.

Mrs. Cutuli attended the all District Choral presentation.

Mrs. Cutuli sadly reported that Dr. Bill Nelson – Educational Administrator of NOCROP passed away.

Mr. Boyer discussed the CIF games within our District.

Mr. Boyer reported he attended the Orange County School Boards Association dinner with Dr. Franklin and Mrs. Cutuli. Mr. Boyer thanked everyone for all their hard work regarding the bargaining process.

Dr. Barke thanked Eric Bowman and Stacy Schmitz of the LAEA Executive Board for all of their hard and difficult work that has been done regarding the negotiations process.

Dr. Barke thanked his father-in-law who travelled from Encino to attend the Board meeting. Dr. Barke reported he attended the commissioning of the Navy Ship USS Devy.

Dr Barke was absent at the last Board meeting and discussed the two walk throughs he attended at Oak Middle School and the High School.

12. CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. and went into closed session.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approved by Board of Education at the  
Regular Meeting on March 23, 2010



Secretary, Board of Education